

MAI TRAN

PRINTMAKER/PHOTOGRAPHER

EDUCATION

- 2026** MFA – Printmaking, University of Minnesota-Twincities, Minneapolis, MN
2023 MA – Printmaking, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN
2021 BFA – Printmaking/Photography, With Honors, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2023 – present

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twin cities, Minneapolis, MN

ARTS 1103 – Intro to Printmaking: Relief, Screen & Digital Processes

ARTS 3130 – Intermediate Printmaking: Traditional & Contemporary Approaches (Intaglio & Lithography)

ARTS 5140 – Advanced Printmaking

ARTS 3180 – Zines, Comics and Books

2021 – 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Art & Design. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Instructor of record, ART100 - Elements & Principles of Art course, 4 semesters.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

2024 – present

Filmmaker. 410 Studios [Link Here](#), Mankato, MN

Event Photographer. Various events, Mankato, MN

2021 – 2023

Gallery Assistant and Photographer. 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

Art & Design PR Intern. The Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2019 - 2020

News Photographer. The Reporter, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN

Vice President. Works on Paper Printmaking Club, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION – “IN THE REVERIE”

2025

January 13 – February 6

Hutchinson Gallery, Ridgewater College – Hutchinson campus, Hutchinson, MN

2024

November 12 – December 13

Willmar Gallery, Ridgewater College – Willmar campus, Willmar, MN

June 7 – July 6

Carlander Gallery, Paradise Center for the Arts, Faribault, MN

2023

WONDERLAND - MA Thesis Exhibition, Effie R. Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2022

APRIL SHOWCASE, Fillin' Station Coffee, Mankato, MN

2021

HALLUCINATION – Relief Prints and Matrices, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

2020

MAI TRAN - The Art of Contemporary Printmaking, The Dear Teahouse, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

PUBLIC ART

2023

Art on Hennepin Avenue. Hennepin Theatre Trust, Minneapolis, MN
(Pence building, 800 Hennepin Avenue, until May 2024)

2022

Twin Rivers' ARTBoards Project. Twin Rivers Council for The Arts, Mankato, MN
(Billboard on Highway 22, until Oct 2023)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

Fresh Works, Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2024

Transfer – printmaking show, The Art Grind, Danville, PA

Build the Movement, CSU Art Gallery, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Flora of Minnesota, Arts Center of Saint Peter, St. Peter, MN

Flora of Minnesota, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

Fresh Works, Regis West Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

The 7th Annual Paper & Clay, Tippetts & Eccles Galleries, Caine College of the Arts, Utah State University, Logan, UT

2023

Regis Center for Art 20th Anniversary: Works by MFA & BFA Students, Regis West Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Really Big Prints 5.0, Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, Two Rivers, WI

Really Big Prints 5.0, Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc, WI

The Member Show, Arts Center of Saint Peter, Saint Peter, MN

MSU Prints: Josh Winkler and students, Schaefer Art Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN

Mav Arts Showcase, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

2022

Relief Conspiracy Pop-up Show, UW-Madison, Madison, WI

MSU Printmaking & Poetry Students' Exhibition, 4 Pillars Gallery, New Ulm, MN

2022 Member Show, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

The 20th Annual Halloween Exhibition, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

2021

9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange's exhibition, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID

Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange Pop-up Exhibition, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN

Annual Halloween Exhibition, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

410 Project Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

2020

ROCKchester V Visual Art, Virtual Festival, Rochester, MN

Senior Exhibition, Virtual Exhibition, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Pride Community Art Show, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

War and Peace Printmaking Spring Exhibition, CSU Art Gallery, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022

Blethen Fine Arts Awards, College of Arts and Humanities. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2016 – 2021

Cultural Contribution Scholarship. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2018

Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship, Department of Art & Design.

RADIO/TELEVISION

2024

PBS Postcards. Pioneer PBS. Granite Falls, MN [Link Here](#)

2022

VTV1: Vietnam Daily News. Vietnam Television (VTV). Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

VTV4: Dem van hoa Viet vao tranh in khac go tren dat My. Culture Mosaic / Connecting Cultures. Vietnam Television (VTV). Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

2021

KARE11 - Local artist's work fuses together two cultures that are worlds apart. Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN [Link Here](#)

Art Hounds (August 5th). Minnesota Public Radio News. Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN [Link Here](#)

ARTIST TALK / INTERVIEWS

2024

Mai Tran: From Ho Chi Minh to Mankato, artist infuses culture and vision into woodcut print. Mankato Free Press Sunday Issue 3-17-24. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)
Printmaker Turned Filmmaker: A Q&A with artist Mai. News & Events/College of Liberal Arts. University of Minnesota-Twincities. Minneapolis, MN [Link Here](#)

2022

Zoom Talk: Hanh trinh sang tac tranh in cua nghe si Viet Nam trong va ngoai nuoc. Thanh Uy Gallery. Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

2021

Viet Printmaker brings together American & Vietnamese cultures. Vietnam Times. Hanoi, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

From Vietnam to 'Kato (p.13). Mankato Magazine Issue October 2021. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

Vietnamese woman pursues art calling in Mankato. Mankato Free Press. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

MNSU student featured at the 410 Project. The MSU Reporter. MSU-Mankato. Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

Mang chat Viet vao tranh in tren dat My. Thanh Nien Press. Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

Cam hung Viet Nam trong tranh in khac go. The Women of Ho Chi Minh city Press. Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam [Link Here](#)

COMMISSIONS

2023

“Grow Up” first EP’s cover album. Mal Murphy (musician), Mankato, MN [Link Here](#)

2022

Illustration for the month of August - 2023 Calendar. Dum Boc Collective, NYC, NY [Link Here](#)

Promotion Mini Sketchbook Cover Design. Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2021

Promotion Sticker Design. Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2019

T-shirt Design. Department of Art & Design Pizza Party, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN

T-shirt Design. Intermediate & Advanced Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

EXCHANGE PRINT PORTFOLIOS

2024

Wandering Light Book Project (MAPC 2024). Organized by Michael Kruger (Lawrence, KS), Tom Reed (St. Louis, MO), Jenny Schmid (Minneapolis, MN).

Flora of Minnesota (Lithography Workshop). Organized by Josh Winkler, SKS Press, St. Peter, MN

2022

2022 SGC International's Member Print Exchange. Organized by SGCI 2022, UW-Madison, Madison, WI

All Things Small: A Pocket Print Portfolio. Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN

2021

Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange in collaboration with MSU Poets. Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN

Relief Postcard Exchange. Organized by Relief Conspiracy, Pittston, ME

The 2021 9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange. Organized by 9INHANDPRESS, New Hope, PA

2020

The. 15th Print Exchange: Heart's Desire. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR

2019

The 19th Annual International Postcard Print Exchange: RISE. Organized by University Print Society, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

The 14th Print Exchange: Wheel of Fortune. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR

The 13th Print Exchange: 13. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR

The 12th Print Exchange: ZINE. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR