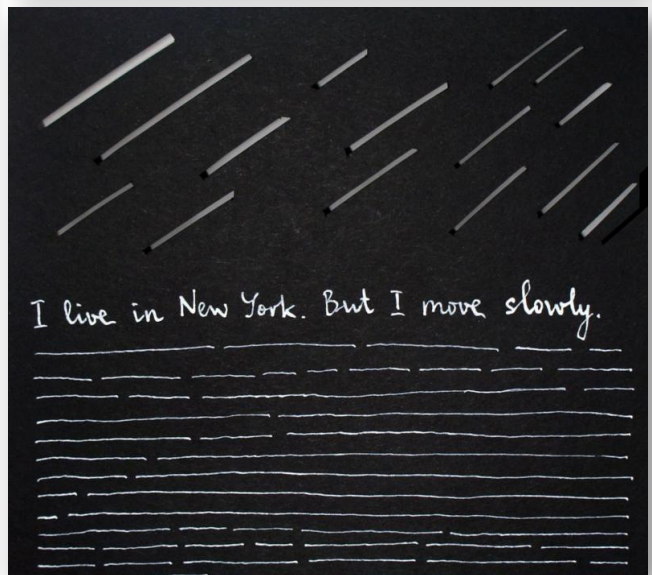


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### Artist Statement

I create work about what it means to be a human in the context of the Universe:

living the everyday life with an awareness of the infinity of time and space. My collages, drawings and installations are intimate and poetic and are based on my own experiences.

I combine the mundane and the mysterious, juxtaposing elements of the daily reality with those of outer space

and darkness of the void. I use dark colors along with white ink and shiny textures and incorporate my poetic writing into my visual work.

Some themes that I explore are: anxiety of freedom vs. comfort of the mundane, a yearning for a divine power, sexuality as a gateway to the sublime, and emotional states of being.

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## Selected Shows and Projects

2016

Maake Magazine Fall 2016 Exhibition, The Woskob Family Gallery, State College, PA  
Terror Nenas, 4 person exhibition, Undercurrent Projects, New York, NY  
The Alephs, 4 person exhibition, Local Project, LIC, Queens, NY  
Valentine's Show, group exhibition, Arcilesi and Homberg, New York, NY

2015

Small Works, group exhibition, Trestle Projects, Brooklyn, NY  
Always On Tuesday, two person exhibition, curated by NYC Creative Salon, Wix Lounge, New York, NY  
Seeking Space Exhibition, group exhibition, Bushwick Open Studios, Brooklyn, NY  
Shangri-La, LIC Arts Open, group exhibition, curated by John Baber and Miguel Luciano, Queens, NY  
Materials for The Arts Members Show, group exhibition, Queens, NY  
Mood Cookies and Tea at Arcilesi and Homberg Fine Art, New York, NY  
Just My Type, group show, Arcilesi And Homberg Fine Art, New York, NY

2014

Photographic Being II, curated group show, Jeffrey Leder Gallery, Queens, NY  
Winter Secrets, group show, Local Project, Queens, NY  
Because Art, Any Squared Projects, Chicago, IL  
Drawings Along Myrtle Ave, various venues in Bed-Stuy, curated by Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
Exquisite Collage, group show, Local Project, Queens, NY  
Mood Cookies And Tea in Eastport, ME, site-specific community event  
Divine, Mysterious And Unreal, solo installation exhibition, Studioworks, Eastport, ME  
Balls To The Wall, group exhibition Arcilesi & Homberg Fine Art, New York, NY  
Mood Cookies And Tea at Smiling Hogshead Ranch, Queens, NY, site-specific community event  
Mood Cookies And Tea at Vernon Cases Garden, Brooklyn, NY, site-specific community event  
No Place Like Home?, IHR Gallery at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

2013

Two person show, Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL  
Temporary installations downtown Galesburg, Galesburg, IL  
Midsummer Night Tea Party, site-specific community event, Galesburg, IL  
Emerging Illinois Artists, (juried by Bill Gross of 65Grand), McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL  
I said it. I couldn't say it., MFA thesis show, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL  
Blick Juried Show, Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL  
16th International Open, (juried by Kelli Connell), Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Stuck, pop-up group show by Arcilesi & Homberg Fine Art, New York, NY  
Fountain Art Fair, represented by Arcilesi & Homberg Fine Art, New York, NY  
Love Under Funnel Cake and Vengaboys, group show, Space Club HQ, Chicago, IL

2012

Winter Tea Party, site-specific community event, DeKalb, IL  
MFA Juried Show, (juried by Dieter Roelstraete), Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL