

# MAI TRAN

b.1989, Vietnam

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## EDUCATION

- 2026** MFA – Printmaking, University of Minnesota-Twincities, Minneapolis, MN  
**2023** MA – Printmaking, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN  
**2021** BFA – Printmaking/Photography, With Honors, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

### 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: Traditional & 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, MN

*Instructor of record, ART100 - Elements & Principles of Art course, 4 semesters.*

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

### 2025 TRAVELLING EXHIBITION – “IN THE REVERIE”

**June 12 – July 30**

Ouray Public Library, Ouray, CO [Link Here](#)

**January 13 – February 6**

Hutchinson Gallery, Ridgewater College – Hutchinson campus, Hutchinson, MN

### 2024 TRAVELLING EXHIBITION – “IN THE REVERIE”

**November 12 – December 13**

Willmar Gallery, Ridgewater College – Willmar campus, Willmar, MN [Link Here](#)

**June 7 – July 6**

Carlander Gallery, Paradise Center for the Arts, Faribault, MN [Link Here](#)

### 2023 WONDERLAND - MA Thesis Exhibition, Effie R. Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

### 2022 APRIL SHOWCASE, Fillin’ Station Coffee, Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

### 2021 HALLUCINATION – Relief Prints and Matrices, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

### 2020 MAI TRAN - The Art of Contemporary Printmaking, The Dear Teahouse, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

## PUBLIC ART

- 2025** **Lichen-centered Experiential Symposium (CHANT).** Regis Center for Art, Minneapolis, MN [Link Here](#)
- 2023** **Art on Hennepin Avenue.** Hennepin Theatre Trust, Minneapolis, MN (Pence building, 800 Hennepin Avenue) [Link Here](#)
- 2022** **Twin Rivers' ARTBoards Project.** Twin Rivers Council for The Arts, Mankato, MN (Billboard on Highway 22 South) [Link Here](#)

## RESIDENCY

- 2025** **Interdisciplinary Art, Design, and Ecology Residency.** The Acreage at Osceola. Osceola, WI

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

- 2025** *upcoming* **Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange,** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD
- 2024** **"American Lotus"** (Flora of Minnesota portfolio), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN [Link Here](#)

## MEMBERSHIP

Artist Collaborator. **CHANT Collective** [Link Here](#)  
Member. **Southern Graphics Council International** [Link Here](#)  
Member. **Mid America Print Council** [Link Here](#)

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025**  
*upcoming* **Culture Currency,** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD  
*upcoming* **Suzy Greenberg Exhibition,** Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN  
**Print from the American Middle,** Grafiska Sallskapet, Stockholm, Sweden  
**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  
**45<sup>th</sup> National Print Exhibition,** Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, IN  
**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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Paper & Clay**, Tippetts & Eccles Galleries, Caine College of the Arts, Utah State University, Logan, UT
- 2023**
- Regis Center for Art 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Annual 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 Gallery, Mankato, MN
- Annual Halloween Exhibition**, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN
- 410 Project Annual Juried Exhibition**, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN
- 2020**
- ROCKchester V Visual Art**, Virtual Festival, Rochester, MN
- Senior Exhibition**, Virtual Exhibition, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- Pride Community Art Show**, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN
- War and Peace Printmaking Spring Exhibition**, CSU Art Gallery, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- Annual Juried Exhibition**, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2025**
- SGCI Graphic Impression: 2025 Annual Juried Member Exhibition** [Link Here](#)
- Walking in the lichen wonderland**. The Minnesota Daily. Minneapolis, MN [Link Here](#)
- Prints from the American Middle**. Grafiska Sallskapet, Stockholm, Sweden [Link Here](#)
- 2024**
- PBS Postcards**. Pioneer PBS. Granite Falls, MN [Link Here](#)
- Mai Tran: From Ho Chi Minh to Mankato, artist infuses culture and vision into woodcut print**. Mankato Free Press Sunday Issue 3-17-24. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)
- Printmaker Turned Filmmaker: A Q&A with artist Mai**. News & Events/College of Liberal Arts. University of Minnesota-Twincities. Minneapolis, MN [Link Here](#)
- 2023**
- Wonderland**. Graduate Thesis. Minnesota State University Mankato. [Link Here](#)
- 2022**
- VTV1: Vietnam Daily News**. Vietnam Television (VTV). Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

- VTV4: Dem van hoa Viet vao tranh in khac go tren dat My.** Culture Mosaic / Connecting Cultures. Vietnam Television (VTV). Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)
- Zoom Talk: Hanh trinh sang tac tranh in cua nghe si Viet Nam trong va ngoai nuoc.** Thanh Uy Gallery. Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)
- 2021 KARE11 - Local artist's work fuses together two cultures that are worlds apart.** Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN [Link Here](#)
- Art Hounds (August 5th).** Minnesota Public Radio News. Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN [Link Here](#)
- Viet Printmaker brings together American & Vietnamese cultures.** Vietnam Times. Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)
- From Vietnam to 'Kato (p.13).** Mankato Magazine Issue October 2021. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)
- Vietnamese woman pursues art calling in Mankato.** Mankato Free Press. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)
- MNSU student featured at the 410 Project.** The MSU Reporter. MSU-Mankato. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)
- Mang chat Viet vao tranh in tren dat My.** Thanh Nien Press. Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam [Link Here](#)
- Cam hung Viet Nam trong tranh in khac go.** The Women of Ho Chi Minh city Press. Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025 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 & Design.
- 2016 – 2021 Cultural Contribution Scholarship.** Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

## COMMISSIONS

- 2024 “all about the days I knew when you were really mine” cover album design.** Poor Lemuel (musician/band), Minnesota [Link Here](#) [Listen to Album](#)
- 2023 “Grow Up” first EP’s cover album.** Mal Murphy (musician), Mankato, MN [Link Here](#) [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 EXPERIENCES

- 2025 – Artist Collaborator.** CHANT Collective, Minneapolis, MN [Link Here](#)  
**Freelance Photographer,** Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 – Filmmaker.** 410 Studios [Link Here](#), Mankato, MN  
**Event Photographer.** Various events, Mankato, MN
- 2021 – 2023**  
**Gallery Assistant and Photographer.** 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN  
**Art & Design PR Intern.** The 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 PORTFOLIOS

- 2025**  
*upcoming* **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, 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