



Joe Tuggle Lacina

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Joe is an artist, curator, and designer based in Grinnell, Iowa.

Born 1985, Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

Joe holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Dimensional Practice from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art - MICA. He is currently employed at Grinnell College as the Studio Art Technical Assistant. He is currently involved in projects, programming, and renovations at the Grinnell Area Arts Council. Additionally, Joe is renovating and developing Cupola Gallery, a contemporary art gallery and performance space also located in Grinnell, which will exhibit artworks in an unconventional and experiential installation-based format.

Through the years, Joe has been involved in numerous arts organizations. He founded and co-directed Grin City Collective, an artist residency program, located on his family farm outside of Grinnell, IA. Joe also co-founded and co-curated Extra Extra, an art gallery and performance space, located in Philadelphia, PA. Joe has also worked at the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia assisting with art installation and documentation. Joe maintains a varied studio practice producing works of sculpture, paintings, furniture, structures (small-buildings), and new media (web-art, NFTs, 3D-prints, XR).

EDUCATION

2017 MFA, The University of Iowa, Dimensional Practice, Iowa City, IA

2016 MA, The University of Iowa, Dimensional Practice, Iowa City, IA

2008 BFA, MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art), Baltimore, MD

BUSINESS

Cupola - Art Space & Café - Exhibitions Manager, Curator, Barista, 2019-present, Grinnell, IA

Grinnell College - Studio Art Technical Assistant, 2017-present, Grinnell, IA

University of Iowa - Instructor of Record, 2014-2017, Iowa City, IA

Grin City Collective - Artist & Writers Residency - Founder, Co-Director, & Project Coordinator, 2006-2018, Grinnell, IA

Extra Extra - Art Gallery & Performance Space - Co-Founder and Co-Curator, 2009-2012, Philadelphia, PA

Fabric Workshop and Museum - Tour Guide and Shop Assistant, 2010-2011, Philadelphia, PA

AWARDS, GRANTS, RESIDENCIES, & FELLOWSHIPS

2022 FY 2023 Iowa Artist Fellowship, State of Iowa

2005 MICA - Painting Exhibition Prize Recipient, Baltimore, MD

2004 Golden Paint Brush Award, GHS, Grinnell, IA

2004 Salon Show, Prize Recipient, GCMoA, Grinnell, IA

2003 All-State Art Prize Recipient, State of Iowa

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2022 Iowa Itinerant Internet, MdW Assembly, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
2022 ABSTRACT Expressions Exhibition, Red Bluff Art Gallery, Red Bluff, CA
2022 All Abstract, 311 Gallery, Raleigh, NC
2021 Wendigo House, Llenning Gallery, Grinnell, IA
2021 Stew Buildout Performance, Stew Makerspace, Grinnell, IA
2017 YM#23, Yeah Maybe, Minneapolis, MN
2017 Limits, Smith Gallery, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA
2017 Intersections, Coe College Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA
2017 Post Truth, MFA Exhibition, VAB – 2nd Floor Gallery, Iowa City, IA
2016 Awkward Portal, Public Space One, Iowa City, IA
2016 Plain Landscapes, Saints Rest, Grinnell, IA
2016 Pursuit of Happiness, Legion Arts CSPA, Cedar Rapids, IA
2016 Body and Machine, Make It Move, Northrup King Building, Minneapolis, MN
2016 Art at the Edge of the Landfill Exhibition, Artisans Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA
2015 The Full-blown Bubble, Drewelowe Gallery, Iowa City, IA
2015 BYOBeamer @ PS1, Public Space One, Iowa City, IA
2014 A Pile of Time and Energy, Installation Space Ulwa Art Menards, Iowa City, IA
2014 cY9h3r, Des Moines Social Club, Des Moines, IA
2014 Culture Lab, Science Center of Iowa, Des Moines, IA
2014 The Chime, GAAC - Grinnell Arts Center sculpture, Grinnell, IA
2014 One Night Gallery Show, Michael J. Manatt Community Center, Brooklyn, IA
2013 Layers of Containment: Cat Castles and Curated Cocktails, GAAC, Grinnell, IA
2013 Appendix Blanket Sale, Appendix Space, Portland, OR
2012 First Among Equals, Ditto Suite, ICA, Philadelphia, PA
2012 Community of Community, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA
2012 Flashflood, Little Berlin, Philadelphia, PA
2011 Department of Alternative Affairs, City Hall Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2011 A Rod Stewart Little Richard Prince Charles Manson Family, LVL3, Chicago, IL
2011 A Given Distance, Ditch Projects, Eugene, OR
2010 Soft Focus, Extra Extra, Philadelphia PA
2010 Moss Waves, My House Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2008 Altered Landscapes, Grin City Collective, Grinnell, IA
2008 Open MAP, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

PRESS

Peggy Elliott, "Tuggle Lacina named to prestigious state artist fellowship," Grinnell Herald Register, August 11, 2022, https://www.joetugglelacina.com/ghr_iowa_artist

Lily Bohlke, "Grinnell Artist: Joe Lacina," The Scarlet and Black, October 15, 2018, <http://www.thesandb.com/article/grinnell-artist-joe-lacina.html?print=print>

Adam Burke, "PS1 show features artists who use light as a medium," Little Village Magazine, March 4, 2015, <https://littlevillagemag.com/ps1-show-features-artists-who-use-light-as-a-medium/>

Wendy Parker, "Joe Lacina, Pile of Time and Energy," The Daily Palette, August 7, 2015, <https://dailypalette.uiowa.edu/index.php?artwork=3815>

Rob Dillard, "A Rare Writing Project from the Artists Known as Grin City," Iowa Public Radio, May 13, 2015, <https://www.iowapublicradio.org/arts-life/2015-05-13/a-rare-writing-project-from-the-artists-known-as-grin-city>

Katrina Neumann, "Stephanie Clark on Grin City Collective," Rate My Artist Residency, March 1, 2014, <https://ratemyartistresidency.com/resources/interviews/stephanie-clark-on-grin-city-collective/>

Michael Morain, "Iowa's Grin City Collective helps creative minds wander," Des Moines Register, August 23, 2014, <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/entertainment/arts/arts-in-iowa/2014/08/23/grin-city-collective-grinnell-iowa-creative-artists-refuge/14445273/>

Molly Rideout, "Cultivating Ecological Themes in Art," Artist Communities Alliance, December 12, 2013, <https://artistcommunities.org/cultivating-ecological-themes-art>

Editor, "Grin City Collective," Temporary, June 18, 2013, <https://temporaryartreview.com/grin-city-collective/>

Claudia Mueller, "Grin City Arts Collective | Artists Mingle with the Local Community in Grinnell's Popular Residency Program," The Iowa Source, May 2, 2013, https://www.iowasource.com/2013/05/02/arts2013_05/

Jacob Feige, "Gone, at least from this city: Extra Extra and Possible Projects," Title Magazine, May 2, 2012, <http://www.title-magazine.com/2012/05/gone-at-least-from-this-city-extra-extra-and-possible-projects/>

Libby and Roberta, "Deep thoughts at Extra Extra, on Artblog Radio," The Art Blog, May 15, 2011, <https://www.theartblog.org/2011/05/deep-thoughts-at-extra-extra-on-artblog-radio/>

Katie Fanuko, "Gallery Spotlight: Extra Extra" Alarm Magazine, April 14, 2011, <https://alarm-magazine.com/2011/gallery-spotlight-extra-extra/>