

Ariana Berman

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owner / Artist

Ariana Berman Artwork, Lexington, KY | 2024–Present

- Maintain an independent sculpture practice focused on public art and large-scale commissioned work
- Lead all phases of project development, including design, fabrication, budgeting, scheduling, and installation
- Manage client communication, contracts, and delivery for institutional and public art projects

Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum

Volunteer · Studio Technician · Artist-in-Residence · Project Manager (Former) · Grant Writer (Current)

Solsberry, IN | 2017–2025

- Currently serve as grant writer supporting public outreach and education initiatives
- Previously progressed through multiple roles supporting the production, installation, and management of large-scale public sculpture
- Led large-scale mold making and foundry operations, including resin-bonded sand systems and cast-iron production
- Collaborated with national and international artists on the design, fabrication, and installation of outdoor sculpture
- Managed community-based public art projects in partnership with the City of Bloomington, IN

- Coordinated museum operations, public events, and artist residencies
- Developed and supported educational programming serving underfunded communities
- Instructed large-scale cast-iron workshops, providing technical and safety oversight
- Contributed to the installation of over 200 large-scale sculptures in public settings

Workshop Instructor

National Cast Iron Conference, Sloss Furnaces, Birmingham, AL | 2023

- Served as instructor and technical lead for large-scale mold construction and production pours
- Translated artist concepts into structurally sound foundry systems through detailed schematics

Studio Technician/ Workshop Instructor

Metal Museum, Memphis, TN | 2017–2019, 2022

- Supported daily operations of the cast-iron workshop and visiting artist programs
- Assisted with mold design, material preparation, and foundry setup
- Engaged in public and educational outreach initiatives
- Maintained workshop safety and operational standards

Studio Technician

Josephine Sculpture Park, KY | 2022

- Assisted artists with fabrication, installation, and construction of metal and ceramic sculptures
- Supported public outreach events and sculpture maintenance

Studio Technician

Nathan Hensley Design, Lexington, KY | 2021

- Focused on custom metal fabrication for residential and commercial projects
- Coordinated with city planners and stakeholders on fabricated designs
- Performed structural welding for architectural elements

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Designed and executed a large-scale metal mural for Bloomington Elementary School, Bloomington, IN (2024)
- Award Recipient, Student Cupola Contest, National Cast Iron Conference, Birmingham, AL (2019)

EXHIBITIONS

- 2026- Orange County 11th Sculpture on the Lawn, FL
- 2025- UAH Sculpture Trail Outdoor Exhibition, AL
- 2025- WACC 132nd Exhibition of Women's Art, OH
- 2024- White & Textured, Cultural center of Cape Cod, MA
- 2024- Beyond the Scars, Art Fluent
- 2024- Life and Death, Annual juried show, Art Fluent
- 2024- Outliers, I Fell Gallery, IN
- 2024- Spirituality, Gallerium and The Book of Arts.
- 2024- Unreal, Gallerium & The Book of Arts.
- 2024- Exhibizone Grand Prize, Online Publication and sales.
- 2022 -Mentor/Mentee, Crossman Gallery, WI
- 2019- Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum Exhibition (permanent collection), IN
- 2018- Crossman Gallery, Photo Captured, WI
- 2018- Student Show, Crossman Gallery, WI

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, WI | 2013–2020

Bachelor of Fine Arts Studies, Sculpture

Minor in Film Studies