

ALEXANDRE

Tessa Greene O'Brien

Born St. George, Maine, 1982
Education BS Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, 2004
MFA Maine College of Art, Portland, ME 2016

Selected Solo & Two Person Exhibitions

- 2026 Alexandre Gallery & Candice Madey Gallery, "Poems From Here", New York, NY
- 2025 In Dialogue: Tessa Greene O'Brien and Miguel Ferrando, Candice Madey Gallery, New York, NY
- 2025 La Loma Gallery, Tessa Greene O'Brien & Kathryn Lynch, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 Dowling Walsh Gallery, "I'm Back at my Cliff, Still Throwing Things Off", Rockland, ME
- 2022 Buoy Gallery, "The Spins", Kittery, ME
- 2021 Dowling Walsh Gallery, "Floating in the Water Looking up at the Sky", Rockland, ME
- 2019 Dowling Walsh Gallery, "New Works", Rockland, ME
- 2018 Elizabeth Moss Galleries, "Clear Blue Morning", Falmouth, ME

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 Andrew Reed Gallery, "Maine in Miami", Miami, FL
Taymour Grahne Gallery, "A Look at Me: Paintings from Maine", Dubai, UAE
- 2025 Art Basel Miami Beach, (Alexandre Gallery) Miami, FL
Halsey McKay, Eleanor Conover, Lauren Luloff, & Tessa G. O'Brien, East Hampton, NY
Aspen Art Fair (La Loma), Aspen, CO
Houston Untitled, (La Loma), Houston, TX
Ice House Gallery, Remain in Light, North Haven, ME
Felix Art Fair, (La Loma), Los Angeles, CA
Future Fair + For Freedoms, Villa Tigertail, Los Angeles, CA
Halsey McKay Gallery, Works on Paper, Brooklyn, NY
LC Bates Museum, Gardens, Fairfield, ME
- 2024 Portland Museum of Art, As We Are Portland, ME
Platform Project Space, The Space Between, Brooklyn, NY
Dunes, "The Wrong Tree", Portland, ME
- 2023 Vardan Gallery, "Room With a View", Los Angeles, CA
Sibyl Gallery, "Gentling", New Orleans, LA
Moss Gallery, "How Do I Look", Portland, ME
University of New England Gallery, "Seeking Light", Portland, ME
George Marshall Store Gallery, "SPF Selects: A More Human Dwelling Place", Surf Point Foundation
Alumni Exhibition, York, ME
- 2022 Sears Peyton Gallery, "Container Garden", New York, NY
Center for Maine Contemporary Art, "The View From Here", Rockland, ME
Grant Wahlquist Gallery, "The More the Merrier", Portland, ME
Able Baker Contemporary Art, "Painting Nerds", Portland, ME
Dowling Walsh Gallery, "Pylos", Rockland, ME
Central Missouri University Gallery, "Love Calls Us to the Things of This World", Warrensburg, MO
Co- Worker Gallery, Co-Worker / Double Time, Toledo, Ohio
- 2021 Studio E Gallery, "In Here", Seattle, WA
- 2020 Young Space Online exhibition, "As Inside, So Outside", Curated by David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO
New Systems Exhibition, "Laundry Day 2", Portland, ME
- 2019 Grant Wahlquist Gallery, "Part of The Summer Never Dies", Portland, ME
T.W. Wood Gallery, Galen Cheney & Tessa O'Brien, Montpelier, VT

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- William Ulmer Building, "SPF 32", Curated by Madeleine Mermall, Brooklyn, NY
Young Space, "Salad Days", Juried Online Exhibition
- 2018 ICA at Maine College of Art, "Curious Nature | 2018 Alumni Triennial Exhibition", Portland, ME
Elizabeth Moss Galleries, "Narrative Landscapes", Falmouth, ME
Gallery 49, Oxbow Blending & Bottling, "Hewnoaks Alumni Show", Portland, ME
- 2017 Ocean House Gallery, "Modern Summer", Cape Elizabeth, ME
Elizabeth Moss Gallery, "Midtoast", Curated by John Bisbee, Falmouth, ME
Able Baker Contemporary, "Selvedge", Portland, ME
Firehouse Gallery, Joseph A. Fiore Painting Prize Exhibition, Juried by Elizabeth Finch, Damariscotta, ME
ICA at Maine College of Art, "COLLECT: Invitational Summer Art Sale", Portland, ME
Chocolate Church Art Center, "Far Away/Home", Bath, ME
Maine Farmland Trust Gallery, "Inside View", Belfast, ME
- 2016 Alpha Gallery, "New Talent", Boston, MA
Space Gallery, "Genuine Article", Curated by Leon Benn, Portland, ME
Sarah Orne Jewett House Museum, "New England Village: Rethinking Regional Identity", South Berwick, ME
Asymmetrical Arts, "Hole History Show", Rockland, ME
3S Artspace, "Big Picture", Portsmouth, NH
- 2015 Maine College of Art, "Collect", Portland, ME
Commonwealth Gallery, "Boston Young Contemporaries", Boston, MA
Engine, "Ode to Letters", Biddeford, ME
- 2014 Engine, "Rumpus Revival", Biddeford, ME
Maine College of Art, "Collect", Portland, ME
Hurricane Island 50th Anniversary Auction, Rockland, ME
- 2013 Erstwhile, Lot F Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2004 Thesis Exhibition, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

Public Art

- 2023 The Eddy Mural, Barre, VT
- 2022 Fields Alive with Pollen and Wings Mural, Paul J. Schupf Art Center, Waterville, ME
- 2021 Flowers for Tammy, Flowers for Biddeford Mural, Biddeford, ME
- 2020 Night Garden Mural, UMaine Gardens at Tidewater Farm, Falmouth, ME
- 2019 Water Sheds to the Lake, City Hall Park, Burlington, VT
- 2018 Chaval Mural, West End, Portland, ME
- 2015 Red Circle Mural, East Bayside, Portland, ME

Awards and Grants

- 2025 Berkshire Taconic Artist Resource Trust Award
Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship Nominee
Seligmann Residency at Tides Institute, Addison, ME
- 2024 Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship Nominee
Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant, Montreal, CA
Seligmann Residency at Tides Institute, Addison, ME
Annex Arts, Castine, ME
- 2023 Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant, Montreal, CA
Lunder Institute Residential Fellowship, Colby College Museum, Waterville, ME
- 2022 Lunder Institute Residential Fellowship, Colby College Museum, Waterville, ME
Surf Point Foundation, York, ME
- 2021 Hewnoaks Artist Colony, Lovell, ME
- 2020 St. Botolphs Club Foundation Emerging Artist Award

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- 2019 Studioworks Residency at the Tides Institute, Eastport, ME
Joseph A. Fiore Residency at Rolling Acre Farm, Jefferson, ME
Ellis Beaugard Travel Grant, Rockland, ME
- 2018 Project Grant, Maine Arts Commission
Open Studio Residency, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME
Monson Arts Residency, Monson, ME
- 2017 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
Hewnoaks Artist Colony, Lovell, ME
Pace House Residency, Stonington, ME
Joseph A. Fiore Painting Prize, Damariscotta, ME
- 2015 Project Grant, Maine Arts Commission, Augusta, ME
Presidential Scholarship, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2014 Kindling Fund Grant, SPACE Gallery, Portland, ME

Select Curatorial Projects

- 2026 Solo Exhibition by Sachiko Akiyama, CMCA, Rockland, ME
- 2025 "Pushing Daisies", Platform Project Space, Brooklyn, NY
- 2024 "From the Collection of Lord Red", Solo Exhibition by Kyle Downs, CMCA, Rockland, ME
"Let the World In", Group exhibition, CMCA, Rockland, ME
"On This Island", Solo Exhibition by Carla Weeks, CMCA, Rockland, ME
- 2023 "Asters & Goldenrod", Co-curated w/ Hilary Schaffner, Alice Gauvin Gallery, Portland, ME
- 2022 "Painting Nerds", w/ Stephen Benenson, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
- 2022 "One Night in February", Solo exhibition by Meg Mitchell, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
- 2021 "Parts of an Immense Whole", Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
"Collective Resilience at Gathering Stones", TEMPOart, Portland, ME,
- 2020 "Space Heater", Co-curated w/ Annika Early, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
- 2017 "Selvedge", Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME

Professional Experience

- 2023–
present Board Member, Surf Point Residency, York, ME
- 2025 Juror, Monson Arts Residency, Monson, ME
- 2025 Visiting Artist, University of Maine, Augusta, ME
- 2024 Visiting Artist, Maine College of Art and Design, Portland, ME
- 2023 Visiting Artist, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
- 2021 Juror, Maine Arts Commission Project Grants, Augusta, ME
- 2020 Mentor, MFA Program, Institute of Art & Design, New England College, Manchester, NH
Juror, Shelter (Online Exhibition), Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockland, ME
Guest Critic, Ellis-Beaugard Foundation Residency, Rockland, ME
Juror, Hewnoaks Artist Colony, Lovell, ME
Juror, Monhegan Artist Residency, Monhegan, ME
Visiting Artist, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
- 2019–
- 2022 Co- Director, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
- 2016 Studio Manager, Aaron Stephan Studio, Portland, ME
- 2015 Visiting Artist, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
- 2014 Co- Founder, Portland Mural Initiative, Portland, ME
- 2003–
- 2012 Principal Painter, Northland Design & Construction (Bonnaroo, Phish, Outsidelands, Coachella, etc)