

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name: Lemon, M. Joy

City and country of birth: Grand Rapids, USA

Residence: USA

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Education:

BFA, Illustration, Grand Valley State University, Allendale (GVSU), MI, 2012-2015.
NA, Classical Atelier Instruction, Sadie Valerie Online Atelier, San Francisco, CA, 2020 – present.

Career:

Emergency Communications Operator III, City of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids Police Department), Grand Rapids, MI, 2006-2012.
Instructor, Sadie Valerie Online Atelier, San Francisco, CA, 2023 – present.

Professional memberships:

Grand Valley Artists (GVA)
LowellArts
Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

Artwork medium:

Oil
Charcoal and chalk
Watercolor
Colored pencil
Graphite

Group Exhibition(s):

- 94th Annual MI Contemporary Art Exhibition, Juried Artists, Muskegon Art Museum, Muskegon, MI, 2023.
- Holly Palmer Memorial Art Exhibition, Juried Artists, Holland Area Arts Council, Holland, MI, 2023.
- Festival of the Arts Regional Art Exhibit, Juried Artists, Grand Rapids African American Museum & Archives, Grand Rapids, MI 2023.
- Solo Together, Local Artist Group, LowellArts, Lowell, MI, 2023.
- GVA Juried Exhibition, GVA Artists, Forest Hills Fine Art Center, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- 36th Annual LowellArts West Michigan Art Competition, Juried Artists, LowellArts, Lowell, MI, 2022.

- Festival for the Arts Regional Art Exhibit, Juried Artists, Grand Rapids African American Museum & Archives, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- GVA Members Summer Exhibition, GVA Artists, Grand Valley Artists Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- ArtPrize 12, ArtPrize, Monroe Community Church, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- Festival of the Arts Regional Art Exhibit, Juried Artists, PaLatte Coffee & Art, Grand Rapids, MI, 2021.
- ArtPrize 11, ArtPrize, Monroe Community Church, Grand Rapids, MI, 2021.
- 34th Annual LowellArts West Michigan Art Competition, Juried Artists, LowellArts, Lowell, MI, 2020.
- ArtPrize 10, ArtPrize, One Trick Pony, Grand Rapids, MI, 2018.
- 30th Annual LowellArts West Michigan Art Competition, Juried Artists, LowellArts, Lowell, MI, 2016.
- Second Glance Art Exhibition, Juried ArtPrize Artists, Lowell Arts, Lowell, MI, 2016.
- Between Two Worlds, CIVA, Calvin University Calder Art Center, Grand Rapids, MI, 2015 (included in published catalogue).
- Sacred Art Exhibition, CIVA, Woodlawn CRC Ministry Center at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI, 2015.
- ArtPrize 7, ArtPrize, Monroe Community Church, Grand Rapids, MI, 2015.
- Untitled, GVSU Senior Show, Stuard B & Barbara H. Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI, 2015.
- Student Art Exhibition, GVSU, Calder Art Center, Allendale, MI, 2013.
- ArtPrize 4, ArtPrize, Steketee's Building, Grand Rapids, MI, 2012.
- Student Exhibit, Grand Rapids Community College, Paul Collins Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, 2010.
- ArtPrize 2, ArtPrize, Grand Rapids Police Department, Grand Rapids, MI, 2010.
- ArtPrize 1, ArtPrize, Grand Rapids Police Department, Grand Rapids, MI, 2009.

Honors/Awards:

- Semi-Finalist, 16th International ARC Salon Competition, Art Renewal Center, Online, 2022.
- Finalist, Strokes of Genius 14 Drawing Competition, Artist Magazine, Online, 2022.
- 3rd Plane Winner, Artists to Watch Competition, Artist Magazine & ArtistsNetwork.com, Online, 2022.
- Finalist, Ray & Nancy Loeschner Annual Art Competition, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- 1st Place Winner, GVA Juried Exhibition, Forest Hills Fine Art Center, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- Award Winner, GVA Members Summer Exhibition, Grand Valley Artists Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- Featured Artist, ArtPrize12, Wood TV 8, Grand Rapids, MI, 2022.
- Featured Artist and Monetary Award Winner, ArtPrize 11, Wood TV 8, Grand Rapids, MI, 2021.

- Honorable Mention, 34th Annual LowellArts W. Michigan Art Competition, LowellArts, Lowell, MI, 2020.
- Winner, National Billboard Contest, Gannett Billboard, Grand Rapids, MI, 1991.

Collections:

- Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.
- Calvary Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Work reproduced in (publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist):

- The Best of Drawing Special Issue, Artist Magazine and American Artist, Winte 2023 Edition, The Wrold Around Us, pg. 104, published 2022.
- Artist Magazine Special Edition, Volume 39 Issue 06 Nov/Dec 22, On the Rise, pg.33, Published 2022.
- Work featured in Cheap Joe’s Art Stuff 2022 Guide to Great Art, Catalog #37, Gallery Section, Pg. 22, Published 2022.
- Student Interview on Sadie Valerie Online Atelier, April 2022: <https://www.sadievaleriatelier.com/post/student-interview-m-joy-lemon>

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