

# Dorian Sylvain

*Fine Artist, Muralist, Curator, Educator*

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## EDUCATION

- 2015 **University of Chicago** - Graham School of Continued Education  
*Artifact Collection Care Certificate*
- 2014 **University of Chicago** - Hyde Park Art Center  
*Visual Arts Certificate; Center Program*  
Graham School of Continued Education
- 1990 **San Francisco State University** San Francisco, CA  
Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts
- 1981 **American Academy of Art** Chicago, IL  
Associates Fine Art

## MURALS & PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

- 2018 "Embedded; Artist as Citizen"  
Hyde Park Art Center  
Artist in Residence (Winter 2017-18)
- 2018 "Chi-Town Dream Big"  
Schurz High School  
Columbia College, Community School Program
- 2017 "Sunflower Road"  
Dyett High School for the Arts / Hyde Park Art Center
- 2017 "Banking on the Future"  
Urban Partnership Bank (abandoned)
- 2016 "*Sankofa for the Earth*"  
Chicago Park District / Field Museum  
Burnham Wildlife Arts Corridor, Chicago, IL
- 2016 "*Butterfly*"  
Woodlawn Charter School / University of

Chicago, Chicago, IL

- 2016 "Hands Up"  
King Community Service Center  
One Chicago
  
- 2015 "*Afro-Walls; Believe & Inspire*"  
Burnside Elementary School, Chicago, IL
  
- 2015 "*Future Global City*"  
Marquette Elementary School  
Ingenuity Creative School Fund, Chicago, IL
  
- 2015 "*BAC*"  
Beverly Arts Center, Illinois Arts Council, Chicago, IL
  
- 2013 "*Climbing to Success*"  
Caldwell Elementary School, Chicago, IL
  
- 2013 "*Global Kids*"  
*Lake Ridge Academy, Cleveland, Ohio*
  
- 2012 "*Plant a Seed*"  
Southeast Chicago Commission (SECC), Chicago, IL
  
- 2008 "*Experience*"  
South Shore High School, Chicago, IL
  
- 2007 "Ndebele Banners"  
Lake Ridge Academy, Cleveland, Ohio
  
- 2006-7 "*Future Cities*" & "*Shadow Puppetry*"  
Murray Elementary School, Chicago Arts Partnership in Education
  
- 1999 "*Written Words*"  
Amelia Earhart Elementary School, Chicago, IL
  
- 1998 "*Dream a Dream*" Gallery 37  
Gage Park High School, Chicago, IL
  
- 1996 "*Black Latino; American*"  
Illinois Arts Council  
Brentano Math and Science Academy, Chicago, IL
  
- 1996 "*From African Roots come American Fruits*"  
Horace Mann Elementary School, Annenberg Foundation
  
- 1996 "*History of Englewood*" Gallery 37  
Boulevard Arts Center, Chicago, IL

- 1995 *"Quest for the Future"*  
Chicago Children's Museum/Better Boys Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 1995 *"Royal Entrance"*  
Chicago Children's Museum/Better Boys Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 1995 *"NDebele 50"* Public Banner, African Festival of the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 1995 *"Reveal the Artist"*  
Chicago Children's Museum/ Better Boys Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 1994 *"African Heritage Festival"*  
Chicago Transit Authority/Field Museum, Chicago, IL
- 1994 *"Art for All"*  
Lifeline Theater/ Chicago Public Arts Group, IL
- 1993 *"Malcolm, Zapata and You"*  
Mexican Fine Arts Museum & Farragut High School, Chicago IL
- 1992 *"Chicago World Columbian Exposition"*  
Chicago Historical Museum, Chicago, IL
- 1992 *"By All Means Necessary"*  
The Neighborhood Institute/Chicago Public Arts Group, IL

## **EXHIBITION**

- 2015 *"Desiderata: Women's History Month"*  
Africa International House Chicago, IL  
Curator & Exhibited
- 2013 *"Sapphire and Crystals"*  
Prairie State College, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *"Color in Haven"*  
Mary-Frances & Bill Veeck Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *"The Divine Marva Jolly"*  
South Side Community Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *"Elevations"*  
Zhou Brothers Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2010 Nicole Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Sarah Mubarak & Dorian Sylvain
- 2009 *"Beyond Race and Gender"*, Evanston, IL  
Noyes Cultural Art Center  
Sapphire & Crystals Exhibition

- 2007 Gallery Guichard, Chicago, IL  
 "Colors of the Harvest"  
 Days Layoe, Rodriguez Hill, Dorian Sylvain
- 2006 River East Art Center, Chicago IL  
 "Chicago Now"
- 2006 "*Shades of Purple*"  
 South Side Community Art Center Chicago, IL
- 2005 DuSable Museum of African American History Chicago, IL  
 Sapphire & Crystals Exhibition
- 2005 "*Chicago Now*"  
 Bordeaux Museum of Modern Art, Bordeaux, France
- 2004 "*Tatu: Three*"  
 Steelife Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2002 "*Healing Walls, Murals and Community*"  
 Illinois Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1995 "*Issues of Identity*"  
*Sapphire & Crystals Exhibition*  
 Satori Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1995 "*On Stage; A Century of African American Stage Design*"  
 New York Library for the Performing Arts, New York
- 1994 "*New Works*"  
 Cliff Dwellers, Chicago Symphony Center Chicago IL
- 1993 "*Images*"  
 Sapphire & Crystals Exhibition  
 Artemisia Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1992 "*Our Voices, Ourselves*"  
 San Francisco State University, CA
- 1992 "*Burroughs, Hayden & Sylvain*"  
 Woodson Library, Chicago, IL  
 Margaret Burroughs, Madeline Hayden, Dorian Sylvain
- 1992 "*Old People Say*"  
 Chicago State University, IL
- 1982 "*Solo*"  
 Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

1982 “Solo”  
Midwest Women’s Center, Chicago, IL

1982 “Black Aesthetics”  
Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

### **RELATED ART EXPERIENCE**

2008 - present      **Curation & Exhibition Design**  
South Side Community Art Center  
DuSable Museum of African American History  
Sapphire and Crystals Art Collective

1998 - present      **Sylvain Decorative Design Studio Owner**  
*Decorative Designer and Fine Artist specializing in business and residential murals and private commissions*

1980 – 2000      **Scenic Designer /Painter**  
*Columbia Pictures*  
*Goodman Theater*  
*ETA Creative Arts Foundation*  
*Kennedy King College*  
*Chicago State University*  
*Chicago Scenic*  
*Fleetwood Jourdain Community Theater*  
*The New Regal Theater*  
*Chicago Theater Company*  
*The Experimental Black Actors Guild*

### **PUBLICATIONS**

2018      “Art for Everyone”  
South Side Weekly (May 30, 2018)

2015      “Women Who Drive Culture”  
The South Shore CURRENT Magazine, Chicago, IL

2003      “The Art of Culture”  
Evolution of Visual Arts by African Americans  
African International House, Chicago, IL

2003      “Conscientious Creator”  
Heart and Soul, Urban Magazine  
by: Bevin Cummings

2001      “Her Walls Won’t Close you In”  
*N’Art N’digo Urban Newspaper, Chicago, IL*  
by: Rosalind Cummings-Yeates

1999    *“Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride”*  
African American Murals  
James Prigoff & Robin J. Danita

1981    *“African American Artists”*  
WGCI/Kraft Foods Chicago, IL

**AWARDS:**

**2018    “Individual Artist Program Grant”**  
**Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events**

**2014    “Center Program”**  
**Joyce Foundation**  
**University of Chicago / Hyde Park Art Center**

**2013    “Connecting Communities Through the Arts”**  
**University of Chicago / South East Chicago Commission**

**2001    African Festival of the Arts**  
**Festival Image Award “Afrocentury”**

**1981    Chicago Council on Fine Arts**  
**Community Arts Development Extends Grant Program**  
**(Artist initiated projects)**  
**South Shore Young Artist Studio**