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Education:

MA in Environmental Arts and Humanities . Oregon State University . Corvallis, Or . 2018
MFA in Electronic Integrated Art . The New York State College of Ceramics . Alfred, NY . 2007
plus one year in MFA program . School of Visual Arts . NYC . 1998-99
BA in Photography . University of Oregon . 1997
Studied abroad in Szeged, Hungary at József Attila University with Portland State University . 1994

Awards and Honors:

Playa Residency . Summer Lake, Or . 2017
Djerassi Residency . Santa Cruz Mountains, Ca . 2017
Ford Family Foundation Grant . 2017
Visiting Scholar Grant from Oregon State University Library Archives . 2015
Regional Arts & Culture Council . Project Grant . Portland, Oregon . 2010
Gaestatelier Krone . Residency . Aarau, Switzerland . 2009
Oregon Arts Commission . Career Development Grant . 2008
Institute for Electronic Arts . Residency . NYSCC . Alfred, NY . 2008
Cite Internationale des Arts . Residency . Paris, France . 2007
Est-Nord-Est . Residency . Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, Quebec . 2007
The Gil-Society . Residency . Akureyri, Iceland . 2007
Mayor's Creative/Cultural Economic Initiative and Worksystems Professional Development Grant . 2005
Caldera . Residency . Eastern Oregon . 2004
Oregon Arts Commission . Individual Artist Fellowship . 2002
Juror's Award . Oregon Biennial . Portland Art Museum . 2001
Young Poets Award . Oregon Arts Foundation . 1987

Solo Shows:

The Raven Speaks to the Assembled Animals . OSU East Greenhouses . 2018
Everything is Water . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . 2015
Looking Glass Book . Carlos Gallery, University of the South . Sevanee, Tennessee . October 2011
So Close to the Glass and Shivering . Marylhurst University Art Gym . Lake Oswego, Oregon
curator Terri Hopkins . catalog with essay by Jon Raymond . 2010
Letters from Switzerland . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . Portland, Oregon . 2010
Alexandria, I'm Waiting . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . Portland, Oregon . 2008
useless, incorruptible, secret . Caseworks . Douglas F Cooley Gallery . curator Stephanie Snyder . 2008
the weight of a tiny bird . The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art . Alfred, NY . 2007
Torch Song . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . Portland, Oregon . 2004
6 of one, a half-dozen of the other . Nine Gallery at Blue Sky Gallery . Portland, Oregon . 2004
Pressed . Fugitive Art Center . Nashville, Tennessee . 2002
Car Crash Chandelier . PDX Gallery Window Project . 2002

Selected Group Shows:

Reimagining Sustainability: Communication and Media Research in a Changing World
Ecomedia Arts Festival . University of Oregon . IAMCR 2018
Assemblage and Collage . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . 2018
Mapping the Remains with Lisa Temple-Cox at Cuckoo Farm Studios . UK . 2017
Functionally United . curated by Cris Moss . White Box Gallery . Portland . 2017
Words, Words, Words . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . 2015
PNW Photo Drawers . Blue Sky Gallery . 2013
Remembering is Everything . Alter Space Gallery . San Francisco, CA . 2013
The Turtle Salon . Hardy Tree Gallery . London, UK / The Meter Room . Coventry, UK /
Galerie Ivana de Gavardie & Arnaud Lefebvre Galerie . Paris, France 2011 - 2012
The Paper Quilt Project . Berkeley Art Center . Berkeley, California . October - December 2011

Visitors, group show . Traywick Contemporary . Berkeley, California . October - December 2011
The Shape of the Problem . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . Portland, Oregon . August 2011
Special Edition . PrintRoom . Rotterdam, The Netherlands . curator Serge Onnen . 2011
Walking on Ice . Soil Gallery . Seattle / White Box Gallery . Portland . curator Jack Ryan . 2010
Still-Life . 533 Gallery in Los Angeles / Milepost 5 in Portland . curator Anna Fidler . 2009
The Animal Gaze . London Metropolitan University . London, UK & Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World (Exeter) . curator Rosemarie McGoldrick . 2009
The Butterfly Effect . Leftbank . Portland Institute for Contemporary Art . Portland, OR . 2008
Aqua Art Fair . Miami, Florida . 2007
NYSCC MFA Show . J. Cacciola Gallery . NYC . 2007
Usufruct . Linfield College . McMinnville, Or . curator Seth Nehil . 2007
Pressing Pause . Zeitgeist Gallery . Nashville, Tennessee . 2007
_scope . Vitrine Gallery . St. Jean Port Joli, Quebec . 2007
On Others . Rhodes College Memphis, Tennessee / Iron Gate Studios . Austin, Texas . 2005 – 2006
25 Years of Drawing in The Art Gym . Marylhurst University . curator Terri Hopkins . 2005
Closer In . Contemporary Arts Center . North Adams, MA . curators Ven Voisey and Heather Phillips . 2004
Empire Builders . Zeitgeist / Ruby Green Galleries . Nashville, TN . 2004
Intense Focus . Elizabeth Leach Gallery . Portland . 2004
1000 Crowns . PDX Airport Installation . Rotating Exhibits . 2004
Core Sample . Portland, Oregon . curators Stephanie Snyder and MK Guth . 2003
Outdoor Sculpture Invitational . Maryhill Museum of Art . Goldendale, Wa . curator Lee Musgrave . 2003
Bibliocosmos . Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery . Reed College . curator Stephanie Snyder . 2003
Modern Zoo . PCAC . Cathedral Park Place . Portland, Oregon . 2003
Blood and Guts Forever . Marylhurst University Art Gym . Portland, Oregon . curator Brad Adkins . 2003
Beam Splitters . Machine Works, Portland, Oregon . curators Bill Daniel and Vanessa Renwick . 2002
Pacific Northwest Annual . Bellevue Art Museum . Washington . curator Sue Spaid . 2001
2001 Oregon Biennial . Portland Art Museum . curator Bruce Guenther . 2001
Snow . Good/Bad Gallery . Brooklyn, NY . 1999

Selected Screenings:

An Apple for my Teacher (Dana Reason Ensemble) . Improvisation Summit of Portland .
(live Second Life machinima) . Disjecta Contemporary Art Center . 2018
Brackish Reports . Newport Art Center . Newport, OR . 2018
Melody Owen and Stephen Slappe . Boathouse Microcinema . Screening . 2017
Tree Farm (video from Oregon) . Human Resources LA . Los Angeles . curator Jesse Sugarmann . 2011
A Natural Selection . NW Film Forum in Seattle . curator Vanessa Renwick . 2009
PDX Film Festival . Clinton Street Theater . Portland, Oregon . May 9 . 2009
For Robert . National Gallery of Art, DC . curator Michael H. Shamberg . 2009
Local Sightings . Northwest Film Forum Seattle, Wa . curator Karl Lind . 2008
Turtle in The Tank . The Tank . NYC . curator Michael Shamberg . 2008
Team Spirit Animal Squad . The Zipper Factory . NYC . curator Tanya Gagne . 2008
Monkeytown Semiennial . Brooklyn, NY . November 30 . 2007
Loop Festival . Barcelona, Spain . 2007
The 60 second southern video festival tour . Harmony Landing in Nashville / Powerhouse in Memphis /
Boathouse Cinema in Portland / Basel, Switzerland / Mantua, Ireland / Cairo, Egypt . 2007
stumptown girls . The Empty Vessel . Brooklyn, NY . curator Gretchen Hogue . 2006
Film and Video from Portland, Oregon . Royal College of Art . London, UK . curator Claire Fowler . 2006
Sound + Vision . ZKM Germany . curator Alex Lakin . 2005
PDX Film Festival Invitationals . Portland, Oregon . curator Matt McCormick . 2004

Curating:

Translating the Animal . East Greenhouses at Oregon State University . 2018
Optic Gallery . Corvallis, Oregon . 2016 - 2017
Circles and Spinning Wheels . PICA TBA Festival . 2009 / Echo Park Film Center . Los Angeles, CA . 2011
The Disappearing Book . exhibited at Reading Frenzy . 2008
The 60 Second Southern Video Festival at Harmony Landing . Nashville, Tennessee . 2007
Dissecting Portland . Hallwalls . Buffalo, NY / Cornell University Theater . Ithaca, NY / Alfred University . 2006
SmartWall . Alfred University Student Video Gallery . 2006 - 2007
Sleeping in the Woods . Modern Zoo . Portland, Oregon . 2003

Publication:

Curator and Critic Tours : Connective Conversations . Inside Oregon Art 2011 - 2014
published by The Ford Foundation and University of Oregon . 2015
When I Was Nineteen, I Was an Old Man (Dream Journals) . Scout Books and Future Tense . 2013
Looking Glass Book . published by Publication Studio . 2012
album . Artist Portraits of Artists . Art Gym 30th Anniversary Exhibition . 2010
The Disappearing Book . published by Container Corps . 2010
bear Deluxe #28 . Melody Owen . 2008
So Close to the Glass and Shivering (catalog) . published by Marylhurst University
essay by Jon Raymond . Art Gym . 2010
Spork Press . Issue 4.3 . editor Kevin Sampsell . 2006
Core Sample Catalogue . Clear Cut Press . essays by Stephanie Snyder and Lawrence Rinder . 2004
Eye-Rhyme literary journal . issue 7: Roses Are Red. Pinball Publishing . 2004

Commissions:

Wieden and Kennedy holiday installation . Portland . 2015
Trimet; Portland's public transportation system . collage representing train line . 2010
Birdsong Chandelier . The Nines Hotel in Portland . 30 foot chandelier designed for interior of stairwell . 2008
flowers and stars . Leslie Durst . 12 individual porcelain hand shaped objects as gifts . 2007

Selected Bibliography:

Corvallis Advocate . *Melody Owen Makes Waves* . 2016
Artforum Critic's Pick . Stephanie Snyder . December 2015
RADAR Productions . *An Interview with Melody Owen* . Myriam Gurba . April 5 2013
Oregon Arts Watch . *Melody Owen Makes a Book* . Bob Hicks . 2011
The Oregonian . *Melody Owen's art gets multiple Portland appearances* . Bob Hicks . March 19 2010
ARTslant (online) . *Melody Owen's Dada-damaged Collage* . John Motley . March 2010
ArtUS (Los Angeles) . *Melody Owen* . Jacquelyn Davis . Fall/Winter 2008
Portland Mercury . *Alexandria, I'm waiting* . John Motley . 2007
Art Papers (Atlanta, Ga) . *On Others* . Julie Roberts . March/April 2006
Number 54: an independent journal of the arts . *On Others* . Joe Nolan . Fall 2005
PSU Daily Vanguard . *The unrequited love of Melody Owen* . Eva Lake . 2004
Willamette Week . *Queen Bee* . Lisa Lambert . 2002

Lectures and Readings:

Environmental Arts and Humanities Conference . OSU . 2018
Minding Animals . Mexico City . 2018
Curiosity Club . *Zoomorphic Interlace* . 2017
Lane County Historical Museum . *Tree Rings* . 2017
OSU Identity Conference . *Avatar Identity* . 2017
Valley Library . OSU . *Tree Rings* . 2016
Curiosity Club . *Cutaway World* . 2015
Powell's Books . Portland . *River Report* . 2014
IPRC . Portland . *When I was 19, I was an Old Man* . 2014

Artist talks:

Oregon State University . 2017 & 2018
Portland State University . 2014
Sewanee University . 2012
Reed College . 2008
Pacific Northwest College of Art . 2008
Rhodes College . 2006
Portland State University . 2004
Watkins College of Design . 2002
Sewanee University . 2002, 2012