



JOAN JOTHI SALDANHA

Artist Statement

As a mixed media artist, my work engages a visual language of storytelling. A visual narrative of what was is and could be, I take you on a journey of self-discovery. Working with acrylic, ink, water colour and pastel, and using various surfaces such as, canvas, stone, wood, and metal, I create colour, texture and line that engenders a sense of movement and rhythm. Always seeking to move beyond conventional forms of expression, my artistic process reflects the layers and nuanced nature of lived experience. Currently engaged in the soulful work of exploring the divine feminine, my work conveys an inquiry into my life's purpose; who I am when I take off all of all my hats!

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Exhibitions & Shows

2018	Visual Arts Exhibitor at The Steps Initiative, Equilibrium Show, Toronto, Ontario
2018	Visual Arts Exhibitor at Vibe Arts Festival, Ontario Place, Toronto, Ontario
2018	Visual Arts Exhibitor at RAW Toronto Artists, Mod Club Theatre, Toronto, Ontario
2018	Visual Arts Exhibition at Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario
2017	Artist in Residency at Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario
2017	Arts Facilitator at How to in Ten Festival, Whitby Public Library, Whitby, Ontario
2016	Visual Art Exhibition at McLean Community Centre, Ajax, Ontario
2016	Art Vendor at Made With Love, Scarborough, Ontario
2016	Art Vendor at Karen Carrington Pop up Shop, Toronto, Ontario
2015	Visual Arts Exhibition at Neighbourhood Art Gallery, Tending the Wallflower, Toronto, Ontario
2015	Art Vendor at How She Hustles Fall Pop Up, North York, Ontario
2015	Art Vendor at Mommy & Me Show, Oshawa, Ontario
2014	Art Vendor at Lakeside P.S. Christmas Fair – Ajax, Ontario
2014	Art Vendor at Women on the Rise, Ajax, Ontario
2014	Art Vendor at Fairmount Fall Fair, Scarborough, Ontario

Workshop Development & Facilitation

2018	Art Instruction for Islamic Heritage Month – Muslim Educators of Durham Region
2018	Allenby Summer Art Camp, ages 4-12 – Toronto
2018	Desire Mapping at Community Innovations Lab- Oshawa
2018	Access Alliance Multicultural Health & Community Services, ages 4-10 - Toronto
2016 - Present	Creative Coyote's Club at Carruther's Creek P.S., ages 7-10 - Ajax
2017	Creative Community at Community Development Council of Durham - Ajax
2017	Youth Anti-Oppression, Anti- Racism Forum at Ruckus - Toronto
2017	Social Justice Art at Youth Action Network and The Spot Jane & Finch - Toronto
2017	Creative Programs for Mixed Abilities & Learning Differences at Christian Horizons - Whitby
2017	Parents as Partners STEM to STEAM Symposium at Durham District School Board - Whitby
2017	Vision Board at Soulful Ministries, BrandLove Co., and Vivian Kung - Toronto
2016/2017	Private One-on-one art activities with Kavya age 8 - Scarborough
2016	Muslim Mothers of Durham Region - Ajax
2015/2016	Harwood Retirement Residence – Ajax
2015	Durham Mental Health Services New Leaf Program - Ajax
2015	Art in the Park – Ajax

Photography & Art Commissions

2018	Event photography for Take Back the Night - Toronto
2018	Wedding photography for Natasha & Graeme Eck – Toronto and Jamaica
2018	Mixed media art piece for Sonja Anderson - Toronto
2018	Maternity photoshoots for Vivian Kung & Cin Aragon
2016	Family photoshoot for Chante Salick – Pickering
2016	Wedding photography for Tanya E. Dennis - Markham
2016	Headshots and website photography for Tanika Riley - Whitby
2016	Family photoshoot for Mommy Connections Durham – Ajax
2016	Website and promotion photography for Studio Cakes - Brampton
2015	Event photography for Our Love is Reckless - Brampton
2015	Event photography for Toronto People's Social Forum - Toronto
2015	Event photography for Biker Boyz Blocko – Mississauga
2015	Event photography for Strength of a Woman - Toronto
2015	Event photography for Coffee & Cheesecake – Oakville
2015	Event photography for Women's United Network – Ajax
2015	Event photography for Voice of Purpose – Toronto
2015-2018	Family photoshoot for Melanie Sharp – Ajax
2015-2018	Mixed media art pieces for Janise Smith, Snapd Scarborough Mother's Day - Scarborough
2015	India ink art piece for Tanya E. Dennis - Scarborough
2015	India ink art piece for Shalinie Dindayal - Oshawa
2014	Event photography for The Devine Feminine – Toronto

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Media & Publications

2018	Medicine for the Resistance – Niagara Podcasters Network, Ontario
2018	Savage Desires – Frequency 5fm Radio Toronto, Ontario
2017	The Karen Carrington Show – Frequency 5fm Toronto, Ontario
2017	Words by Michelle Toronto, Ontario
2017	Island Muse: http://islandmuse.ca/know-thyself/
2016	ArtScene printed by Weller Publishing Inc. 78 Advance Road, Etobicoke, ON •416-233-2123 www.wellerpublishing.com http://pineridgearts.org/forms/ArtInPublicPlaces.pdf
2015	Art & Poetry: The Ride or Die Project –Toronto https://therideordieproject.com/tag/joanie-jonez/
2015	Photography & Poetry: Static Zine, Body Issue #11 – Toronto
2015	Art: From the RootZine, The Body Issue #2 – Toronto https://fromtherootzine.wordpress.com/

Community Development Work

2015-Present	Organizer of donation drives for local shelters – Greater Toronto Area
2015-Present	Artist Facilitator at Carruther's Creek P.S. – Ajax
2010-Present	Group Facilitator at COPE Community Care Durham – Pickering

Education

2018	Sacred Women's International – Sacred Leadership Training Graduate Certificate
2018	Leadership Durham Graduate Certificate
2016	COPE Community Care Durham – Group Facilitation Training Certificate
2012	COPE Community Care Durham – Individual Personal Support Training Certificate
1999	International Academy of Design – Graphic Design and Illustration Diploma
1993	Ryerson University – Bachelor of Science Degree
1989	St. Joseph's Morrow Park H.S. – Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Grants & Awards

2017	Awarded Top Ten Women Entrepreneur by Soulful Image Magazine
2017	Impact Ajax Grant Recipient - The Town of Ajax
2017	Healthy Kids Community Challenge Grant Recipient - Ontario Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
2015	Parent Reaching Out Grant Recipient - Durham District School Board

Entrepreneurship/Community Leadership/Affiliations

2018/2019	School Community Council Chair – Carruther's Creek P.S.
2016 – Present	Durham District School Board, Parents as Partners Committee member
2013 – Present	Founder at Jothi Creative
2015 - Present	Pineridge Arts Council member
2010 – Present	Owner/Operator, Happy Home Childcare Services