

JOHN SEBELIUS

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EDUCATION

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

2012 Master of Fine Arts, Drawing and Painting

- Chair, School Of The Arts Connection Subcommittee, 2011
- Board Member, Kansas University Exhibition Committee, 2009-11
- Founding Board Member, School Of The Arts Student Advisory Board, 2009-11

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts *with honors*, Illustration

- RISD Basketball, Varsity team (Captain), 2003-04

Sydney College of the Arts, Study Abroad Program, Sydney, Australia

2005 Concentration: Painting and Printmaking

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Veterans Affairs, The Stress Disorder Treatment Program, Topeka, KS

Artist-In-Residence, 2016-Present

Provide creative therapeutic treatment for a 7-week inpatient program for male and female Veterans and active duty service members who have experienced military-related trauma. This work allows them to process and express internal struggles and past experiences through a positive activity and improve quality of life and self-esteem.

Defend Love For All, Lawrence, KS

Founder & CEO, 2015-Present

Principal for producing, film directing, social media, graphic design, web content and outreach.

Gillius, Inc. Lawrence, KS

Owner & Creative Director, 2006-Present

Created and produced the board game *Don't Drop The Soap*™ and the Gillius™ clothing line.

Contracts Include:

- **OG Sack**, Denver, CO
Featured Artist, 2013
Designed a line of one-of-a-kind bag liners and accessories.
- **Democratic Governors Association**, Washington, D.C.
Graphic Designer, 2007
Designed various print materials for scheduled events, fundraising and created the DGA national t-shirt.
- **Sunflower Food & Spice Company**, Lenexa, KS
Package Designer, 2007
Featured artist for a line of holiday packages and print materials.

CHALK Magazine, Lawrence, KS

Illustrator, June-September 2006

- Illustrations and layouts were published in the Fall Issue.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

Inlandsea Productions, Kansas City, MO

Production Intern, May-August 2005

- Created packages, research, and print material for generating company sponsorship for IMAX
Awards: Received a paid internship from the Institute for Humane Studies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Washburn University, Adjunct Professor, Drawing 1
2012 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Drawing 2
2011 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Landscape Painting: Vista and Visage
University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Captured Alive: Portrait Painting
2010 University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Figure Drawing and Landscape Painting
University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Introduction to Drawing 1
2009 University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sculpture 1 & 2 and Painting 1-4

SOLO/DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Life Abstracted*, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS (forthcoming)
2015 *More Than Meets The Eye*, (duo show with Jeromy Morris), Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2014 *Do You Know Who My Father Is?!*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
New Work, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS
2013 *Sebelius*, (duo show with James Borger), Leopold Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Friends In My Head, Plenum Space, Kansas City, MO
2012 *Decadent and Depraved*, Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO
Still Under The Influence, The Granada Theatre, Lawrence, KS
100 Questions About Sturgis, (MFA Thesis) Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2011 *Sebelius*, Kansas City Artists Coalition Underground Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Under The Influence, Invisible Hand Gallery, Lawrence, KS
Still Searching, Knuckleheads Saloon, Kansas City, MO
2010 *Outcast*, Bourgeois Pig, Lawrence, KS

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2016 *The Murray Invitational*, Public Works, San Francisco, CA
Ratio, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2015 *Seed Co Residents Group Show*, 2016 Main, Kansas City, MO
2014 *Cider Gallery Group Show*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2013 *Hot Sheets II: Hotter Sheets*, Wonder Fair, Lawrence, KS
2011 *Lawrence Art Party*, Hobbs Taylor Gallery, Lawrence, KS
Above Average: Recent Work from Decent People, A & D Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2010 *Portraits*, Percolator Gallery, Lawrence, KS
Graduate Scholarship Show, Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
Sweathearts of the Studio, Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2009 *Prairie Fire: In The Field or In The Glass*, Pearl Gallery, Kansas City, MO
2006 *RISD Senior Illustration Show*, Woods-Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI
2006 *\$760,000 Show*, ISB Gallery, Providence, RI
2005 *Great Works Exhibition*, Gallery Two, Sydney, Australia
2004 *Contemporary Topics in Illustration*, ISB Gallery, Providence, RI
2003 *RISD Freshmen Foundation*, toured China
2001 *SAIC Summer Exhibition*, SAIC Gallery, Chicago, IL

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2013 Project-Based Residency, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
2011 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2016 Hawks To Watch, KU CLAS Alumni Award
Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (2nd Place), Lawrence Journal-World
2015 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1st Place), Lawrence Journal-World
2014 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1st Place), Lawrence Journal-World
2013 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (2nd Place), Lawrence Journal-World
2012 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1st Place), Lawrence Journal-World
2011 Wayne DeWitt Larabee Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
School Of The Arts Travel Grant (Vermont), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Artist Grant & Work Exchange Grant, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
2010 School Of The Arts Travel Grant, University of Kansas (New York), Lawrence, KS
Daniel MacMorris Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
2007 Fashion Designer Open Call Contest, Winner, Deegie's Carma, Kansas City, MO
2002 Arts Design Award, Eubank Foundation, Topeka, KS
2001 Leadership Award, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

PANELS

- 2015-16 Panelist, Citizen Advisory Committee (ELNA Representative)
2013 Juror, mARTch MADNESS, 1109 Gallery, Lawrence, KS
2011-13 Visual Arts and Museum Panelist, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC

REVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA ATTENTION

- 2015 Hlavacek, Joanna. "Double Take" Lawrence Journal-World Front page Arts Section 24 May.
Not So Late Show. Guest appearance, May 21.
2014 Imafidon, Nadia. "Pledging Through Paint" Lawrence Journal-World Front page Arts Section
17 August.
Best Of Lawrence Magazine. Lawrence Journal-World Front page and pg 88.
2013 Shepherd, Sara. "Warehouse Arts District with high-end fine art." Lawrence Journal-World
Front page. 24 April.
2012 Kansas City Voices 10th Anniversary Edition. Artwork featured on pg. 57.
Travers, Andrew. "Gonzo Goes Beyond Benton." Aspen Daily News 16 June 2012.
Noggle, Richard. "Great stories bathed in Busch Light." The Larryville Chronicles 11 June.
2011 Stutzer, Abbie. "John Sebelius on his film *Searching At Sturgis*, which is screening tonight at
Knuckleheads." The Pitch 28 July.
Pfannenstiel, Brianne. "John Sebelius: Artist, fashion designer, filmmaker and former governor's
son." Ink Magazine 21 June.
The University of Wyoming's Art and Literature Journal. Owen Wister Review Artwork featured
on pg. 103 and 108.
2010 Brisendine, Steve. "Bringing the Outcasts in: John Sebelius." Review 16 May.
A.D.D. "Outcast: An interview with John Sebelius." Lawrence.com 5 May.
KU Collegian Cover illustration and reproductions. Spring: 2+.
2009 Coronado, Kris. "Game Changer: John Sebelius." Express 9 March.
"Headlines." By Jay Leno. The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. NBC Television Network. 3 March.
2008 Krafft, Heather. "Local Fashion Designers Making Their Mark." Kansas City Star 7 Aug.
Sebelius, John. "Go Directly to Jail." Harper's June Issue.
Pflaum, Nadia. "A John Sebelius Update." The Pitch 5 May.

REVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA ATTENTION (continued)

- 2008 "KNOW+TELL." DETAILS March, pg 14.
Henning, Sarah. "Prison Break." Lawrence Journal-World 4 February.
Tankard, Frank. "Shoots & Daggers." Lawrence.com 28 January.
Fox & Friends. 3 minute segment. 28 January.

REPRESENTATION

Gonzo Gallery, Aspen, CO
Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS
Phoenix Gallery, Kansas City, MO

COLLECTIONS

Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO
Treanor Architects, Lawrence, KS
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Bank of Prairie Village, Kansas City, KS

PUBLIC ART

Abe and Jake's Landing, Lawrence, KS
The Burger Stand, Lawrence and Topeka, KS
East Jesus, Slab City, CA

FILM FESTIVALS

- 2015 "Find Me A Man", Free State Festival, Lawrence, KS
2014 "Find Me A Man", Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA
Midwest Premiere: "Find Me A Man", Tallgrass Film Festival, Wichita, KS
World Premiere: "Find Me A Man", Austin Film Festival, Austin, TX
Midwest Premiere: "Welcome To Slab City, USA", Free State Film Festival, Lawrence, KS
2013 World Premiere: "Welcome To Slab City, USA", Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA

SCREENINGS

- 2014 "Welcome To Slab City USA", The American School of Kinshasa, Congo, Africa
2013 "Welcome To Slab City USA", Film Row Art Screen, Kansas City, MO
2012 "Searching At Sturgis", Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO
"Searching At Sturgis", The Granada Theatre, Lawrence, KS
2011 "Searching At Sturgis", Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
"Searching At Sturgis", Knuckleheads Saloon, Kansas City, MO

FASHION SHOWS

- 2009 *Fashion Meets Music Fashion Show*, Bartle Hall, Kansas City, MO
WearHaus, MINT Ultra Lounge, Kansas City, MO
A Night of Jazz, Soho 119, Leawood, KS
2008 *It's A Guy's Thing*, Halls, Kansas City, MO
Open Call Winner's Showcase, Deegie's Carma, Kansas City, MO

ARTIST LECTURES

- 2014 *Do You Know Who My Father Is?!*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
2011 *Sebelius*, Kansas City Artist Coalition Underground Gallery, Kansas City, MO
A Life of Happy Accidents, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Resident Lecture Series, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- 2015- Steering Committee and Logistics sub-committee, Freestate Festival
2015-2016 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Board Member
2015-2016 Imagination Society, Lawrence Arts Center
2010-14 Gawker Artists, curated online art community and exhibition program
2010-11 Lawrence Art Guild