

# KARYN LAO

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## EDUCATION

- 2015 **Maryland Institute College of Art**, Baltimore, MD  
BFA in Fiber, Studio Concentrations in Sustainability & Social Practice and Interactive Arts

## TEACHING

- 2016 **Artist In Residence**, Baltimore Orchard Project, Baltimore, MD  
**Teaching Artist**, Jubilee Arts, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 **Teacher Artist Assistant**, Young Audiences of Maryland, Baltimore, MD  
**Teacher Assistant**, Soft Circuits, MICA, Baltimore, MD  
**Teacher Assistant**, Smart Textiles, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 **France-Merrick Fellow**, Dunbar High School, Baltimore, MD  
**Co-Director**, MICAppella, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 **France-Merrick Fellow**, Academy for College and Career Exploration, Baltimore, MD

## WORKSHOPS

- 2016 **"Inflatables: Reimagining Spaces"**, The Park School of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD  
**"Pompoms and Fruit Trees"**, The Park School of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD  
**"Electronic Embroidery"**, MICA Fiber Faculty & Staff, Baltimore, MD  
**"Electronic Embroidery"**, MICA Intro to Fiber, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 **"pOm•party"**, Staten Island Mental Health Society, Staten Island, NY  
**"Smart Textiles/Fuzzy Memories"**, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA  
(in collaboration with Olivia Robinson and Kate O'Brien)

## EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES

- UPCOMING **Work In Progress Resident**, Textile Art Center, New York, NY (February 2017)  
**pOm•party**, Delaware Children's Museum, Wilmington, DE (January 2017)
- 2016 **Art in Odd Places: PLAY**, Orlando, FL  
**Spotlight: Youth Artists in Baltimore**, Pinkard Gallery (MICA), Baltimore, MD
- 2015 **Gen-Y 2.0**, Kaplan Gallery, VisArts at Rockville, Rockville, MD (juried)  
**pOm•pOurri**, Staten Island Mental Health Society: Summer Therapeutic Program, Staten Island, NY  
**The Columbia Festival of The Arts: ManneqART**, Columbia, MD (juried)  
**Menagerie**, Leidy Atrium (MICA Commencement), Baltimore, MD  
**Port Townsend Wearable Art Show**, McCurdy Pavilion, Port Townsend, WA (juried)  
**MEDIUMRARE: An Experimental Fashion Event**, Lithuanian Hall, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 **Rockin' Roborama Gala After Party**, American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD (juried)  
**Community Arts and Service**, Brown Center (MICA), Baltimore, MD
- 2013 **KiKi DC Fashion Show**, The Fillmore DC, Silver Spring, MD (juried)  
**Tech Gurlz**, Mount Royal Station (MICA), Baltimore, MD  
**Unravel the Code**, Gallery Q, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD  
**Ply**, Middendorf Gallery (MICA), Baltimore, MD  
**Batteries Not Included**, Mount Royal Station (MICA), Baltimore, MD
- 2012 **The Air Affair**, Brown Center (MICA), Baltimore, MD

## EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Solderer**, Scott Pennington, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 **Knitter**, Lindsay Degen, Brooklyn, NY
- Fabricator**, Lanningsmith Studio, Baltimore, MD
- Studio Assistant**, Olivia Robinson, Baltimore, MD
- Exhibition Installation Assistant**, "Rachel Timmins: Freak Comfort", Ellensburg, WA
- 2014 **Studio Assistant**, Olivia Robinson, Baltimore, MD
- Studio Intern**, Rachel Timmins, Baltimore MD
- Studio Intern**, FORCE: Upsetting Rape Culture, Baltimore, MD
- Program Coordinator**, Thread Mentor Program, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 **Dr. Bob's Sensory Room**, Interior & Fabrication, Baltimore, MD
- Exhibition Installation Assistant**, "Are You There, Lord Baltimore? It's Me, Olivia Robinson, Citizen Journalist", Baltimore, MD
- Asian American Mentor**, MICA Diversity & Intercultural Development, Baltimore, MD
- Community Arts Site Leader**, Franciscan Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2012 **Community Arts Site Leader**, Mt. Royal Elementary, Baltimore MD

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2016 **Community Engagement Grant**, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 **Featured Artist**, School 33 Art Center and Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, Baltimore, MD
- Best 3D Award**, Gen-Y 2.0, Rockville, MD
- Sera & Tutor Savu Award in Fiber**, MICA Commencement, Baltimore, MD
- Best Student Award**, Port Townsend Wearable Art Show, Port Townsend, WA
- Sidney Lake Nominee**, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- Diversity and Intercultural Development Grant**, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- Fiber Department Thesis Grant**, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- Trustee Scholarship**, MICA, Baltimore, MD (2011-2014)
- 2014 **Dean's List**, MICA, Baltimore, MD (2011-2013)
- 2013 **France-Merrick Fellowship Grant for Community Arts**, MICA, Baltimore, MD

## ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 "School 33 Presents Featured Artist: Karyn Lao," What Weekly, <http://www.whatweekly.com/2015/10/30/school-33-presents-featured-artist-karyn-lao/>
- "Twelve Featured Artists from School 33's Lotta Art Benefit," Cara Ober. BmoreArt, <http://bmoreart.com/2015/10/twelve-featured-artists-from-school-33s-lotta-art-benefit.html>
- "MICA Celebrates Commencement with Exhibition, Art Sales, May 14-18," MICA, <https://shar.es/1j3M7k>
- "MICA to host annual Experimental Fashion Event," Ava Marie. WBALTV, <http://bit.ly/1aOF6NV>
- 2014 "American Visionary Art Museum Gala," Baltimore Sun.
- 2013 "PHOTOS: Kiki Fashion Show @ Fillmore," Brightest Young Things, <http://brightestyoungthings.com/articles/photos-kiki-fashion-show-fillmore.htm>