

HOLLY ROMANO

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ARTIST STATEMENT

As a multi-disciplined artist, I express the significant feeling that an object, environment, or encounter brings to me while exploring connections in nature, observing human behavior, and unmasking the feminine and maternal experience. My art brings awareness to emotions, struggles, and reflections on everyday life, shifting the conversation to an introspective approach, as well as creating channels for connection.

For me, art is also a practice of playful inquisitiveness and exploration. Using alternative processes alongside traditional methods allows for experimentation and the ability to follow instinct and curiosity. With a deep love for process, I appreciate not only the outcome of my efforts, but also the methods and techniques that bring each piece to completion.

ARTIST BIO

Holly Romano lives and works in Columbus, Ohio. Her digital photographs are rooted in the complexities of female identity and being a mother. She also uses experimental photography processes to explore the beauty and vastness of the natural world and hopes to promote appreciation.

Romano holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from BGSU. After a career in the graphic design field, she now focuses on digital and experimental photography and mixed media. She is a teaching artist focusing on preK-8 students and pursuing her Art Education Licensure at The Ohio State University. Holly is the recipient of a 2021 Professional Artist Grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council and is a Co-founder and Resident Artist at Daylight Artist Collective in Westerville, Ohio. Her award-winning artwork has been exhibited nationally.

EDUCATION

1999 BFA in Graphic Design with a minor in Photography, Bowling Green State University, OH

2020 Education coursework at Columbus State Community College, OH

2024 Art Education Licensure Program at The Ohio State University, OH (est. 2024)

LICENSURE

OHIO PreK-12 Multiage Visual Arts License (expected May 2024)

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

Cofounder and Resident Artist, 2022

Daylight Artist Collective

Teaching Artist, 2019 - present

Creating curriculum and teaching art to preschool through elementary-aged children. Focusing on art history, process art, and art fundamentals.

Graphic Designer/Art Director, 2000-2016

Experienced designer with a demonstrated history of marketing, graphical, and project management support working in multiple industries. Design skills included pre-press, typography, photography, branding, art direction, and Adobe Creative Suite. Also served as a support for project management, office support, and coordination.

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Climate Conversations, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Columbus, OH

2022 Visions in Color, High Road Gallery, Worthington, OH
Climate Conversations, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Columbus, OH

2021 Three Women of Photography, Findlay Art League, Findlay, OH

SELECT JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2023 Ohio Art League Spring Juried Show, Columbus, OH
Endangered, Dublin Area Art League, Upper Arlington, OH
Fine Art Exhibition, The Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH

2022 18th Annual Bryn Du Art Show, Bryn Du Museum, Granville, OH
Hit the Hop, Studios on High, Columbus, OH
Audacity, Roaring Artist Gallery, Online
Art Hop Featured Artist, Westerville, OH
Ohio Art League Spring Juried Show, Columbus, OH
Traditional Photography, Pennington Arts, Columbus, OH
Fine Art Exhibition, The Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH
Award Winners Show, Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA

2021 Annual Juried Photography Show, SAGE Community Arts, Sheridan, WY
Homesick: An International Photography Exhibition, The Art Effect, Poughkeepsie, NY

ImageOhio, Juried Photography Show, ROY G BIV Gallery, Columbus, OH
Landscapes 2021, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
International Juried Photography Exhibition, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Mind Body Spirit, J. Mane Gallery, Online
Home: A Sense of Place, Juried Exhibition, Site:Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY
17th Annual Bryn Du Art Show, Bryn Du Museum, Granville, OH
Ohio Art League Spring Juried Show, Columbus, OH
Art of Photography 2021, Prairie Village Arts Council, Prairie Village, KS
Observing Motherhood, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
Exposed 2021, Marin Society of Artists, San Rafael, CA
Six Feet: Boundaries, Belonging & Becoming, Makers Circle, Marshall, NC
Expressive Floral, ArtDoc Photography Magazine, Online
That Which Surrounds You, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA
In Full Bloom, J. Mane Gallery, Online
Care, Dear Artist Gallery, Online
FAVA Gallery Juried Biennial Photography Show, Oberlin, OH
Hit the Hop, Studios on High, Columbus, OH
Creative Portrait Exhibition, Los Angeles Center of Photography, Los Angeles, CA

2020 Ohio Art League Fall Juried Show, Columbus, OH
DAAL Fall Member Show, Dublin, OH
Featured Artist, HomeWorks by Ohio Art League, Columbus, OH
Ohio Art League Spring Juried Show, Columbus, OH
Women Made Gallery Juried Show, Chicago, IL

HONORS/AWARDS

2022 Second Place, Dublin Area Art League, OH

2021 Grant recipient, Greater Columbus Arts Council, OH
Juror's choice, FAVA Gallery, Oberlin, OH
Best in show, Dublin Area Art League, OH
First place, SAGE Community Arts, Sheridan, WY
Third place, J. Mane Gallery, Online
Fourth place, The Photo Review 2021 Competition
Honorable mention, Marin Society of Artists, San Rafael, CA
Honorable mention, J. Mane Gallery, Online

PRESS

2023 *Interview on Columbus WOSU's show "Broad & High"*

2022 *Visions of Color fill walls of High Road Gallery, Worthington Spotlight, OH*

2021 *The Photo Review Journal, 2021 Competition, Langhorne, PA*

Stronger Together/Art Mums United, The Huts Magazine, Issue 6

National Juried Photography Show at FAVA, Can Journal, Cleveland, OH

Six Feet: Boundaries, Belonging, Becoming, Exhibition Catalog, Asheville, NC

St. John's Alum in 'Three Women of Photography' Opening, The Delphos Herald, Delphos, OH

FAL to host 'Three Women of Photography' exhibit, The Courier, Findlay, OH

MEMBERSHIPS

Art Mums United

Artist/Mother Community

Dublin Area Art League

Los Angeles Center for Photography

Ohio Art League