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## **ART EDUCATION**

**MA Art as Environment**, Distinction, Manchester School of Art, 2007

**BA (Hons) Embroidery**, First Class, Manchester School of Art, 2006

**BTEC Diploma Foundation: Art & Design**, Distinction, Manchester School of Art, 2002

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**Air OPEN 2024, Rogue Artist Studios**, Manchester, 2024

**Small Space on Tour**, Tata Art Space, Bali, 2024

**Comme Ca Art x AWOL Studios Open Call Exhibition**, Manchester, 2024

**Art Speak- Conversations Between Art and Language-** Norman Rea Gallery, York, 2023

**AIR OPEN 2023**, AIR Gallery, Manchester, 2023

**A Small Space**, Deansgate, Manchester 2023

**Art After Loss**, Inch Arts, Altrincham, 2023

**Narratives: Threads & Testimony**, Manchester Jewish Museum, 2023

**Fibres**, Air Gallery, Altrincham, 2023

**We Remember Them in Verbs**, Manchester Jewish Museum, 2023

**Conversation Series III: Narratives** The Lowry, Salford, 2023.

**The Manchester Contemporary 2022**, Manchester Central, 2022

**Manchester Open Exhibition 2022**, HOME, Manchester, 2022

**Trooping The Corgis**, Altrincham Town Centre, 2022

**Together**, Inch Arts, Altrincham, 2022

**International Women's Day Textiles Exhibition**, Manchester Sew Social, Online, 2022

**Stitch Your Story**, British Textiles Biennial, Blackburn Cathedral, 2021

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

**Independent Creative of The Year 2024, Manchester Culture Awards-** Nomination.

Shortlist not yet announced

**Highly Commended Award-** Comme Ca Art x AWOL Studios Open Call Exhibition, 2024

**Arts Council DYCP Grant-** "Engaging with Inherited Archives" 2023

**MAstars 2007:** Anneke Kuipers & Laura Nathan. Professionals select the artists to watch from MA degree shows across the UK, Axis Web, Selected by Clarissa Corfe

**Manchester School Of Art- MA Travel Grant-** 2007 (Israel and the Palestinian Territories)

**A Celebration Of Talent Exhibition**, 2006 Best of MMU Art and Design & Salford University, Urbis

## **ART RESIDENCIES & PROJECTS**

**Hanna Zack Miley Documentary Project-** Global Story Films, 2024

Creating portrayals of Hanna Mileys memories surrounding early life in Germany; her Kindertransport experience; the rebuilding of her life in England; and reconciliation. (release date: January 2025)

**"Engaging with Inherited Archives"** 2024, Manchester Jewish Museum, DYCP Project

**Conversation Series III, Narratives: Venture Arts:** 2022 12 Artists exploring personal histories, cultural heritage and collaboration. Partners-Manchester Jewish Museum, The Lowry, Castlefield Art Gallery and Ahmed Iqbal Ullah RACE centre and Education Trust. Exhibited at the Lowry, The Manchester Contemporary and Manchester Jewish Museum.

## **SOCIALLY ENGAGED ARTIST & ENGAGEMENT ROLES**

**Textiles Facilitator, Venture Arts, Part Time 2009- Present,**

- Supporting neurodiverse and learning-disabled artists to develop their practice.
- Bronze and Silver Arts Award delivery
- Mentoring an artist during a residency at Whitworth Art Gallery.

**“My Grandmothers Story” The Creative Activist Group, Manchester Jewish Museum, 2023.**

- Co-creation project exploring my grandma’s oral history testimony and archives.
- Exhibited during “We Remember Them in Verbs” Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

**Lead Artist, Pulling Together Young Asian Women’s Group, 2010-2014**

- **Looping The Loop; Community Commission**-Textiles pieces installed in Salford Quays celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games. Exploring the values of the Olympics within South Asian young women.
- **Faith and Festivals A-Z Textiles Project** - Exploring symbols associated with different religions festivals. Resulted in the creation of A-Z textiles cubes & education resource.
- **“Body Art: A mark of identity”**- Culturally sensitive body image and self-esteem project.

**International Women’s Day-The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester- 2009-2013**

- Coordinated annual International Women’s Day events alongside a drama facilitator.
- Encouraged positive dialogues between Muslim and Jewish women.
- Responded to themes including “100 years 100 voices” & "Inspiring Women in STEM”

**Visual Art Facilitator: Purple Patch Arts, 2011- 2013**

- Weekly workshops alongside a drama facilitator for adults with learning disabilities.
- Responding to an annual theme and weekly subtopics set by the service users.

**Schools & Community Engagement Officer: Anne Frank + You, Manchester Cathedral, 2009**

- Devised education resource.
- Facilitated workshops reflecting on the exhibition themes.
- Marketed and co-ordinated school visits.
- Coordinated a series of associated events including “The Asylum Monologues”
- Facilitated community art workshops resulting in an accompanying exhibition.
- Successfully secured further funding to deliver additional outreach projects.

**Art Facilitator and Community Engagement Officer: Zion Centre 2009-2010**

- Facilitated curriculum-based art workshops in primary schools in East Manchester
- Developed connections between local communities and Manchester Metropolitan University archives.

**Artist in Residence - Energise and Willow Tree Healthy Living Centres, Salford 2008-09**

- Facilitated identity-based workshops with four groups of service users.
- Create a permanent textiles piece inspired by the workshops.
- Mentored two visual arts students and supported them in the delivery of drop in sessions

**Camp Counsellor and Art Assistant, Artsbridge Institute, Endicott College, Massachusetts, 2008**

- Supported Israeli and Palestinian 15–18-year-olds in an art and dialogue programme.
- Planned social activities, assisted in art sessions and supported wellbeing.

## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Interviews surrounding my art practice-by Dr Amy Williams to feature in two books, 2023-25**  
History Memory of the Kindertransport. Mitteldeutscher Verlag, Yale University Press, Camden House.

**“Engaging With Inherited Archives – Conference Paper "Curating Memories, Materials and Visual Histories about the Holocaust”** Holocaust Centre North conference, March 2024

**Engaging With Inherited Archives - Imperial War Museum Holocaust Blog, Guest Author Laura Nathan, January 2024**

**Laura Nathan: Honouring Identity with Hands and Heart**  
*The Cutting (&Stitching) E-Magazine, Mr X Stitch, March 2023*

**Narratives artist Laura Nathan on collaboration and creating art in Manchester Jewish Museum,**  
Venture Arts, March 2023

**The Reason I Create**-The Digital Cloth, E-Magazine, Holiday Issue 4, 2022

**Laura Nathan- Inspiring Women In Arts-** Hugs and Buttons Blog Sara Sarf 2022

**In Stitches** Elaine Bermitz, J Life Magazine, March/April Edition p51, 2022

**The Manchester Open: Meet The Artists** HOME Manchester, 2022

**Laura Nathan uses art to bring Israeli and Palestinian teenagers together in America**  
The Jewish Chronicle, 2008

**Laura Nathan: Experiments With Soap and Hair** FiberArts Magazine, April/May 2007:25-25, Jessica Hemmings

## **VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE**

**The Mothers Participatory Art Project**, The Mothers UK, Participant, 2021  
Documenting experiences of motherhood, contributing to both the online blog and ZINE.

**Art Mentor**, Koestler Trust- 2009-2010. Supporting an ex-offender to develop their artistic practice.

**Yom Hashoah- Creative Director-** Prestwich Synagogue, 2007-2008

- Worked alongside an art teacher, Holocaust survivors, and drama students.
- Created an immersive storytelling evening based on Holocaust survivors' testimonies

**Participant, Muslim Jewish Youth Theatre Group, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, 2007-08**

- Devised and performed participatory show “24 Hour City”
- Explored themes surrounding migrant histories, conflict and racism.
- Assisted in the delivery of drama workshops with two schools in Manchester.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

**War and Conflict, Subject Specialist Network-** Imperial War Museums

**A Small Space-** An exhibition concept finding unconventional small spaces in contrast to the conventional white cube gallery space showing small works in group shows.

**Women In Textiles-** Women from diverse backgrounds collaborating on textiles projects.

**The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester-** Executive Committee Member, 2013-2014