

# Mai Tran

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### Education

**2026** MFA - Printmaking, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

**2023** MA - Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN

**2021** BFA - Printmaking / Photography, Magna Cum Laude, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN

**2012** BID - Interior, Exterior & Decorating, Hong Bang International University, Hochiminh City, Vietnam

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### Teaching Experience

#### **2025 / Lead Instructor**

Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

*One-day workshop in Relief & Intaglio for Baroque Art History class, taught by Hannah Wiegke*

#### **2023 - present / Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

*ARTS 1103 - Intro to Printmaking: Relief, Screen & Digital Processes*

*ARTS 3130 - Intermediate Printmaking: Tradition & Contemporary Approaches (Intaglio & Lithography)*

*ARTS 5140 - Advanced Printmaking*

*ARTS 3180 - Zines, Comics and Books*

#### **2021 - 2023 / Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Art & Design. Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN

*Instructor of record, ART 100 - Elements & Principles of Art course, 4 semesters.*

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## Solo Exhibitions

### 2025 IN THE REVERIE

Travelling Exhibition

*June 12 - July 30 / Ouray Public Library. Ouray, CO* [More info](#)

*January 13 - February 6 / Hutchinson Gallery. Ridgewater College - Hutchinson Campus, Hutchinson, MN*

### 2024 IN THE REVERIE

Travelling Exhibition

*November 12 - December 13 / Willmar Gallery. Ridgewater College - Willmar Campus, Hutchinson, MN* [More info](#)

*June 7 - July 6 / Carlander Gallery. Paradise Center for the Arts. Faribault, MN* [More info](#)

### 2023 WONDERLAND

MA Thesis Exhibition

*Effie R. Conkling Gallery. Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN* [More info](#)

### 2021 HALLUCINATION - Relief Prints and Matrices

*410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN* [More info](#)

### 2020 MAI TRAN - The Art of Contemporary Printmaking

*The Dear Teahouse. Hochiminh City, Vietnam* [More info](#)

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## Public Art

### 2025 Lichen-centered Experiential Symposium (CHANT)

*Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN* [More info](#)

### 2023 Art on Hennepin Avenue (Hennepin Theater Trust)

*Pence building, 800 Hennepin Avenue. Minneapolis, MN* [More info](#)

### 2022 Twin Rivers' ARTBoards Project (Twin Rivers Council for the Arts)

*Billboard on Highway 22 South. Minneapolis, MN* [More info](#)

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## Permanent Collection

### 2025 Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange

*University of South Dakota. Vermillion, SD.*

### 2024 American Lotus ("Flora of Minnesota" Portfolio Exchange)

*Minnesota Historical Society. St Paul, MN* [More info](#)

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## Selected Group Exhibitions

### 2025

ongoing through Feb 2026 **BABEL - "Living Together: Cities in Transformation & Climate in Transition.** *Petit Art Space. Ginkgo Concept. Hochiminh City, Vietnam*

**Sympoiesis.** *The Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery. Columbus, OH*

**Press Forward.** *BOX13 ArtSpace. Houston, TX.*

**Culture Currency Exchange.** *Gallery 110/Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. University of South Dakota. Vermillion, SD*

**Art & Ecology.** *The Acreage at Osceola. Osceola, WI*

**Suzy Greenberg Exhibition.** *Soo Visual Arts Center. Minneapolis, MN.*

[More info](#)

**Print from the American Middle.** *Grafiska Sällskapet. Stockholm, Sweden.* [More info](#)

**International Printmaking Exhibition.** *6060 Arts Space. Bangkok, Thailand*

**SGCI 2025 (PuertoGrabando) Annual Juried Exhibition.** *Galeria Lorenzo Homar at Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño. San Juan, Puerto Rico*

**45th National Print Exhibition.** *Artlink Contemporary Gallery. Fort Wayne, IN* [More info](#)

**thresholds.** *Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN*

**Drawing-Painting-Printmaking Takeover.** *Regis Center for Art (West), University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN*

**The Fine Print.** *White Bear Center for the Arts. White Bear Lake, MN*

### 2024

**Transfer - printmaking show.** *The Art Grind. Danville, PA*

**Build the Movement.** *CSU Art Gallery. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

**Flora of Minnesota.** *Arts Center of Saint Peter. St. Peter, MN*

**Flora of Minnesota.** *410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN*

**Fresh Works.** *Regis West Gallery. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN*

**The 7th Annual Paper & Clay.** *Tippetts & Eccles Galleries. Caine College of the Arts. Utah State University. Logan, UT*

### 2023

**Regis Center for Art 20th Anniversary: Works by MFA & BFA Students.** *Regis West Gallery. University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN*

**Really Big Prints 5.0. Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum. Two Rivers, WI**

**Really Big Prints 5.0. Rahr-West Art Museum. Manitowoc, WI**

**The Member Show. Arts Center of Saint Peter. Saint Peter, MN**

**MSU Prints: Josh Winkler and students. Schaefer Art Gallery. Gustavus Adolphus College. Saint Peter, MN**

**Mav Arts Showcase. Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN**

**Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

## 2022

**Relief Conspiracy Pop-up Show. UW-Madison. Madison, WI**

**MSU Printmaking & Poetry Students' Exhibition. 4 Pillars Gallery. New Ulm, MN**

**2022 Member Show. Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN**

**The 20th Halloween Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

**Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

## 2021

**9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange's Exhibition. College of Southern Idaho. Twin Falls, ID**

**Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange Pop-up Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

**Annual Halloween Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

**Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

## 2020

**ROCKchester V Visual Art. Virtual Festival. Rochester, MN**

**BFA Senior Exhibition. Virtual Exhibition. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN**

**Pride Community Art Show. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

**War and Peace Printmaking Print Exhibition. CSU Art Gallery. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN**

**Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN**

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## Membership

CHANT Collective [More info](#)

Southern Graphics Council International [More info](#)

Mid America Print Council [More info](#)

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## Residencies, Grants, and Awards

### 2025 Interdisciplinary Art, Design, and Ecology Residency

*The Acreage at Osceola, WI* [More info](#)

### Graduate Research Partnership Program

*Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN*

### 2022 Blethen Fine Arts Awards

*College of Arts and Humanities. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

### 2018 Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship

*Department of Art and. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

### 2016 - 2021 Cultural Contribution Scholarship

*Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

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### 2025

Panel Talk. Mai Tran, "Interdisciplinary Art, Design, and Ecology Residency". Dec 2, 2025. Influx. Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN

Petit Art Space (Gingko Concept), "BABEL - Living Together: Cities in Transformation & Climate in Transition" catalogue. Hochiminh City, Vietnam

Artist Talk. Mai Tran, "Ghost Towns, Abandoned Mines, and the Environmental Impact". Oct 30, 2025. Influx. Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN

Printmatters Houston, "Press Forward 2025" catalogue. ISBN: 9798295066269. Oct 20, 2025. Houston, TX

The Hand Magazine. Issue 50 - Fall 2025. Prairie Village, KS

Artlink, "Artlink's 45th National Print," *Artlink Gallery*. <https://www.artlinkfw.org/45th-national-print-exhibition>

SGCI, "2025 Annual Juried Members Exhibition," *Graphic Impressions*. <https://graphicimprstg.wpengine.com/project/2025-annual-juried-members-exhibition/>

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“Prints from the American Middle,” *Grafiska Sällskapet*.

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## 2024

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## 2022

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5nfiwlJAfQ>

“Zoom Talk: Hanh trinh sang tac tranh in cua nghe si Viet Nam trong va ngoai nuoc,” *Thanh Uy Art Center Hanoi*, Vietnam, June 12, 2022.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/409315897758788/?ref=newsfeed>

## 2021

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art," *Art Hounds*, MPR News, August 5, 2021.  
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## Commissions

**2024 "all about the days I knew when you were really mine"**  
**cover album design.**

*Poor Lemuel* (musician/band), MN [More info](#) [Listen to album](#)

**2023 "Grow Up" first EP's cover album.**

*Mal Murphy* (musician), Mankato, MN [More info](#) [Listen to album](#)

**2022**

**Illustration for the month of August - 2023 Calendar.**

*Dum Boc Collective*, NYC, NY

**Promotion Mini Sketchbook Cover Design.**

*Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato*, MN

**2021 Promotion Sticker Design.**

*Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato*, MN

**2019**

### **T-shirt Design.**

*Department of Art & Design Pizza Party, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

### **T-shirt Design.**

*Intermediate & Advanced Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

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## **Other Work Experience**

**2025**

**Artist Collaborator** CHANT Collective, Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)

**Freelance Photographer** Minneapolis, MN

**2024**

**Filmmaker** 410 Studios, Mankato, MN [More info](#)

**Event Photographer (Various events)** Mankato, MN

**2021 - 2023**

**Gallery Assistant and Photographer** 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

**Art & Design PR Intern** Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

**2019 - 2020**

**News Photographer** The Reporter, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

**Vice President** Works on Paper Printmaking Club, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

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## **Exchange Print Portfolio**

**2025**

**Mini Print Exchange Portfolio: Poetic Self Portrait.** Organized by Jenny Schmid (Intermediate Print Class), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN

**Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange.** Organized by Mariana Astete, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD

**2024**

**Wandering Light Book Project (MAPC 2024).** Organized by Michael Kruger (Lawrence, KS), Tom Reed (St. Louis, MO), Jenny Schmid (Minneapolis, MN)

**Flora of Minnesota (Lithography Workshop).** Organized by Josh Winkler, SKS Press, St. Peter, MN

**2022**

**2022 SGC International's Member Print Exchange.** *Organized by SGCI 2022, UW-Madison, WI*

**All Things Small: A Pocket Print Portfolio.** *Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN*

**2021**

**Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange in collaboration with MSU Poets.** *Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN*

**Relief Postcard Exchange.** *Organized by Relief Conspiracy, Pittston, ME*

**The 2021 9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange.** *Organized by 9INHANDPRESS, New Hope, PA*

**2020**

**The 15th Print Exchange: Heart's Desire.** *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

**2019**

**The 19th Annual International Postcard Print Exchange: RISE.** *Organized by University Print Society, Iowa State University, Ames, IA*

**The 14th Print Exchange: Wheel of Fortune.** *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

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