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### **Selected Awards & Residencies**

- 2024 Finalist, *Pisces: Depths of Harmony* (drawing), Teravarna International Art Competition, Water. 2D Mixed Media Category. USA.
- 2023 Winner, *Mother* (drawing), The Spiritual Art Awards. 2D Mixed Media Category. USA.
- 2023 First Place, *Abundant Harvest: Food Security Meditation* (drawing), Artful Delights Competition and Exhibit, Ten Moir Gallery, Kansas City, MO. USA.
- 2023 Finalist, 6th Annual Women Artists International Exhibition, Fusion Art. Online
- 2023 Artist Residency, Driftwood Studios, Sunrise-On-Sea, South Africa
- 2022 Team Award, Certificate of excellence for high performance in communications, United Nations Population Fund, East and Southern Africa Region
- 2018 Grant, *Beyond Lucky*, Awesome Without Borders, Harnisch Foundation, NYC. NY. USA
- 2018 Artist Residency, TAKT Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 Jury Award, *This Too Shall Pass*, Italy International Film Festival, Milan, Italy
- 2014 Best Animated Short, *This Too Shall Pass*, Cannes Short Film Festival, Cannes, France
- 2014 Best Foreign Animated Short, *This Too Shall Pass*, International Foreign Film Festival, Hollywood, CA. USA
- 2013 Official Selection, *Larry & Roz*, Best of the Southeast New England Film, Music and Arts Festival. Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI. USA
- 2012 Best Animated Film, *Veggie Propaganda*, Southeast New England Film, Music and Arts Festival, Providence, RI. USA
- 2012 Award of Merit, *Veggie Propaganda*, The Indie Fest, USA
- 2009 Best Animated Short, *Larry & Roz*, Sunscreen International Film Festival, Tampa, St. Petersburg, & Clearwater, FL. USA
- 2009 Best Animation, *Larry & Roz*, Smogdance Film Festival, Pomona, CA. USA
- 2009 Top 3 Award in Animation and New Media, *Larry and Roz*, Reel HeART International Film Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 Best Animated Film, *Larry & Roz*, Southeast New England Film, Music and Arts Festival, Providence, RI. USA
- 2009 Best Animated Short, *Larry & Roz*, DIY Film Festival, Hollywood, CA. USA
- 2007 First Place, *End Child Hunger*, UN World Food Programme's Fight Hunger Viral Video Competition, Rome, Italy
- 2006 Director's Citation Award, *Lucky*, The Black Maria Film Festival, USA
- 2004 Finalist, *Yellow Ribbons*, Moveon.org Bush in 30 Seconds Political Ad Competition, USA
- 2002 Juror's Award for Animation, *Five O'clock Shadows*, 36th New York Expo of Short Film and Video, New York, NY. USA
- 2002 Altman Foundation Award, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. USA
- 2002 Pratt Circle Award, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. USA
- 1994 Top 10 Finalist, National Talent Search, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. USA
- 1994 Top 10 Finalist, National Talent Search, Maryland Institute, Baltimore, MD. USA

### **Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions**

- 2022 Solo Exhibition, *Here and There: Sacred Objects, Spirit Animals, and Symbols for Manifesting*, Narrows Center for the Arts, Fall River, MA. USA (curated by Deborah Charlebois)
- 2021 Two-person Exhibition, *Left Brain, Right Brain*, ArtgateVR district in the Metaverse. Online (with American textile artist, Stacey Piwinski)

- 1999 Solo Exhibition, *The Tube Series*, Envy Gallery, Temple Bar, Dublin, Ireland
- 1999 Solo Exhibition, *The Tube Series*, Montagues, Dublin, Ireland
- 1998 Two-person Exhibition, *Aftermath*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA. USA (with American sculptor, Danielle Doucet)

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2023 Three-person Exhibition, *Remedy: How We Heal*, Narrows Center for the Arts, Fall River, MA. USA. (curated by Deborah Charlebois)
- 2021 *Billboard Group Exhibition and NFT*, ExpoMetro 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, New York, NY. USA
- 2018 *Transformation 2018*, Re:Artiste, NYC, NY. USA
- 2018 *Artist and Location 2018*, Czong Institute for Contemporary Art, CICA Museum, Gimpo, South Korea
- 2018 *Something Lost*, Tapir Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Rise of the Creative Economy*, Society for Animation Studies Conference, Athens, Greece
- 2002 *Sugar and Spice*, CGIM Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. USA
- 2000 *Visiting*, Postartum, The Vault, Long Beach, CA. USA
- 1999 *Provincetown Art Association Show*, Provincetown Art Association, Provincetown, MA. USA
- 1998 *Summer Show*, Gallery 349, Provincetown, MA. USA
- 1998 *Member's Exhibition*, Wellfleet Art Co-op, Wellfleet, MA. USA

### **Selected Online Group Exhibitions and Features**

- 2023 *What Do We Know?* International Spiritual Artists Art Exhibition, (curated by Karen van Hoey Smith)
- 2021 *Raise Three Fingers*, Birmanie, Group Exhibition and Awareness Campaign
- 2007 *Food Aid: Reducing World Hunger, Economic Perspectives*, September 2007, U.S. State Department E-Journal
- 2007 *Walk the World Liberia -Video Compilation and School Feeding Liberia -Still Photo Gallery*, The UN's World Food Programme's *Fight Hunger* Division
- 2007 *End Child Hunger*, Multimedia Animation Viral Video, The United Nations World Food Programme Official Campaign
- 2002 *Art on the Net 2002*, Machida City Museum of Graphic Arts, Tokyo, Japan

### **Selected Film Festival Screenings**

- 2016 *This Too Shall Pass*, Brood Film Fest, Exeter, The United Kingdom
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, Italy International Film Festival, Milan, Italy
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, The International Film Festival for Environment, Health, and Culture, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, Salento International Film Festival, Salento, Italy
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, ReelHeART International Film and Screenplay Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, SENE Film, Music & Arts Festival, Providence, RI. USA
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, People of Passion International Film Festival, Melbourne, Australia
- 2015 *This Too Shall Pass*, Artfools Video Festival, Larissa, Greece
- 2014 *This Too Shall Pass*, Cannes Short Film Festival, Cannes, France
- 2014 *This Too Shall Pass*, Ima International Film Festival, Trissur, Kerala, India
- 2014 *This Too Shall Pass*, SPARKS Animation 2014, Vancouver, Canada

- 2014 *This Too Shall Pass*, The Free Spirit Film Festival, McLeod Ganj, India
- 2014 *This Too Shall Pass*, International Family Film Festival, Hollywood, CA. USA
- 2014 *This Too Shall Pass*, Grace Film Festival, San Francisco, CA. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, SENE Film, Music & Arts Festival, Providence, RI. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, The Pollygrind Underground Film Festival of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, Love Unlimited Film Festival and Art Exhibition, Los Angeles, CA. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, World Music and Independent Film Festival 2012, Washington, DC. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, The Third World Independent Film Festival, San Francisco, CA. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, International Freethought Film Festival, Denver, CO. USA
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, 15th CinemAmbiente Environmental Film Festival, Turin, Italy
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, The Green Film Festival in Seoul, Seoul, South Korea
- 2012 *Veggie Propaganda*, SURGE Film Festival, Traveling Festival, USA
- 2010 *Larry and Roz*, Berlin Independent Film Festival, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *Larry and Roz*, London Independent Film Festival, London, UK
- 2010 *Larry and Roz*, Angelica International Film Festival, Venice, CA. USA
- 2010 *Larry and Roz*, Victoria International Film Festival, Victoria, Australia
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, Sunscreen Film Festival, St. Petersburg, Tampa, FL. USA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, European Film Festival, London, England
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, Chicago International Children's Film Festival, Chicago, IL. USA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, San Francisco Women's Film Institute Tour, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, 42nd Humboldt Film Festival, Arcata, CA. USA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, Reel HeART International Film Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, DIY Film Festival, Hollywood, CA. USA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, Washington DC Independent Film Festival, Washington DC. USA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, Washougal International Film Festival, Washougal, WA. USA
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, New Beijing International Movie Week, Beijing, China
- 2009 *Larry and Roz*, Smogdance Film Festival, Pomona, CA. USA
- 2008 *Larry and Roz*, Radar Hamburg International Independent Film Festival, Hamburg, Germany
- 2008 *Larry and Roz*, Gold Lion International Film Festival, Masuru, Lesotho
- 2008 *Larry and Roz*, Bushfire Film Festival, Manzini, Swaziland

### **Selected Press**

Carlotta Mazzoli, "10 Questions with Kristen Palana," *Al-Tiba9 Contemporary Art* (blog), December 7, 2022. <https://www.altiba9.com/platfrom-interviews-for-artists/kristen-palana-painting-watercolor-symbols>

Herald New Staff, "Swansea artist Kristen Palana comes full circle with new exhibit at the Narrows gallery," *Fall River Herald News*, June 22, 2022.

<https://www.heraldnews.com/story/entertainment/arts/2022/06/17/narrows-center-gallery-show-features-artist-full-circle-journey/7497421001/>

### **Selected Teaching Experience**

- 2017- Present Independent Consultant, Clients include: the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), The British High Commission, Matrius, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Food Programme (WFP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The

Public Relations Society of Malawi, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and The Australian High Commission. I craft art, design, and communication programs catering to diverse audiences, and since 2014, I have also reached over 80,000 online students from 191 countries. My learners range from refugees and diplomats to individuals without formal education living on less than \$2 USD a day, reflecting my commitment to inclusivity and empowerment.

- 2016-18 Associate Professor of Digital Media, American University of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar
- 2006-16 Associate Professor of Digital Media, The American University of Rome, Rome, Italy (Tenured in 2009. Director of FDM Program 2013-2016)
- 2002-06 Assistant Professor of Digital Media, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ. USA
- 2000-02 Visiting Professor, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. USA

### **Selected Workshops/Presentations**

- 2024 Intensive Workshop, *Women in Leadership: Communication Training & Launch Event*. Australia Awards, Australian High Commission, Lilongwe, Malawi, March 5, 2024.
- 2021 Lecture/Presentation, *Happiness Boosting with Color Psychology*. Gross Global Happiness Summit, University for Peace, Costa Rica/Online, March 12, 2021.
- 2018 Artist Talk, *Practically Impractical*, Tapir Gallery, Berlin, Germany, June 19th, 2018.
- 2015 Masterclass, *Animation and Multimedia Storytelling*, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, December 7-21, 2015.
- 2014 Masterclass, *Successful Online Multimedia Presentation and Management for MA students*, Turning Charlemagne into an Asset for Rome: 5-day Conference, The American University of Rome, Rome, Italy, May 2014.
- 2014 Lecture, *Mother of Dragons: Using Animation and Comics as Tools to Document the Multiple Realities of Early Parenthood*, Adaptation: Animation, Comics and Literature Symposium, Society for Animation Studies, Stuttgart International Festival of Animated Film, Stuttgart, Germany, April 12, 2014.

### **Education**

- 2002 MFA in Computer Graphics and Interactive Media, graduation with distinction, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. USA
- 1998 BFA in Painting, graduation with distinction, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA. USA
- 2015 Diploma in Social Innovation. *UPEACE Centre for Executive Education*, Costa Rica