

ERICA RAWSON

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EDUCATION

2027 (expected) **MFA Candidate**, Art Studio, University of California, Davis

2024 **BFA summa cum laude**, Sculpture and Printmaking, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of California, Davis

- Beginning Drawing
- Beginning Sculpture

2024 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

- Art Studio Senior Experience: Exhibition and Thesis
- Art Senior Experience

2018 – 2022 **Associate Instructor** (instructor of record), Community College of Denver, CO

- Creative Welding
- Introduction to Gas Tungsten Arc Welding
- Introduction to Gas Metal Arc Welding
- Basic Shielded Metal Arc I
- Blueprint Reading for Welders and Fitters
- Oxyacetylene Joining Processes
- Allied Cutting Processes
- Safety for Welders

Workshops taught: *Welding for Artists*, *Women in Welding*

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 ***Tessellation in Bloom***, Museum of Outdoor Arts, Greenwood Village, CO

Breaking Boundaries: The Future of Creativity, Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA), Aurora, CO

2024 ***worlds un/fold v.01***, NewArt.City, virtual

Bust, Pirate Contemporary Art, Lakewood, CO

BFA Thesis Exhibition, Center for Visual Art, Denver, CO

Denver Performance Art Week, Emmanuel Gallery, Denver, CO

Born from Nature, Tivoli Turnhalle, Denver, CO

MetroNow! Emmanuel Gallery, Denver, CO

2023 ***Good Vibrations***, Museum of Outdoor Arts, Greenwood Village, CO

Socially Engaged Artists' Residency Exhibition, The Matchbox, Denver, CO

Cloud Cover, (solo) The Matchbox, Denver, CO

Nestscapes, (solo) Gallery 199, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

where to / where from, Gallery 199, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

2022 ***One Dozen Caresses***, Glasscase, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

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Spring Showcase, Gallery 199, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

2015 **Denver Art Spotlight,** Denver Art Society, Denver, CO
Movement, (solo) The Matchbox, Denver, CO

FELLOWSHIPS + RESIDENCIES

2026 **PlatteForum,** Artist Residency, Denver, CO

2025 **Museum of Outdoor Arts, Artist Fellow (expanded role),** Greenwood Village, CO

2023 **Socially Engaged Artists' Residency (SEAR),** Artist Fellow, Denver, CO
Museum of Outdoor Arts, Artist Fellow, Greenwood Village, CO

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & ARTIST TALKS

2025 **"Letting Your Best Self Be Heard: Thesis as Transformation,"** visiting artist, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

"Expanding Your Artistic Practice: AI and Portfolio Development," visiting artist, Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, CO

2024 **"Domestic Alchemy: Rotting Fruit, Patinaed Metal, and the Radical Freedom of Letting Go,"** presenter, 13th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

BFA Thesis Presentation: "I Moved Ground and Dust to Keep You Here," presented to committee members Dr. Yunjin La-Mei Woo and Prof. Matthew Jenkins, Center for Visual Art, Denver, CO

"Advanced Interdisciplinary Studio: Navigating Thesis," visiting artist, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

Studio Foundations 3D, guest lecturer, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

"Departure: An Evening of Creative Deviation," panelist, as part of *The Last Call* with Kirsten Lewis, Denver, CO

"What is Integrated Media?" profiled artist, Center for Visual Art, Denver, CO, May 2024

"Advanced Interdisciplinary Studio Forum," visiting artist, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

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PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **Metrosphere**, [Born from Nature](#), original artwork, Vol 41, Issue 1
- 2021 **Metrosphere**, [To Where from Here](#), original artwork and poetry, Vol 40, Issue 1, pp. 18-21

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2024 **Denver Post**, "[Want to know what young artists are thinking? Just look at the objects they make](#)," Ray Rinaldi, April 28, 2024, E1, E3. | [Paywall-free](#)
- Shoutout Colorado**, artist interview, "Erica Rawson | Artist," ([online](#))
- My Met Media**, featured artist, Denver, CO, April 2024
- CanvasRebel Magazine**, artist interview, "Meet Erica Rawson," ([online](#))

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024 **Center for Visual Arts**, BFA Thesis Exhibition, Denver, CO
- 2020 - 2025 **The Matchbox Collective**, Denver, CO

AWARDS

- 2023 **Merit Scholarship in Sculpture**, Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO
- 2022 - 2023 **MSU Denver Foundation Achievement Scholarship**, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO
- 2021 - 2024 **President's Honor Roll**, Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE + CERTIFICATIONS

- 2021 - 2025 **The Matchbox Collective**, Art Director, Denver, CO
- 2022 - 2023 **Junoworks**, Metal Fabricator, Denver, CO
- 2013 - 2020 **Derb Design | LS Welding + Design**, Designer and Fabricator, Denver, CO
- 2018 - 2022 **AWS Structural Welding Code - Steel**

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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2019 **The Matchbox Collective,** Community Arts Engagement, Denver, CO

2017 - 2018 **RedLine Contemporary Art Center,** Youth Art Mentor, Denver, CO