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**SUSAN TOGUT**

## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Highly experienced public/gallery artist, educator, art therapist, curator and grant writer. Designed and orchestrated countless art programs and projects for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, including those challenged by mental illness. Managed and collaborated with professionals and non-professionals, individually, in groups and on large-scale, collaborative projects.

Seeking challenging position that involves design and facilitation of art programs for those challenged by mental illness, including the creation of an arts model with community-wide, public art projects.

## **EDUCATION**

Pratt Institute; Brooklyn, NY MFA  
Washington University; St. Louis, Mo BFA

## **EMPLOYMENT: Long Term Art Therapy/ Education Positions**

*Arts for Wellness*; Greystone Programs Inc; Dutchess Co., NY 2014-2023  
Designed and facilitated expressive arts therapy for developmentally disabled youth and adults, working one on one and with groups; including collaborative art-making.

*Holocaust Survivors Project*; Jewish Family Services; Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, NY 2019-22  
Facilitated holocaust survivors, individually at home, in expressive arts therapy

*Director of Fine Arts*; Northeast Center for Special Care; Lake Katrine, NY 2004-2012  
Orchestrated a cutting edge, open studio art program for traumatic brain injured people, including work in a locked unit. Directed the *Fine and Performing Arts Department*, Worked with diverse individuals and groups, as well as collaboration with other arts and medical professionals. Orchestrated monthly art shows of participants' art for the public. Gifted large-scale public art to broader community settings.

*Director Healing Circle Visual Arts Program* for those touched by cancer and the creation of a collaborative *Healing Arbor*; sponsored by Benedictine Hospital and the City of Kingston, NY for those touched by cancer. Orchestrated an ongoing art program with diverse art-making. Designed and built the *Healing Arbor*, a permanent structure, that was a highly trafficked public art, contemplative place. Managed construction of the structure. Orchestrated individuals in the creation of changing art components to adorn the arbor. 1997-2004

*Art for Wellness Programs* on mental health and long-term care; units; Columbia Memorial Hospital; Hudson, NY and its Long Term Care Facility; Jefferson Heights, NY 1998-2002  
Worked with individuals and groups in a locked mental health unit of the hospital and with those in long term care, including those with dementia.

*Director of Art Program and Muralist*; Woodstock Day School; NY 1995-1998  
Orchestrated the school art program for two years and directed a full school, outdoor mural for one full year that engaged all aged students, faculty and family members

## **EMPLOYMENT: Selected Arts Education and Art Therapy Programs/ Projects**

*Reemergence; Forging New Realities Together*; Community Art Program and Art Installation along the HVRT Rail Trail; Highland, NY 2023

*Reemergence; Forging New Realities Together II*; Community Art Program and Art Installation along the Voorheesville, NY Rail Trail 2023

*Engagement With Life Arts Program*; Alzheimers Association; Ulster County, NY 2019  
Facilitated those with dementia in expressive arts therapy; group and individual

*Public Art and Education Program*, Catskill Interpretive Center; Mount Tremper, NY 2017-18  
Intergenerational, collaborative art-making for nature preserve environment

*Set Design Program*; Sage Arts; youth and elders; Woodland Pond; New Paltz, NY 2017

<b>Arts Education and Art Therapy Programs/ Projects (cont.)</b>	<b>Togut/ 2</b>
<i>Engagement With Life Visual Arts Program; seniors; Woodstock, NY</i>	2016-17
<i>Outdoor Arbor and Murals; Grove Street Academy; Kingston, NY</i>	2014-15
Expressive arts and collaborative indoor/outdoor projects with challenged boys	
<i>Engagement With Life Arts Programs; Rupco; residents and staff; Kingston, NY</i>	2013-14
<i>Arts for Wellness Mural; MHA; Mental Health Association, Kingston, NY</i>	2013-14
Collaborative all purpose room mural with diverse participants	
<i>Director and Grant Writer for intergenerational Arts Programs; Woodstock, NY</i>	2004-06
<b>College Teaching</b>	
<i>Creative Arts Therapy Visiting Professor/Lecturer; Suny New Paltz, NY</i>	2014; 04-09
Duchess Community College; Visiting Professor; Poughkeepsie, NY	2005-06
<b>AWARDS/ HONORS</b>	
Regrant Community Project Grant	2023
Covid 19 Memorial (second place finalist); Ulster County, NY	2023
Puffin Foundation Grants	2022, 2003,2000,1997
NYSCA Artist Project Grant	2022
Voorheesville, NY Community Foundation Grant	2022, 2020
Rauschenberg Emergency Grant	2020
Adolf Gottlieb Foundation Mature Artist Grant	2019
O'Conner Grant; Catskill Interpretive Center Program; Mount Tremper, NY	2017-18
Alzheimer's Association; Caregiving Grant	2017
VSA International Conference Lecture: <i>Public Art for Challenged Students; Va</i>	2014
VSA International Conference Lecture; <i>The Great Integrity; Washington DC</i>	2010
Decentralization Grants; Ulster Co. (05); Greene Co. (95-01); Brooklyn, NY (92-96)	2005, 92-01
YWCA Woman of the Arts Honoree & Local Initiative Grant; Ulster County, NY	2004
Milton Avery Foundation Grants	1997-98
Hudson River Improvement & Greenway Conservancy Grants	1997, 95
Trust for the Public Land and Stop the Violence Grants; NYC	1991-94
NYS Foundation for the Arts Fellowship Grant	1994
Hillwood Art Museum Project Residency Grant	1993
Virginia Center for the Creative Arts; Yaddo; Saratoga, NY Residencies	1992-93
Foundation for the Arts and Arts Connection, Artist-in-Residency Grants; NYS	1987-93
Mid-Atlantic Foundation Artist-in-Residency Grant	1992
Pollack Krasner Grant (90) and Harburg Foundation Grants (90, 91)	1990-91
PS1 Institute for Art and Urban Resources Studio Residency; NY	1986-87
Ford Foundation Grant	1980
<b>SELECTED PUBLIC ART PROJECTS</b>	
<i>Transforming Uncertainty Sanctuary; Living Environment; collaborative; Ulster Co; NY</i>	2024-ongoing
<i>Reciprocity Arbor and Permaculture Garden; collaborative; HVRT; Lloyd, NY</i>	2024-ongoing
<i>Reciprocity, Regeneration, Reemergence; self; HV Rail Trail Environment; NY</i>	2023-ongoing
<i>Transforming Uncertainty; Circles of Time, Living Environment; self; Mt. Tremper, NY</i>	2021-2022
<i>Crossroads: Transforming Uncertainty; Rail Trail Environment; self; Voorheesville, NY</i>	2020-ongoing
<i>Emergent Wisdom; What's Next? Exhibition; self; Unison; New Paltz, NY</i>	2017-ongoing
<i>Transmigration Through Time; (Composed to Decompose); self; New Paltz, NY</i>	2019-20
<i>Seasons of Transcendence; (Psych Out); self; Byrdcliffe Guild; Woodstock, NY</i>	2019
<i>Ascension;What's Next? Sculpture Exhibition; self; Unison; New Paltz, NY</i>	2018-19
<i>Wisdom Trees: Embracing the Cycles of Life; self; CIC; Mount Tremper, NY</i>	2015-2019
<i>Contemplating Immortality II; Arbor; self; Woodland Pond; New Paltz, NY</i>	2014-ongoing
<i>Circle of Trees, in Time; self; Unison Sculpture Exhibition; New Paltz, NY</i>	2013-16
<i>Contemplating Immortality I; Arbor; self; Byrdcliffe; Woodstock, NY</i>	2013-14
<i>Pathway Through Time; Environment; intergenerational; Woodstock Library, NY</i>	2013-14

<b>PUBLIC ART (cont.)</b>	<b>Togut/ 3</b>
<i>Roots of Ascension</i> Pond Environment; self; Unison Arts Center; New Paltz, NY	2011-13
<i>Flowing Waters, Enduring Roots</i> ; self; Sculpture Biennial; Kingston Point Park, NY	2011
<i>Waves of Transformation and Renewal</i> ; self; Kingston, NY Sculpture Biennial	2009
<i>When Women Pursue Justice</i> ; Full block mural created by professionals and community members; one of 12 lead artists; Bedford Stuyvesant, NY	2005
<i>Post Office History Murals</i> ; self; Catskill, NY	1998-2000
Our Lady of Victory Church Mural; self; Bedford Stuyvesant, NY	1994

### **THERAPEUTIC and PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS**

Upstate Medical Cancer Center; wallpieces and paintings; self; Syracuse, NY	2023, 22,18,16,14
<i>Healing Arbor</i> ; collaborative; those touched by cancer; renewed every few years Waterfront (1997-2010) and Benedictine Hospital (2010-17); Kingston, NY	1997-2017
<i>Our Compassionate Community</i> ; collaborative; created with those dealing with mental illness; Mental Health Association; Kingston, NY	2014
<i>Change Lives; Build a Community</i> ; collaborative; Children's Home; Kingston, NY	2012
<i>Alive! A Path of Renewal</i> ; outdoor environment leading to the Hudson River created with TBI patients; Sculpture Biennial; Kingston, NY	2011
<i>Sculpture Garden</i> ; collaborative with TBI patients; NCSC; Lake Katrine, N.Y	2007-11
<i>Visions of Wellness Wallpiece</i> ; created with those challenged by traumatic brain injuries; YMCA, Kingston, NY	2010
Honoring the Hudson River Quadricentennial; created with those challenged by traumatic brain injuries; Dutchess Fairgrounds, NY	2009
Hassenfeld Center Oncology Murals; self, NYU. Hospital; NYC	1998
Catherine Street Community Center Mural; created with at risk youth, Poughkeepsie, NY	1995

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

Upstate Medical Cancer Center Gallery; Syracuse, NY	2019
<i>Metascension: States of Unknowing</i> ; Arts Society of Kingston, NY	2015
<i>Transmigration Through Time</i> ; WAAM; Woodstock, NY	2012
<i>Stages of Winemaking</i> ; Millbrook Winery; Millbrook, NY	2012
<i>For Ascending and Always Creating</i> ; 721 Gallery, Kingston, NY	2010
<i>Living With Uncertainty/ Cycles of Renewal</i> ; Deep Listening Gallery; Kingston, NY	2004
<i>Explorations into Light and Healing</i> ; Women's Wellness Center, Kingston, NY	2002
<i>Healing Ourselves... and the Community</i> ; Deep Listening Gallery, Kingston, NY	2000

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

Kleinart James Gallery; Woodstock, NY	2023, 22, 21, 20,19,18,16,15
<i>Far and Wide, GAIA and River Exhibitions</i> ; WAAM; Woodstock, NY	2022, 20,19, 09
<i>Handwriting on the Wall</i> ; Arts Society of Kingston; NY (challenges of cancer)	2018
<i>Undercurrents</i> ; Dorsky Museum of Art; Suny, New Paltz; NY	2017
Albany Convention Visitor's Center, NY	2015
Gallery 100, Wildflowers Galleries/ Long Beach Island, NJ; Jacaruso Gallery; Rhinebeck, NY	2012-14
<i>Art and Wine</i> ; Lyndhurst; Tarrytown, NY; Hudson Valley Gallery; Cornwall, NY	2011
<i>Nature/Nurture</i> ; Sculptural Installations; GCCA, Catskill, NY	2010
<i>Go Green, Keep the Hudson Clean</i> ; Kingston Sculpture Biennial; NY	2009
<i>Global Warming</i> ; Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY	2008

### **SELECTED BOOKS/ ARTICLE (featuring Susan Togut)**

Recent article: <a href="https://www.artsyshark.com/2022/05/20/featured-artist-susan-togut/">https://www.artsyshark.com/2022/05/20/featured-artist-susan-togut/</a>	2022
<i>On The Wall; Four Decades of Community Murals</i> ; U. of Mississippi Press by, Braun-Reinitz/Weissman, pages 106-07, 194-97	2009
<i>Mandala, Journey to the Center</i> ; DK Publishing by Bailey Cunningham Community Healing, p. 138	2002
<i>Making A Living While Making a Difference</i> ; Catalysts for Change, Everett; pages. 90-91	1999

