

**Debra Smith (b. 1971)**

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**Education**

- 2002 Associate in Applied Science, Accessories Design; F.I.T, NY, NY
- 1993 BFA. Fiber Major; Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
- 1992 Italian Academy of Fashion & Design; Lorenzo de Medici, Florence Italy

**Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions**

- 2021 Staged Presence, Anteroom, Corsicana, TX
- 2021 Memory Trace, Storefront, Corsicana, TX
- 2020 Seeking Balance, Markel Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2020 Shifting Vision, solo, Puerh, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 Seeking Balance, Haw Contemporary, solo, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Following The Thread, Markel Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2017 Memory Trace, Studios INC, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Recent Work, Olson-Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2017 Recent Work, HAW Contemporary, Kansas City, MO
- 2016 The Thread You Follow, Daum Museum, Sedalia, MO
- 2016 Women's Work: Points of View, Volland Store Art Center, KS
- 2015 Shifting Territory, Solo, Markel Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2014 New Work, Olson-Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2014 Shifting Territory, HAW Contemporary, Kansas City, MO
- 2013 Release of Time, Post & Beam Gallery, Berkley, CA
- 2012 In-between Spaces, Solo, Isaac's Gallery, Roswell, NM
- 2011 New Work, Olson-Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2010 New work, Solo, Roswell Museum & Art Center, Roswell, NM
- 2009 Textile Show, Olson-Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2008 Looking to the Left, solo, Julie Saul Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 New Work, Solo, Olsen-Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2008 Looking to the Left, Solo, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2005 New Work, Pearl Gallery, Kansas City, MO

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2021 ReDefine, Olson-Larsen Galleries, West Des Moines, IA
- 2020 Monochromatic, Olson Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2019 Synesthesia: Collaboration of Senses, Studios INC, Kansas City, MO
- 2019 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, Olson Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2019 Loose Group, HAW Contemporary, Kansas City, MO
- 2019 Through The Lens, Studios INC., Kansas City, MO
- 2018 Wolves, Magic Mirror, & Spinning Wheels: The Anatomy of The Fairy Tale, Everhart Museum, Scranton, PA
- 2018 Mirror Mirrored: Grimms' Through the Looking Glass, Sharon Arts Center, Peterborough, NH
- 2018 Kansas City Flat File, H&R Block Art Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Summer Show, HAW Contemporary, Kansas City, MO

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- 2017 Domestic Disturbances, 490 Atlantic Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 Fellows Show, Studios INC., Kansas City, MO
- 2016 Elmhurst Art Museum, New American Paintings: Midwest Edition, Elmhurst, IL.
- 2016 Mirror Mirrored, Washington Project for The Arts, DC
- 2015 Materialities: Contemporary Textile Art, Sandra J. Blain Gallery at Arromont, TN
- 2015 Rijswijk Textile Biennial, Rijswijk Museum, The Netherlands
- 2015 Look&Listen, DUSK, Saint Chamas, France
- 2014 DUSK Open Studios Exhibit, Pencil Factory, Greenpoint Brooklyn
- 2013 Spring Revival: a group exhibition, Markel Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2012 Women of Focus on Fiber 2012, UMKC Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2012 Women to Watch 2012, KC Jewish Museum, Kansas City, MO
- 2011 Push, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City. MO
- 2011 Somewhere, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2011 Group Show, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2010 Fellows Show, Isaac's Gallery, Roswell, NM
- 2010 Selections from The Kansas City Collection, Cocoon Gallery, Kansas City MO
- 2010 Kansas City Flat Files, H&R Block Art Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2010 Group Show, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City, MO
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- 2007 Group Show, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2006 New Work, Olson-Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, IA
- 2005 Kansas City Flat Files, H&R Block Art Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2004 Group Show, Davidson Gallery, Brisbane, Australia

### **Selected Projects and Honors**

- 2020 R.A.I.R., Roswell Artist in Residence Program (July-Sept)
- 2020 100 West Corsicana, Artist Residency (February 2020)
- 2018 New American Paintings, No. 137
- 2018 Mirror Mirrored, 28 contemporary artists twist on Grimm's Fairy Tales, book
- 2015 Rijswijk Textile Biennial, Rijswijk Museum, The Netherlands
- 2015 New American Paintings, No. 119, Pg.128-131
- 2014 One of 160 artists from 26 countries chosen to be in new publication *TextileART around the world*
- 2013 Award winner at: In.ter.face, 17<sup>th</sup> International Surface Design Exhibition, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio Texas
- 2012 Women to Watch 2012: Focus on Fiber, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC
- 2011 Studio Assistant for Jason Pollen, Penland School of Art & Craft
- 2010 The Kansas City Collection, a competitive juried art collection organized by The Collectors Fund, Kansas City, MO
- 2009 R.A.I.R., Roswell Artist in Residence Program (Sept. 2009-Sept. 2010)
- 2008 Creative Capital Professional Development Workshop & Retreat, Kansas City, MO
- 2008 Featured lecturer at Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
- 2007 Featured lecturer for the New York Textile Society, New York, NY

### **Selected Collections**

Anderson Museum Of Contemporary Art, Roswell, NM  
Hallmark Corporation, Kansas City, MO  
Sprint Corporation, Kansas City, MO  
Shook Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, MO

### **Selected Commissions**

*American Century Inc.*, 16 X 12 foot hand dyed, pieced organza textile for corporate entryway, Kansas City, MO  
*Marsh USA*, Three large scale textiles for the Kansas City, MO International Corporate Headquarters.  
*Blue Cross Blue Shield*, five pieced silk textiles, Kansas City, MO

### **Selected Publications**

- 2018 New American Paintings #137
- 2016 Where Love & Need Are One: The Work of Donna Sharrett & Debra M Smith, Exhibition catalog and essay By Tanya Hartman
- 2015 RIJSWIJK Textile Biennale Catalog, Page 74-77
- 2015 Textiles Around The World, (book) by Ellen Baker, page 45
- 2015 New American Paintings #119, (book) pages 128-131
- 2014 Elizabeth Kirsch, Kansas City Star, Debra M Smith, September 18, page 16
- 2014 Kate Hackman, The Kansas City Collection, 2014-2015, pages 30-31
- 2012 Vanessa Kahin, In-Between Spaces, VISION Magazine, (cover), Page 4
- 2010 Blair Schulman. KCArtistLink, Artist Profile / Meet Our Artists
- 2010 Dana Self, The Kansas City Collection, 2009-2010, pages 36-37
- 2008 Elizabeth Kirsch, Kansas City Star, Debra M Smith, Looking to the Left
- 2007 Nancy Corwin, Surface Design Journal, "Uncovering the Surface: SDA Conference Exhibitions"
- 2007 Janelle Meador, REVIEW (cover) Artist Profile, June, pages 26-28
- 2005 Susie Lulaki, REVIEW, Debra Smith at The Pearl, September, pages 50-51