

Aaryn Lee, b. 1987, in Honolulu, Hawaii, was raised in Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington. She was exposed to the arts at a young age as she watched her dad draw figures and her mom paint crafts, and she immediately fell in love with the creative process. Throughout her childhood, Aaryn's creative spirit and desire to physically feel the materials with her bare hands led her to graphite drawing, collage, and mixed media techniques. Her interest in the arts was cultivated during her adolescence and further developed when she decided to study art at the next level. She completed her BA in Art: Art History with a Printmaking Concentration, Sum Laude, from Portland State University School of Art + Design in 2012.

Although Aaryn was raised in the Pacific Northwest, she visited the south growing up because her paternal side is deeply rooted there, and in 2013, she relocated to Huntsville. Aaryn worked out of her home studio for the next six years showing work through various platforms including The ARTery in Five Points. In late 2018, she applied to Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment, and in 2019, she was juried in. Aaryn opened her studio at Lowe Mill in August of 2019.

Aaryn's work explores the intersection between her internal energy and the external influences that have percolated throughout her life through an intuitive process while exploring a plethora of materials and mediums. She combines mixed media techniques with graphite drawing and mark-making in order to examine and understand the introspective world while pushing materials past their traditional use. Aaryn's manipulation of delicate tissue helps her explore themes of fragility in her work and to help her heal from many traumas she faced as a young adult. Multi-faceted in medium, her work tends to be organic in structure, somber in mood, and touched with the muted overcast and dark tones of her hometown of Portland, Oregon.

In addition to her current art practice, Aaryn is a single mother to a ten year old, a competitive volleyball player, the social media director and a beach volleyball coach for United Volleyball Club, a certified dermatology technician of six years, and a vegan of 16 years. She resides on Monte Sano in Huntsville, Alabama where she lives with her son, her sister, and their rescue dogs.