Justice Walz



EDUCATION

2013 - 2018 BFA with Distinction at Toronto Metropolitan University - New Media Program

ASSOCIATIONS

2022 - PRESENT Associate Member at **Workman Arts**, Toronto

2019 - PRESENT Brand Designer + Creative Director at **Bruized**, Toronto

2022 Artist Mentor for Digital Skills Mentorship Program, **KAIROS Theatre**, Toronto Collaborator/illustrator for the *Hemispheric Encounters Dinner Party series*, with

Joyce LeeAnn, Jess Dobkin, and Shalon Webber-Heffernan for **Hemispheric Encounters**, **FADO Performance Art Centre** and the **Social Sciences and**

Humanities Research Council

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 "Identity: Next Chapter", Super Wonder Gallery, Toronto

2019 "BNW Show", private gallery, curated by SADSTAB and Horrible Noise, Toronto

2018 "MENTAL HEALTH", curated by Lauren Fournier, White House Studio Project,

Toronto

2017 "The Sustenance Rite", curated by Lauren Fournier, The Blackwood Gallery,

Missisauga

2017 "META 2017: Immersive Art Experience", Arta Gallery, Toronto

ARTIST TALKS & PANELS

2022 "Everyday Altars: Ordinary Objects, Feelings + Rituals", in collaboration with Robin

Alex McDonald + Julie Hollenbacchanal, Nipissing University, Toronto

2021 "Feelings, Objects, Altars: Using the Bibliographic Altar to Explore Depression", with

Robin Alex McDonald + Julie Hollenbacchanal, Confabulations, Toronto

2018 "MENTAL HEALTH Artists' Roundtable", Artist's Health Alliance, Toronto

PUBLICATIONS

2020 "#GetMad: Rendezvous with Madness Festival", review, C Magazine Issue 145:

Criticism, Again, 2020. Print

2019 "Stories from the Frontline of the Opioid Crisis", illustration publication, NOW

Magazine, Annabelle Bernard, Aug 13, 19. Print

2016 "Issue 5: Sister Rosetta Tharpe", illustration publication, **HEY LADY** zine,

published by Regina Schilling, 2016. Print

2016 "Issue 4: Leonor Fini", illustration publication, **HEY LADY** zine, published by

Regina Schilling, 2016. Print

BIBLIOGRAPHY/PRESS

Johnstone, F., Wiltshire, I. and Morehead, A. "Confabulations: Art practice, art

history, Critical Medical Humanities" The Polyphony. Aug 23, 2022

2021 McDonald, Robin Alex. "Pink Triangles, Blue Feelings: Representations of

Depression in 2QT Contemporary Art," Queen's University PhD dissertation. 2021.

2018 Fournier, Lauren. "MENTAL HEALTH" In Space. 2018.

2017 Fournier, Lauren. "The Sustenance Rite: Rituals of Catharsis, Healing, and Care in

Contemporary Feminist Practice" The Blackwood. Nov. 20, 2017.



ARTIST BIO

Justice Walz (she/they) is an interdisciplinary artist, maker, + brand designer based in Tkaronto. She completed her BFA with distinction at Toronto Metropolitan University's New Media program in 2018, and has since created, exhibited, spoken, and written about art that joins the discourse of mental and chronic illness, intersectional feminism, and healing from complex trauma.

After becoming chronically ill at age 11, Justice turned to art as a way to make peace with her pain and othering experiences. Today, she uses her confessional art practice as a way to playfully explore her intersections as a neurodivergent, mad, queer, chronically ill, biracial woman of colour.

Balancing the dichotomy of elegance and camp, trauma and healing, beauty and abjection, as well as confrontation and acceptance, Justice uses concept, craft and found objects in a variety of disciplines. She enjoys working with visually and tactually stimulating mediums in a practice that often includes clay, resin, and upcycling secondhand materials.

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