RAFAELA ASTUDILLO

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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
June, **Blue Bikes 250 Design Contest,** partnered with Blue Bikes & Blue Cross Blue Shield 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.

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