

# MAI TRAN

b.1989, Vietnam

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## 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.*

## SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

### 2025 upcoming June

**2-person TBD** (with Anissa Cavazos), ArtWorks Center, Austin, MN

**Solo TBD**, Ouray Public Library, Ouray, CO

### 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

2025

**Lichen-centered Experiential Symposium (CHANT).** Regis Center for Art, Minneapolis, MN

2023

**Art on Hennepin Avenue.** Hennepin Theatre Trust, Minneapolis, MN  
(Pence building, 800 Hennepin Avenue)

2022

**Twin Rivers' ARTBoards Project.** Twin Rivers Council for The Arts, Mankato, MN  
(Billboard on Highway 22 South)

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 upcoming

**MPLS Printmaking,** Grafiska Sällskapet, Stockholm, Sweden

**International Printmaking Exhibition,** 6060 Arts Space, Bangkok, Thailand

**SGCI 2025 (PuertoGrabando) Annual Juried Exhibition,** Galeria Lorenzo Homar at Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño, San Juan, Puerto Rico

**45<sup>th</sup> National Print Exhibition,** Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, IN

**thresholds,** Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**Drawing-Painting-Printmaking Takeover,** Regis Center for Art (West), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**The Fine Print,** White Bear Center for the Arts, White Bear Lake, 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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Paper & Clay,** Tippetts & Eccles Galleries, Caine College of the Arts, Utah State University, Logan, UT

2023

**Regis Center for Art 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**2024**

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

**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**

**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](#)

**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**

**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](#)

**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](#)

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**2025**

**Graduate Research Partnership Program**, Department of Art, University of Minnesota-Twincities, MN

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.

## 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

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

2024 – **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

## 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