

M I C H A E L P . B R A N C A

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004 – present Southern Maine Community College, S. Portland/ Brunswick, ME *Adjunct Instructor*
Midcoast Campus Art Program Coordinator
Adult Education Instructor
Board Member
2025 – present Merrymeeting Adult Education, Topsham, ME *Panelist, Artist Project Grant*
2025 – present Brunswick Public Art, Brunswick, ME *Continuing Studies Instructor*
2024 – 2025 Maine Arts Commission, Augusta, ME *Pre-College Instructor*
2011 – 2019 Maine College of Art & Design, Portland, ME

EDUCATION & RESIDENCIES

2011 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA *MFA*
2003 Monhegan Artists Residency, Monhegan, ME *Residency / Fellowship*
2002 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT *Residency / Fellowship*
1999 Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME *Residency / Fellowship*
1996 Colby College, Waterville, ME *BA cum laude, Studio Art*
1994 – 1995 Temple University Rome, Rome, Italy *Year abroad*
1992 Noble & Greenough School, Dedham, MA *Diploma*

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 Chocolate Church, Bath, ME *Paint? Paint!*
2017 Southard House Museum, Richmond, ME *Into the Woods*
2015 Stadler Gallery, Kingfield, ME *Balancing Act*
2011 Three Fish Gallery, Portland, ME *The Solid Earth! The Actual World!*
2008 Stadler Gallery, Kingfield, ME *Recent Work*
2005 Stadler Gallery, Kingfield, ME *Branching Out*
2004 Three Fish Gallery, Portland, ME *Caution: Wet Paint*
2002 June Fitzpatrick Gallery, Portland, ME *Reclamations*
2001 Filament Gallery, Portland, ME *Naked & Smiling*
1999 Three Fish Gallery, Portland, ME *Brain Drops*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME (catalogue) *Art, Ecology, and the Resilience of a Maine Island: The Monhegan Wildlands*
2025 Charles Danforth Gallery at University of Maine Augusta *Artists / Educators*
2025 Merrymeeting Arts Center, Bowdoinham, ME *Obscure*
2024 – 2025 Bureau of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources, Augusta, ME *Celebrating Art & Agriculture*
2020 – 2025 L.C. Bates Museum, Hinckley, ME *Gardens / Transitions / Maine Waters*
2004 – 2025 Southern Maine Community College, Brunswick, ME *Group exhibitions*
2023 LA Arts, Lewiston, ME *Coyote For All Seasons*
2023 Maine State Capitol Complex, Augusta, ME *National Arts Program State of Maine Exhibit*
2017 UMVA Gallery at CTN, Portland, ME *Light in the Dark*
2016 – 2017 L.C. Bates Museum, Hinckley, ME *Maine Wood(s) / Open Spaces*
2016 Three Fish Gallery, Portland, ME *With a Bang!*
2015 Maine College of Art, Portland, ME *Create IV*
2014 – 2015 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME *Inspired by Katahdin*
2013 – 2016 Littlefield Gallery, Winter Harbor, ME *Gallery representation*
2011 – 2015 North Light Gallery, Millinocket, ME *Gallery representation*
2014 Lewis Gallery, Portland Public Library, Portland, ME *Ten Years of Art at SMCC: Faculty Exhibition*
2014 L.C. Bates Museum, Hinckley, ME *Maine Northern Skies: Clear Light*
2014 Thos. Moser, Freeport, ME *Monhegan Artists' Residency—25 Years*
2014 New Era Gallery, Vinalhaven, ME *Artists of Katahdin Paint Vinalhaven*
2013 Chocolate Church Art Gallery, Bath, ME *The Maine Woods*
2013 Rose Contemporary, Portland, ME *SMCC Faculty Show*
2013 Thos. Moser, Freeport, ME *The Art of Katahdin*
2013 Three Fish Gallery, Portland, ME *Vittles*
2013 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME *Play*
2012 – 2013 L.C. Bates Museum, Hinckley, ME *Gift of the Glacier / Humanity in Nature*
2012 Caldbeck Gallery, Rockland, ME *Winter Group Show*

2011	University City Arts League , Philadelphia, PA	<i>Wish You Were There</i>
2011	Del Mar College , Corpus Christi, TX (catalogue)	<i>National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show</i>
2011	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts , Philadelphia, PA	<i>MFA Thesis Exhibition</i>
2011	Gallery 128 , Philadelphia, PA	<i>Anatomy at the Academy</i>
2010	Margot & Camille , Philadelphia, PA	<i>One Show Ten Artists</i>
2010	Monhegan Artists Residency , Monhegan, ME (catalogue)	<i>MARC @ 20</i>
2010	Gallery 128 , Philadelphia, PA	<i>Look at Me</i>
2007	Center for Maine Contemporary Art , Rockport, ME	<i>Tiny / Body Parts</i>
2007	Waterfall Arts , Belfast, ME	<i>Fresh Blood: Exquisite Corpse Near & Far</i>
2006	Whitney Art Works , Portland, ME	<i>Holiday Mixer</i>
2006	Center for Maine Contemporary Art , Rockport, ME	<i>Skowhegan at 60: The Maine Participants</i>
2006	Élan Fine Arts , Rockland, ME	<i>Carina House Celebration</i>
2005–06	University of Southern Maine , Portland, ME	<i>War Flowers: From Swords to Plowshares</i>
2005	Center for Maine Contemporary Art , Rockport, ME	<i>A Celebration of the Art of Wood</i>
2005	Southern Maine Community College , South Portland, ME	<i>Unmasked</i>
2005	College of the Atlantic , Bar Harbor, ME	<i>Self Portrait / Portrait</i>
2003 – 2005	Élan Fine Arts , Rockland, ME	<i>Gallery representation</i>
2004	Maine State Capitol , Augusta, ME	<i>About Maine</i>
2004	University of New England , Portland, ME	<i>Home</i>
2004	Contemporary Artists Center , North Adams, MA (catalogue)	<i>Closer In</i>
2002 – 2003	Center for Maine Contemporary Art , Rockport, ME	<i>Curiosity / Past Present Future</i>
2000 – 2002	Saco Museum , Saco, ME	<i>Still Lives: A Tradition Retold / Animals in Art</i>
2000	Maine Artists Space/ Danforth Gallery , Portland, ME	<i>Unknown Generation X: Who Are We?</i>
1999	Maine Artists Space/ Danforth Gallery , Portland, ME	<i>The Next Decade, Century, Millennium</i>
1999	LC Bates Museum , Hinckley, ME	<i>Camouflage</i>
1997 – 1998	ArtLab , Arroyo Seco, NM	<i>Gallery representation</i>

COLLECTIONS, PROJECTS & AWARDS

2019	Hannaford Supermarket , Brunswick, ME	<i>Abundance I & II</i> murals
2019	Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program , Brunswick, Maine	<i>Studies for Abundance</i>
2017	Southern Maine Community College , South Portland, ME	<i>Course Development Grant</i>
2016	Maine Arts Commission , Augusta, ME	<i>Finalist, SMCC Percent for Art</i>
2013 – 2024	Southern Maine Community College , Brunswick, ME	Several student murals/permanent installations
2009	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts , Philadelphia, PA	<i>Merit Award</i>
2005	Southern Maine Community College , South Portland, Maine	<i>Reach</i> mural
2004	Maine Arts Commission , Augusta, ME	<i>Good Idea Grant</i>

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- Dale Hill, “A trek to Kingfield yields a superlative gallery show,” *Sun Journal*, July 24, 2015.
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- Rachel Shelly, “Hark, Who Swims There?” *The Times Record*, April 24, 2013.
- Daniel Kany, “Romantics Run Happily Amok,” *Portland Press Herald*, July 8, 2012.
- Aislinn Sarnacki, “Painting the Unknown,” *Bangor Daily News*, September 26, 2011.
- Candace Karu, “The Art of Assemblage,” *Maine Home + Design*, January–February, 2009.
- Carl Little, “In Residence: Coastal retreats offer inspiration to financially challenged artists,” *Island Journal*, vol. 24, 2008.
- Seth Kelly, “Michael Branca,” *Artscape*, The journal of Five Rivers Arts Alliance, Fall, 2008.
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- Scott & Woodhull, *A Gift of Monhegan*, Monhegan Artists Residency Corporation, 2006.
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- Philip Isaacson, “Not a Who's Who, but a Very Good Start,” *Maine Sunday Telegram*, September 1, 2002.
- Aimee Curl, “The Extraordinary Art of Michael Branca,” *Maine Times*, April 19, 2001.
- Christopher Thompson, “Naked & Smiling,” *Portland Phoenix*, April 12, 2001.
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