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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Boston, Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, Minor in Cinema. 2026, *Suma Cum Laude*

EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 August, **MFA First Free Fridays**, partnered with Community, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston MA
April, **Cuerpos Celestes**, Honors thesis solo show, Glass Gallery at University of Massachusetts Boston, Dorchester MA
- 2025 December, **Spectrum**, curated by Julia McElroy and Kaitlyn Quewskin, Glass Gallery at University of Massachusetts Boston, Dorchester MA
July, **Ciao Boston**, curated by Jpflx1x in association with GRRL Haus Cinema, Kinross Community Center, Brighton MA
- 2024 December, **GRRL Haus Cinema Best of 2024 Festival**, selected by jury as Best Within Experimental Films of 2024, Brattle Theater, Cambridge MA
October, **Recycle, Reprint, Repeat**, curated and organized by Nancy McCormack Demren with guest curator Carol Scallons, Glass Gallery at University of Massachusetts Boston, Dorchester MA
September, **The Boston Printmakers Student Print Exhibition**, curated by The Boston Printmakers Association, Massachusetts of College of Art and Design, Boston MA
February, **For Students by Students**, curated by Art Union student club Glass Gallery at University of Massachusetts Boston, Dorchester MA
- 2023 October, **Student Art Gallery**, curated by Art Union student club, Glass Gallery at University of Massachusetts Boston, Dorchester MA
- 2022 April, **Student Art Gallery**, curated by Art Union student club, Glass Gallery at University of Massachusetts Boston, Dorchester MA
- 2021 May, **Flat Rate Show (virtual exhibition)**, curated by Sierra Nevada University

CURATION

- 2025 October **First Note**, RPM film screening co-curated by Rafaela Astudillo and Brett Melican at CAMLab Harvard University.
September, **States of Being**, exhibition co-curated by Helina Almonte and Rafaela Astudillo at University Hall Gallery.
- 2024 December, **The Surreal**, exhibition co-curated by Helina Almonte and Rafaela Astudillo, University of Massachusetts Boston's Glass Gallery.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Ruth Butler Travel Scholarship**, Art Department, University of Massachusetts Boston, covering travel expenses for a three-month period in Mexico City as a studio assistant with artist Allegra Hangen, 2026
- **Outstanding Cinema Studies Minor Award**, Cinema Studies Department, University of Massachusetts Boston, 2026
- **SAVIO Art Scholarship**, Art Department, University of Massachusetts Boston, covering tuition for Fall 2024.
- **Sam Walker Art Scholarship**, Art Department, University of Massachusetts Boston, covering tuition for Fall 2024.
- **GRRL Haus Cinema Best of 2024 Festival**, short film *Rosa*, selected by jury as Best Within Experimental Films of 2024
- **Dean List Award**, College of Liberal Arts, from Fall 2022 to Fall 2025.