

Mai Tran

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Education

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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

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 Wiepke

2023 - 2026 / 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.

Solo Exhibitions

2027 TITLE TBD

June / Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

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](#)

Public Art

2026 Wakpa Triennial Art Festival *forthcoming Sep 12-October 11*

St. Paul, MN

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](#)

Permanent Collection

2026 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

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](#)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026

forthcoming Sep 12-October 11 **Wakpa Triennial Art Festival**

St. Paul, MN

forthcoming October **Minneapolis-Berlin: Common Ground.**

Minneapolis, MN

forthcoming June 28 **Culture Currency.** *Frogman’s Print Workshop.*

University of Iowa Visual Arts Building. Iowa City, IA

forthcoming June 12-27 **It’s the Little Things | Woodcut Prints by**

MNSU Print + Guests. *Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN*

forthcoming June 11-28 **Minneapolis-Berlin: Common Ground.**

KUNSTPUNKT BERLIN. Berlin Mitte. Berlin, Germany

What Follows. *Fresh Eye Gallery. Minneapolis, MN*

else [where] else (MFA Thesis Exhibition). *The Katherine E. Nash*

Gallery. Regis Center for Art (East), University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN

4th Annual Student and Community Showcase. *Wangennsteen*

Historical Library. Phillips-Wangennsteen Building. University of Minnesota.

Minneapolis, MN

2025

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*

Membership

CHANT Collective [More info](#)

Southern Graphics Council International [More info](#)

Mid America Print Council [More info](#)

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-Twincities, 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

Bibliography

2026

Tran, Mai, "A Self in Transit: On Nostalgia, Migration, and Becoming,"

University Digital Conservancy, May 2026.

<https://conservancy.umn.edu/items/ca9b758d-66e6-475e-b6bb-9ac1cc75efa4>

Myah Goff, "Vietnamese folklore meets Midwestern landscapes in playful University of Minnesota show", *Sahan Journal*, March 20, 2026.

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Gallery Talk. Mai Tran. Thesis Exhibition Talk with print students from Normandale Community College (Bloomington, MN). Mar 26, 2026.

Katherine E. Nash Gallery. Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN

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

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

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

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2024

Ashley Opina, "Mai Tran: From Ho Chi Minh to Mankato, artist infuses culture and vision into woodcut prints," *The Free Press Mankato*, Mar 17, 2024.
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2023

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2022

VTV 1, "Vietnam Daily News," *Vietnam Television (VTV) Hanoi, Vietnam*, November 1, 2022.
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=644367597181562&ref=sharing>

VTV 4, "Dem van hoa Viet vao tranh in khac go tren dat My," *Culture Mosaic / Connecting Cultures, Vietnam Television (VTV) Hanoi, Vietnam*,

October 22, 2022. 23:35 - 29:10.

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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

Other Work Experience

2025 - current

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

Exchange Print Portfolio

2026

Mini Print Exchange Portfolio: Deck of Fools. Organized by Jenny Schmid (Advanced Print Class), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN

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*

The 13th Print Exchange: 13. *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

The 12th Print Exchange: ZINE. *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*