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Art Exhibitions

**solo and collaborative installations*

- 2023 *Daydream*, Xiao Zhang Residency, San Francisco, CA USA*
Penn State U.'s School of Visual Arts New Faculty Exhibition, Zoller Gallery, State College, PA USA
Cement & Paper Tigers, Klauzál6 Projekt Galéria, Budapest, Hungary*
Bouquet & Checker Columns, Loft Bubny Holešovice, Prague, Czech Republic*
Restitution, Villa P651, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022 *Eso Tilin Project Group Exhibition 2*, Atlanta Contemporary On-Site, Atlanta, GA USA
Eso Tilin Project Group Exhibition 1, Atlanta Contemporary Courtyard, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2021 *Prairie*, Reeves House Visual Arts Center, Woodstock, GA USA
- 2020 *Kress Building El Paso*, Cooper Carry Charrette, Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA USA
Card-Mod Coffee Table, Industrial Design Charrette, Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2019 *Guesthouse (Remix): Little Matchstick Girl performance*, MINT, Atlanta, GA USA*
Guesthouse, installMINT Grand Opening Exhibition, MINT, Atlanta, GA USA
Mirage 2, Atlanta Fringe Festival, Little Five Points, Atlanta, GA USA*
sandbaggin', Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA*
lagarde, Lagarde American Eatery, Chamblee, GA USA*
- 2018 *ASSEMBLAGE & ARRANGEMENT*, Cat Family Records, Tallahassee, FL USA
LOADING CLOUD, Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL USA*
Pompeii, 651 House Show, Tallahassee, FL USA
PALACE: 2018 MFA Graduate Exhibition, Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL USA
- 2017 *Duststorms: 2017 MFA Biennial*, Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE USA
Fantasy, Day & Night Projects, Atlanta, GA USA
Mirage, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL USA*
PICKETFENCE, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA*
BoneDry, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL USA*
Earth, Body & Ore, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA*
- 2016 *Fantasy*, Metropolitan 250 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA USA
Pompeii, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA*
Memory Palace, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH USA
No Vacancy, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL USA*
Ceiling Feeling s., ARTMAZE, Exposure Gallery, Sioux Falls, SD USA*
BEDAZZLED, 1511 NMLK BLVD, Tallahassee, FL USA*
- 2015 *A Human Record*, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD USA*
Undergraduate Research Exhibition, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA*
OVERFEED, Highpoint Center For Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN USA
- 2014 *Senior Exhibition*, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
STAIRWELL, Everest Gallery, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD USA*
It Takes a Village to Make a Monster, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
Annual Halloween Show, 410 Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
Decay, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
Hannabal Lester, CSU gallery Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA*
St. Peter Arts Center Membership Show, St. Peter Art Center, St. Peter, MN USA
Belle Notte, Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato, MN USA
Inspiration Show, CSU gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
Undergraduate Research Exhibition, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA*
- 2013 *"Hangul Signs"*, Anam-Ro, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea*
Lester Boeh, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA*
Exploit Subject 2, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN USA*
The Librarian is the Juror, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA

- Exploit Subject 1*, Nelson Courtyard, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA*
Undergraduate Research Exhibition, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA*
Annual Juried Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN USA
Annual Halloween Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN USA
Scopophilia, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
One Million Bones, National Mall, Washington D.C USA
 2009 *Untitled*, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, USA

Residencies

**full funding*

- 2023 Xiao Zhang Residency, Private Collector, San Francisco and Joshua Tree National Park, CA USA*
 Budapest Galéria International Artist Resident, Budapest Galéria, Buda Castle, Budapest, Hungary*
 2022 Andy Warhol Foundation/Nexus Fund 3 Month Studio Artist Residency, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA*

Art Honors

- 2023 Zhang Artist Honorarium, Private Collector, San Francisco and Joshua Tree National Park, CA USA
 1-Month Artist Residency Stipend, Municipality of Budapest through Buda Castle and the Budapest Galéria, Budapest, Hungary
 2022 1 of 2 M.Arch International Candidates selected for 2022 in-take, Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM), Prague, Czechia
 2020 Nexus Fund Artist Award, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA
 2018 2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award [Honorable Mention], International Sculpture Center, Hamilton Township, NJ USA
 Graduate Thesis presentation, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
 2016 "Top Art Exhibits and Events in Philly This November", UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA USA
 "Top Picks for First Friday in Philly this November", UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA USA
 Goliath Magazine Issue 1, Goliath Magazine, Minneapolis, MN USA
 A Human Record Interview, JAM ART and SUPPLY, Sioux Falls, SD USA
 Season 12 Manifest Exhibition Annual, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH USA
 2015 Full-Tuition Scholarship, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Undergraduate Scholar: Posters at St. Paul, Capital Mall, St. Paul, MN USA
 South Dakota Artist Career Development Grant, South Dakota Arts Council, Pierre, SD USA
 2014 Undergraduate Research Student Spotlight, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 Inspiration Show [Honorable Mention], CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 2013 Minnesota Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 Scopophilia Exhibition Award, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
 2012 Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA

Curatorial

- 2018 *SOUP x CatFest 2018*, Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL USA
SOUP x Wiregress Museum of Art, Dothan, AL USA
Chris Boyko: Automatism, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
SOUP x Wilbury, Tallahassee, FL USA

SOUP x Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x RareStone Records, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x The Bark, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x Cap City Video Lounge, Tallahassee, FL USA
 In-House, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Eurotrilll DJ Night, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 PORTAL 4 x Litterbox, 327 Meadowbrook Ln, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Toni Ardizzone: Savage to Savage, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x Georgia State University Graduate Artist Forum, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Day & Night Projects: Supermoon ft. William Downs, Steven Anderson and Mark Leibert, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 LOVENOTES, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 2017 SOUP x Day & Night Projects: FANTASY, Day & Night Projects, Atlanta, GA USA
 Portal 3 Midtown Art Crawl, Midtown Business District, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x CatFest 2017, Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Calvin LL. Jones: Football Church, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Colleen Itani: It's Important if I'm Crying/if I'm Crying it's important, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Sydney Ewerth: Ramblin', SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Mathew Mitros: Parallel Play, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x Cat Family Records: Summer Session 2017, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Chris Boyko: Visceral Meditation, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Michelle LaFrance: Michelle LaFrance, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Celeste Ivory: Floccus, SOUP Experimental, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Lordscience: Alienation, Harmony and Variance, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Portal 2, Marie Dull's House, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Amanda Crary & Codey Gallas: Time Savor, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Nathaniel Hendrickson, Rebecca Fitton, Kayla McClellan x SOUP x Community Arts Initiative: A Dismantling Process, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 One.Will's selected RAP & Poetry, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Elise Thompson: Threw It Through It, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Carrie Ann Baade, Amanda Boekhout, Kelly Gallo: Goddess Lounge, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 LOVENOTES Poetry Night, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Bailey The Bear, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Georgia State MFA Showcase, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 SOUP EXPERIMENTAL BIRTHDAY, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 SOUP x THE JOURNEY MGMT: THE INTRANET, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 2016 SOUP x METROPOLITAN 250 GALLERY: FANTASY, Metropolitan 250 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA USA
 Sean Hamilton: Soft Opening, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Calvin LL. Jones: ghostinthe toy, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 FRUIT 1, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Kyle Marler: Flattersitter + The Dream Wanderer, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Patrick Shevlin: Unintentionally Nautical, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 Austin Yorke: a self-annihilating nothing, SOUP Experimental, FL USA
 SOUP x GRASSLANDS BREWERY, Grasslands Brewery, Tallahassee, FL USA
 PORTAL, 651 West Ave House, Tallahassee, FL USA
 OPEN, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Mary Chong, Tenee Hart, Justin Bumpers: Dilate, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Local DIY Horror Movie Fest, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Classic Blood Social, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Hannah Schwadron, Jamour, A'Lon, Miracle, Faking Jazz, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 SOUP x MFA Delaware Showcase, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
 Chelsea Raflo: MT. SOMA, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA

- Choreography Wave Noise*, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Dwellings, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Lucia Riffel, Sierra Kramer, Carrell Courtright: Space and Charm, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Hannah Thompson Movement Sculpture, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Special May Performances, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Kathleen Saunders: Subtropical, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Nathan Hendrickson: Dance of Life, Soul Extraction and Replacement, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Matthew Lawrence: Anywhere but Brooklyn, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
Brittany Watkin: Lucia Not-Self, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
2015 *Lucia Riffel's Wizard of Breakfast*, Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL USA

SOUP Artist Video Series

note: click text to watch interview or highlights

- 2018 [Video Interview](#): Day & Night Projects ft. William Downs, Steven Anderson
[Video Interview](#): Lordscience Universal
2017 [Video Interview](#): Carrie Ann Baade
[Video Interview](#): The Goddess Lounge
[Video Highlight](#): Portal 3
[Video Highlight](#): Portal 2
[Video Interview](#): Bailey the Bear
[Video Interview](#): Amelia Carley & Aaron Putt
[Video Interview](#): Journey MGMT: The Intranet
2016 [Video Interview](#): Scott Bell & Cat Family Records
[Video Interview](#): Kenneth Von Roenn
[Video Interview](#): Sean Hamilton
[Video Interview](#): The Dream Wanderer, Kyle Marler

SOUP Art Writing Series

note: to read articles visit ashtonbird.com/written

- 2017 Opinion: Rachel Ballard's *Use Me*
Opinion: Joe Hadden's *665 and 13*
Opinion: Larkin Ford's *Faith Healer at the Buffet*
Opinion: Celeste Ivory's *Floccus*
Opinion: Michelle Lafrance's *Tangible*
Opinion: Amanda Crary and Codey Gallas's *Time Savor*
2016 Opinion: Ashton Bird's *Pompeii*
Opinion: Lucia Riffel's *Welcome to Nowhere*
Opinion: Jason Lake's *Trench Laundry Service*

Curatorial Honors

- 2017 Review: Day & Night's Fantasy Shows Multiple Worlds Mingling, ArtATL, Atlanta, GA USA
Review: SOUP Experimental, Venison Magazine, San Francisco, CA USA
Interview: SOUP x Tallahassee Council on Culture & Art, WTXL Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL USA
Interview: SOUP Experimental Garners Creative Collaboration, FSview, Tallahassee, FL USA
2016 Ranking: 2nd Best Exhibition in Philadelphia, November 2016, UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA USA
Review: Tallahassee Artists to open 2016-2017 season, Breadhead, Philadelphia, PA USA
Interview: Department of Art MFA Student, Ashton Bird & SOUP experimental, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
Interview: Ashton Bird Redefines Art Galleries, Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, FL USA

Architectural Lighting Design

- 2023 *Kress Spa*, Luxury Spa & Resort, El Paso, TX USA
Kress Food Hall, Commercial & Mixed Use, El Paso, TX USA
Riverview Square Hotel, Commercial & Mixed-Use, Clarksville, TN USA
Frenchman's Reef Marriot, Hospitality & Restaurant Lighting, St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands USA
Millcity Tavern, Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport, Restaurant Lighting, St. Paul, MN USA
Amelia Gene's Machine Shop, Restaurant Lighting, Memphis, TN USA
The Palm House Hotel, Hospitality Lighting, Palm Beach, FL USA
Midtown Union Exterior Feature Façade, RGBW Feature Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA
Carolina Country Club, Restaurant Lighting, Raleigh, NC USA
Peachtree Dunwoody Pavilion, Commercial and Retail Mixed-Use, Sandy Springs, GA USA
- 2022 *Rumi's Colony Square*, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA
- 2021 *Spaceman Hyatt Buckhead*, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA
Mount Royal Hyatt Buckhead, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA
Cooper Carry Office, Office Lighting Redesign, Atlanta, GA USA
Casa Don Alfonso, The Ritz-Carlton, Restaurant Lighting, St. Louis, MO USA
The Cigar Club, The Ritz-Carlton, Restaurant Lighting, St. Louis, MO USA
Landing Fancy Fish, Restaurant Lighting, Memphis, TN USA
The Jimmy Italian Pasteria & Pizzeria, Restaurant Lighting, Charlotte, NC USA
Virtuoso Club House, Commercial Club & Spa Lighting, Huntsville, AL USA
Windstar Cruise ship Boutique, Retail Lighting, Seattle, WA USA
Assembly Food Hall, Commercial Food Hall, Rosslyn, VA USA
- 2019 *Sante MD Wellness Center*, Commercial Medical Spa, Atlanta, GA USA
260 Stratford Road, Residential Lighting Redesign, Asheville, NC USA
Lighting Loft Custom Chandelier Design, Atlanta, GA USA
Moniz Mansion Blue Ridge Mountain Club, Residential Lighting, Blowing Rock, NC USA
1738 Marlbrook DR NE, Residential Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA
Kennesaw Loft B&B, Commercial Lighting, Kennesaw, GA USA
Tech Lighting Display Booth, Exhibition Design, Atlanta, GA USA
6580 Indian Creek Drive, Residential Lighting, Miami Beach, FL USA
- 2018 *Alon's Bakery*, Commercial Warehouse Lighting, Atlanta, GA USA
Bernes Warehouse 3230 DR. Cumberland, Retail Lighting, Chamblee, GA USA
Chabad of North Fulton, Commercial Sanctuary Lighting, Alpharette, GA USA
Guitierrez Residence, Residential Lighting, Vinings, GA USA

Design Honors

note: studio, team & project awards

- 2022 Restaurant New Construction Award of Merit: *Rumi's Colony Square, Atlanta, GA USA*, AIA Atlanta Residential & Hospitality Design Awards
ASID Design Excellence Award, Hospitality Country Club, Gold: *Cherokee Country Club, Knoxville, TN USA*, American Society of Interior Designers
ASID Design Excellence Awards, Hospitality Restaurants, Silver: *Casa Don Alfonso at The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO USA*, American Society of Interior Designers
Atlanta Magazine Georgia Design Award, Contract Design Restaurant/Bar, Silver: *Rumi's Colony Square, Atlanta, GA USA*, Atlanta Magazine
Illumination Award, Merit: *Casa Don Alfonso at The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO USA*, Illuminating Engineering Society
Atlanta's 25 Top Largest Architectural Firms: Cooper Carry Ranked #1, Atlanta, GA USA, Atlanta Business Chronicle
- 2021 Hospitality Design Award for Best Club and Lounge: *The Cigar Club at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis, MO USA*, Hospitality Design Magazine
NAIOP Best of Northern Virginia Awards, Retail Award of Merit: *Assembly at Rosslyn City Center, Rosslyn, VA USA*, Commercial Real Estate Development Association

- Atlanta's 25 Top Largest Architectural Firms: Cooper Carry Ranked #1, Atlanta, GA USA, Atlanta Business Chronicle
2020 Atlanta's 25 Top Largest Architectural Firms: Cooper Carry Ranked #1, Atlanta, GA USA, Atlanta Business Chronicle

Professional Experience

- 2024- Design Specialist, Troon | RealFood Hospitality, Strategy & Design, Boston, MA USA
2023- John M Anderson Visiting Full Time Assistant Professor, Penn State University's School of Visual Arts, State College, PA USA
2024 Designer II, The Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA USA
2019 Designer I and Social Media Strategist, The Lighting Loft, Atlanta, GA USA
2018 Director and Founder, SOUP Experimental, Tallahassee, FL USA
2020 Sculpture Lab Technician, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
2015 Exhibition Preparator, Christopher Cutts Gallery, Art Miami Basel, Miami, FL USA
2017 Gallery Guard, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN USA
2014 Ceramics Studio Internship, The Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD USA
Raku and Ceramics Technician, Dakota Pottery, Sioux Falls, SD USA

Volunteer Experience

- 2021- Volunteer Craftsmen, Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta, GA USA
2020 Event Volunteer, Cat Family Records, Tallahassee, FL USA
2021- Event Volunteer, Alliance Theater, Atlanta, GA USA
2018 Event Volunteer, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta, GA USA
Event Volunteer, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA USA
Event Volunteer, Museum of Design, Atlanta, GA USA

Education

- 2027- Master of Architecture Candidate: Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM), Prague, Czechia
2022 MFA Studio Art: Installation, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL USA
2018 BFA Studio Art: Ceramics, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN USA
2014 Ceramic Apprentice, Itaewon, Seoul, South Korea
2012 Experimental Drawing, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea