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Biography

1989 Born Los Angeles, CA.
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

Education

2014 Bachelor of Fine Art, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

Residencies and Awards

2024 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award
Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, Carraig-na-gCat, West Cork, Ireland
2023 Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program, New York
Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT
2019 Center for the Book Arts Residency, New York
2018 Plop Residency, London
Artist in Residence, SÍM Residency, Reykjavik

Solo Exhibitions

2024 “Kevin Umaña: Mother’s Dream,” Romer Young Gallery, San Francisco, 7 November – 21 December
2023 “Kevin Umaña: Wayfinding,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 6 January – 25 February
2022 “Kevin Umaña: Paint Ceramics / Glaze Canvases,” David Richard Gallery, New York, 18 February – 18 March (catalogue)
“A New Devotional: Crystalle Lacouture and Kevin Umaña,” Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Brookline, MA, 7 January – 6 February
2021 “Kevin Umaña: Wax and Wane,” David Richard Gallery, New York, 28 September – 22 October (catalogue)
Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO
2020 “Taking Shape: Mary Laube & Kevin Umaña,” Laurence Miller Gallery, New York, 17 April – 16 May
2017 “Front-Room: Kevin Umaña and Christina Martinelli,” 80WSE Gallery, New York, closed 16 August

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 “Mindscape is a Pattern,” Project: ARTspace, New York, 26 June – 19 September
“A Gathering: Gardens, Portals, Protests,” Kniznick Gallery, Brandeis University, Waltham, 25 June – 21 August
“Nancy Friedeman-Sánchez: Dream Map and Cornucopia,” Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY, 30 April – 18 October
“Uncharted: Artists as Wayfinders,” Sun Valley Museum of Art, Ketchum, Idaho, 11 April – 5 July
“Infinite Horizons,” The Pit, Los Angeles, 15 March – April 19
“All That Remains,” curated by Omar Lopez-Chahoud and Cecilia Jurado Chueca, Sugar Hill Children’s Museum of Art & Storytelling, New York, 8 March – 25 May

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- 2024 “Just a Song Before I Go,” curated by Michael De Feo, Last Days Gallery, New York, 22 January – 22 February
- 2024 “Fruit and Fruition,” curated by Angela Heisch, Grimm Gallery, New York, 28 June – 9 August
- “New, Newer, Newest!,” Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY, 1 June – 1 September
- “Tooth for a Tooth,” LVL3 Gallery, Chicago, 9 March – 14 April
- “Looking Back / The 14th White Columns Annual – Selected by Randy Kennedy,” White Columns, New York, 19 January – 2 March
- “NEOGEONEOGE: Johnny Abrahams, Elise Ferguson, Sarah Hotchkiss, Jonathan Runcio, Kevin Umaña & Nancy White,” Romer Young Gallery, San Francisco, 18 January – 2 March
- 2023 “Rose Tinted Glasses,” Ojiri Gallery, London, 24 November – 22 December
- “Chromatics: Otto Piene and Kevin Umaña,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 9 November – 16 December
- “Universal Transmission,” curated by Christopher Daharsh, Field of Play, Brooklyn, 20 May – 9 July
- “Jonathan Ryan Storm, Kelly Ording, & Kevin Umaña,” pt.2 Gallery, Oakland, CA, 13 May – 17 June
- “Presence As Object,” Cecille R. Hunt Gallery at Webster University, St. Louis, MO, 10 February – 11 March
- 2022 “Lamplighters,” Vulpes Bastille, Kansas City, MO, 7 – 22 October
- “Material Investment,” curated by Leslie Roberts, The Bank, Newark, OH, 9 September – 16 October
- Plug Gallery at MdW Assembly, Mana Contemporary and Co-Prosperity, Chicago, 9 – 11 September
- “Little Windows,” Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Brookline, MA, 7 – 30 September
- “La Onda: A Migrating Exhibition,” curated by Rodolfo Marrón III, Crossroads Hotel, Kansas City, MO, 2 – 30 September
- “Pattern Recognition,” curated by Amy Lincoln, Sperone Westwater, New York, 23 June – 29 July
- “Dial Tone,” LVL3, Chicago, 18 June – 7 August
- “Joy and Other Feats of Strength,” Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, MO, 10 June – 23 July
- “ArteLatinX,” Gallery 1516, Omaha, NE, 11 March – 7 April
- “OUTCROPPING - Indigenous Art Now,” curated by Jeremy Dennis, Southampton Arts Center, Southampton, NY, 4 February – 10 April
- “DUOS,” online exhibition, Peripheral Space, Los Angeles, 2 – 28 January
- 2021 “Grass is Green,” Sapien Gallery, Kansas City, MO, 29 October – 5 November
- “2021 Kansas City Flatfile & Digitalfile,” H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, MO, 23 July – 14 October
- “Strike,” Pulp, Holyoke, MA, opened 17 July
- “All the Pieces Matter,” online exhibition curated by Leslie Roberts, Studio Archive Project, New York, opened 12 July
- “New Book Art: 2019 Artists in Residence,” Center for Book Arts, Brooklyn, NY, 15 January – 27 March
- 2020-21 “Resilience Reflection Rebuilding: Artists Respond to Covid-19,” presented by Arts Council of Johnson County, Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center and Johnson County Museum, Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center, Overland Park, KS, 6 August 2020 – 22 January 2021 (catalogue)
- 2020 “Together in Distance: An Online Benefit Exhibition for COVID-19 Relief,” Artspace, New York, 8 – 20 July
- 2019 “2020 Benefit Art Auction,” Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts,” Omaha, NE
- “The Unusual Suspects: A View of Abstraction,” curated by Richard Kalina, DC Moore Gallery, New York, 13 June – 9 August

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- “color, texture, design, pattern + diversity,” Brilliant Champions Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, 22 May – 2 June
- “Line, Signs,” In Live, Taipei, Taiwan, 11 May – 30 June
- “Postcards from the Edge: A Benefit for Visual Aids,” Bortolami, New York, 22 – 24 February
- “Sincere Forms,” Hit Gallery, San Francisco, opened 9 February
- 2018 “Endless Editions Biennial: Optimism,” curated by Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo, EFA Project Space, New York, 7 – 21 December
- “HREIÐUR,” Sím Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
- “Re_Arrange,” Juxtapoz Art & Culture Magazine, Jersey City, NJ, 14 October – 30 November
- “End of Summer,” The Koppel Project Hive Gallery, London
- “9th Annual Altered Book Exhibit and Fundraiser,” Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, Novato, CA, 28 April – 2 June
- “Recollected Forms,” Joshua Liner Gallery, New York, 26 April – 2 June
- “Design on a Dime,” Element Design + Aaron Mapp, New York, 25 – 28 August
- “Superposition,” curated by Johnny Abrahams, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York, 22 March – 21 April
- “Mail Art,” Lawrence & Clark Gallery, Chicago
- 2017-18 “Endless Editions,” Cuchifritos Gallery + Project Space, New York, 15 December 2017 – 28 January 2018
- 2017 “Holiday Artist Book Show,” Deanna Evans Projects, New York, 30 November – 17 December
- “2017 Art Book Show,” Bass & Reiner Gallery, San Francisco, 15 July – 19 August
- “Western Decoy,” curated by Angela Heisch and James McDevitt-Stredney, No Place Gallery, Columbus, OH, 14 July – 8 August
- General Assembly, United Nations Headquarters, New York
- “GIFC,” The Hole, New York
- “Blankets as Art,” Legion SF, San Francisco
- 2016 “Endless Editions Biennial,” Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York
- “Winter Group Exhibition,” Athen B. Gallery, Oakland, CA, opened 12 November
- “2016 Art Book Show,” Bass & Reiner Gallery, San Francisco, 18 July – 3 September
- “Obstacle,” Merchants of Reality, San Francisco, 18 June – 29 July
- “Vision/Perception,” Forthrite Gallery, Oakland, CA
- “Sorry Dudes,” Good Mother Gallery, Oakland, CA
- “Tomorrow, Today,” The Luggage Store Project, San Francisco
- “Welcome Baek,” Abode Books, San Francisco
- 2015-16 “A Walk with Friends,” Everyday Gallery, San Francisco, 3 December 2015 – 3 January 2016
- 2014 “Herradura Barrel Pop-Up, Public Works, San Francisco
- “Lexical Features,” Art Primo SF, San Francisco, opened 6 September
- “Beyond Consciousness,” Cellspace Gallery, San Francisco, opened 11 July
- “No Show,” Lobot Gallery, Oakland, CA
- “Folgen Dem Führer Nicht,” MOCO Gallery, Oakland, CA, opened 10 May
- “Spring Fling,” Fur Ball Collective, San Francisco
- “Joe’s Room,” Mary Weather, Oakland, CA
- “Selfie,” The Art Gallery, Cesar Chavez Student Center at San Francisco State University, San Francisco, closed 9 April
- 2013 “Summer Fling,” San Franspycho, San Francisco
- “La Gran Pachanga,” 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco
- “Among Us,” F8 Gallery, San Francisco
- “4/20 Group Show,” San Franspycho, San Francisco

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"Artist of the Week: Kevin Umaña," *lvl3official.com (LVL3)*, 11 May 2021.
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Fuin Real Estate Collection
Jim and Karen Linder Art Collection
Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, Novato, CA
Morgan Stanley Collection
Munson Museum of Art, Utica, NY
San Francisco Public Library
The United Nations Art Collection