

Erinn McKenna

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Bio:

Erinn McKenna is an interdisciplinary artist based in Connecticut who received her BA in New Media from SUNY Purchase in 2019. McKenna combines her academic explorations in media studies and interactive technology with a lifelong interest in the natural world to create works that examine the intersections between the virtual and physical realms. She works across sculpture, installation, and digital forms to address societal hierarchies, internet complexities, as well as the relationship between digital and living entities.

Education:

- BA in New Media, SUNY Purchase
- Photography/ Video Production, Regional Center for the Arts

Awards:

- President's Award for Achievement, School of Film and Media Studies
- Colorful Bridgeport's "A Pop of Color" Grant for public installation series

Group Exhibitions:

- 2020- Hudson on Pratt "This Will Only Hurt A Little" Hartford, CT
- 2020- Ely Center for Contemporary Art "Wonder Working" hosted on Digital Grace, Online Exhibition.
- 2020- Ely Center for Contemporary Art "Witchy and Extra Human" New Haven, CT.
- 2020- 26 Mill Street "Mill Street Project" New Haven, CT.
- 2019- Public Art Installation Series "A Pop of Color" Bridgeport, CT.
- 2019- Jacob Burns Film Center "Pushing the Frame" Pleasantville, NY.
- 2019- The Passage Gallery "Off/On: New Media Thesis Exhibition" Purchase, NY.
- 2019- Forum Art Space "Collective" Purchase, NY.
- 2018- Two Walls Gallery "SPREAD" Purchase, NY.

Artist Statement:

Currently my artwork is taking form in large scale installations that combine traditional sculpture techniques and new technologies. After spending four years working towards my degree in digital technology, I have changed gears towards physical sculpture and installation.

Combining my knowledge in media theory with my passion for nature, I use digital media, found object installation, and fibers techniques to create a unique brand of artwork. My artwork is the product of how I experience the world around me. I am deeply inspired by the internet and networks of life and communication.