

**KAREN J.S. TASHJIAN**  
**ARTIST + ARCHITECT**

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**EDUCATION:** **CORNELL UNIVERSITY – College of Art, Architecture, and Planning**  
Bachelor of Architecture, 1981  
**CORNELL UNIVERSITY – College of Human Ecology**  
Bachelor of Science in Design, Fine Arts and Architecture, 1977

**REGISTRATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS:**  
**REGISTERED ARCHITECT**, State of NY, 1993

**COLLECTIONS:** **BURCHFIELD PENNET ART CENTER**, Purchased “theheights”, 40x40, oil on canvas. 2023

**EXHIBITIONS:**

<b>Buffalo Art Movement (BAM)</b> , upcoming Solo Show	Nov 8-Dec 6, 2024
<b>42North Brewpub</b> , upcoming Solo Show	Sep 18-Oct 19, 2024
<b>Burchfield Penney Art Center</b> , Buffalo, NY	May 10–Oct 27, 2024
Collaborative 2-person show w/ Mark Lavatelli	
<b>Meibohm Fine Arts Gallery</b> , East Aurora, NY	Jun 1-Jul 3, 2024
“Breathing Space”, Solo show	
<b>Hunt Gallery</b> , Buffalo, NY, “Abstract Inclinations”	Sep 22–Nov 4, 2023
Collaborative 2-person show w/ Mark Lavatelli	
<b>Blue Mountain Gallery</b> , NYC	Jul 11-29, 2023
Pamela Salisbury, Juror, 1 piece	
<b>Non-Juried Members Exhibition</b> , WNY Artists Group Gallery	Jan-Feb, 2023
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition</b>	Oct-Nov, 2022
WNY Artists Group Gallery, Lin Xia Jiang, juror,	
<b>Buffalo Soc. Of Artists Catalogue Exhibition</b>	September, 2022
<b>Buffalo Art Movement(BAM)</b> , Laura Domencic, juror, “quartet”	
<b>Garrett Club</b> , Buffalo, NY, Exhibition and lecture	Mar–Apr, 2022
<b>Buffalo Art Movement(BAM)</b> , one-woman show, 54 works	Feb–Mar, 2022
Pierce Arrow Building, Buffalo, NY	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Members Exhibition</b> , WNY Artists Group Gallery	Apr–May, 2022
<b>Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research</b> , exhibition of 9 works	Nov 2021–May, 2022
<b>MOOG, East Aurora, NY</b> , exhibition of 11 works	Feb–Jun, 2022
<b>Buffalo Soc. Of Artists 125<sup>th</sup> Catalogue Exhibition</b>	Sep–Oct, 2019
Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University, 2 pieces selected	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition</b>	Mar–Apr, 2020
WNY Artists Group Gallery, Dennis Kois, juror, One piece, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
<b>20/20 Vision: Women Artists in WNY</b>	Feb–Aug, 2020
Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University, 1 piece	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Members Exhibition</b> , Prof. Xia Jiang, juror	Feb–Mar, 20202020
WNY Artists Group Gallery, “bethlehemrose”, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
<b>Buffalo Soc. Of Artists 124<sup>th</sup> Catalogue Exhibition</b>	Sep–Oct, 2019
Sisti Gallery North, Margaret Muto, Juror, 2 pieces	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition</b> , John Opera, juror	Aug–Sep, 2019
WNY Artists Group Gallery, One piece	
<b>Trilogies XXIX – The Work of Three Artists</b>	April–May, 2019
WNY Artists Group Gallery, Buffalo	
<b>Members Exhibition - WNY Artists Group Gallery</b> , Buffalo	Mar–Apr, 2019
<b>Buffalo Soc. Of Artists Catalogue Exhibition</b>	Oct–Nov, 2018
WNY Artists Group Gallery, Martin Kruck juror, One piece	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition</b> , Scott Propeack, jur.	Aug 24–Sep, 2018
WNY Artists Group Gallery, “tunnelvision”, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	
<b>Betty’s Restaurant</b> , One-woman show	Jan–Mar, 2017
<b>ECHO ART FAIR</b> , Juried Art Fair, Buffalo, NY	May, 2016
Painted Works	
<b>BLUEHOUSE STUDIO</b> , Opening of house and Painted works	May 2012
<b>STUDIO VISIT MAGAZINE</b> , Painting selected, Distribution in galleries nationwide, 2013	
<b>ALLENTOWN DRESS SHOP</b> , Buffalo, NY	Jun–Jul, 2009

*"Recent Works"*, One-woman show in collaborative display during Allentown Arts Festival  
**FULLERCRAFT MUSEUM, Brockton, MA** Jun, 2009–Jan, 2010  
*"The Perfect Fit"*, Juried Travelling Exhibit, One piece of work selected  
**BUFFALO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS**, 1 piece selected each show  
 Betty's Restaurant, Juried May–Jul, 2009  
 Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Carriage House, Buffalo, May 30 – Jun 30, 2009  
**BURCHFIELD-PENNEY ART CENTER**  
 Members Exhibition, *Guth Barn II*, oil Dec–Mar, 2008  
**BUFFALO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS, Keenan Center for the Arts**  
 Members' Exhibition, Juried, 1 piece selected  
**ARTS COUNCIL IN BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY** Jun–Jul, 2004  
*"Imagining Buffalo"*, Recent Works in Oil  
**AUTOHAUS VOLKSWAGON, Phaeton Unveiling Reception**  
 Installation of painted works on scaffolding with lighting, to create urban atmosphere in automobile  
 showroom Formal reception. Temporary installation 2004  
**SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Jan–Feb, 2004  
*"Finding Space"*, An Installation of Recent Works in Oil  
 Painted works were hung to create space and to study the relationship of  
 the painted work to the wall.  
**JUST PASTA**  
*"All Buffalo"*, Exhibit of Recent Work Jun–Sep, 2003  
*"Mesmerized By Architecture"*, Exhibit of Recent Work Jun–Aug, 2002  
**SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Feb–Mar, 2001  
*"A Different Light"*, Recent Works in Oil, 2-Person Show

#### UPCOMING SHOWS/REPRESENTATION:

**Meibohm Fine Art Gallery**, East Aurora, NY (ongoing)  
**The COMMA Fine Art Gallery**, Orchard Park, NY (ongoing)

#### PUBLIC ART EXHIBITIONS:

**40-50 FOUNTAIN PLAZA**, "Pulse", April '25 – Sept '25  
**THE MANSION**, Buffalo, NY April '25 – Sept '25

#### ARTIST RESIDENCIES:

**VERMONT STUDIO CENTER RESIDENCY**, Johnson, Vt. Mar - Apr, 2020  
 [cancelled due to pandemic]

#### CURATED EXHIBITIONS:

**ALBRIGHT-KNOX ART GALLERY**, Buffalo, NY April, 2006  
*"Paint & Experience"*, an exhibit of paintings done by architectural students and hung in the  
 Museum's educational wing, Conceived, facilitated, and lead workshop.  
**UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS**, Buffalo, NY Mar–Apr, 2003  
*"Occupied Walls"*, An installation of drawings and constructs by the  
 Junior Design Studio, School of Architecture and Planning, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY,  
 Conceived and facilitated.

#### SET DESIGN:

*"Henry V"* Summer 2014  
 Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY  
*"The Fairy Queen"*, *"Macbeth"*, *"Falstaff"* Summer 2014  
 D'ellArte Opera Ensemble, NY, NY  
*"Hamlet"* Summer 2013  
 Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY  
*"Rumors"* Winter 2007–08  
 Siena College, Department of Creative Arts

#### WORK EXPERIENCE:

**ARTIST**, Paintings in oil on canvas [primarily], mixed media works ongoing  
**PRINCIPAL, Karen JS Tashjian**, Architect, East Concord, NY, Nov. 1993–2020  
 Owner of Architectural Design Firm doing residential, small commercial, and community work, as  
 well as planning and feasibility studies.  
 Focus on design and creation of space, as well as green and sustainable practice.

**"bluehouse", Residential Reclamation**, Buffalo, NY Sep 2009–Sep 2011  
 Comprehensive design/renovation/reclamation of urban structure, Buffalo, NY  
**Waterman Professional Office, Passive Solar Design**, East Concord, NY 1999  
**Hoffman Residence**, 1997  
 Complete Passive Solar House Design, Springville, NY  
**Tashjian Residence**, 1995  
 Complete Passive Solar House Design, East Concord, NY  
**ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR**  
 UNIV. at BUFFALO, Dept. of Architecture 2001–2018  
**VISITING CRITIC**, University at Buffalo, School of Architecture. (prior to Fall 2000)  
**BUFFALO REUSE, Architectural Salvage & Neighborhood Action**  
 Designed *"Grand Theatrical Reading Stair"*, a stairway encouraging at-risk kids to read.  
**SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK**  
 Collaborated in creating master plan for performance space in Delaware Pk, 2006-2016  
**HOLT Architects, PC**, Ithaca, New York Feb 2010–2011  
 ARCHITECT, consultation and marketing/PT  
**PROFESSOR, Monteverde Institute**, Monteverde, Costa Rica Summer 2008  
 Community-Based Sustainable Architectural Design and Living, Experiential, Hands-on.  
 Mentor-Architect role in Studio, also created + directed exercises in Cultural Studies.  
**URBAN DESIGN COMPETITION**, Providence, R.I. 1998  
 Team Captain of 4-Person team, Architect, City Planner, Recreational Management Consultant,  
 Architectural Student, Honorable Mention  
**PRINCIPAL, Middlebury Design Studio**, Middlebury, Vt. 1986–1993  
 Owner of Architectural Design Firm.  
**PROJECT DESIGNER & PRODUCTION** 1981–1984  
 HOL&T Architects, PC, Ithaca, New York

#### TEACHING:

**STUDENT EXHIBITS**, Departmental Exhibitions, Dept. of Arch., University at Buffalo  
**STUDIO INNOVATIONS**,  
**Freshman Design Studio Collaborative Teaching Model**  
**"Slow, Open, + Imperfect"**, Paper on Collaborative Teaching Approach,  
 Co-wrote and presented to **Beginning Design Conference**, Cincinnati, OH  
 Mar 2018  
**Comprehensive Freshman Studio Experience**, From conception to full-scale build  
 Reflection Spaces [10], at Silo City, Buffalo, NY  
**Heavenly Marks**, A book of Sensational Rendered Axonometric drawings  
 by freshmen students 2016  
**CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, "Communications"**  
 A studio course for grad. students, new to the field of architecture, which teaches them to see,  
 evaluate, craft, and communicate visually 2005-2008  
**"BRACKETS"**, A survey course studying an array of architects who paint, ie who work in  
 both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional formats 2005 Fall  
**"PAINT & EXPERIENCE"**, Painting studio for architects 2006 Spr.

**PUBLICATIONS: Book, "Frank Lloyd Wright's Gardeners Cottage at the Martin House Complex", 2010**  
 Conceived, wrote and took all photographs; Image-driven book documenting building

#### PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS & COMMUNITY SERVICE:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BUFFALO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS** Nov 2019–2022  
 Chairman, Education Committee (2019 - 21)  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SACRA** April 2017  
 Society for the Advancement of Construction-Related Arts, Buffalo, NY  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Dec 07–Dec 17  
 Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION** Jan 2005–Jun 2007  
 Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District  
 Springville, New York 14141  
**WELLNESS COMMITTEE**, SGI Central School District 2007–08  
**SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Summer 2000–2003  
 Board of Directors, Vice President 2001–2002

Board of Directors, President	2002-2003
<b>SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE</b>	1998-2003
Springville-Griffith Institute Middle School, Spearheaded a mentoring program for students.	
<b>GIFTED &amp; TALENTED SDM SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	1999-2002
Chairman, Presented proposal for a district-wide K-12 Gifted and Talented Program in the Springville Griffith Institute school district.	
<b>DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD</b> , Middlebury, Vermont 05753	1990-1993
Professional Board serving in advisory capacity to town's Zoning Board.	
<b>DESIGN REVIEW BOARD</b> , President	1982-1984
Ithaca, New York 14850	

**PERSONAL:** Married to Joseph J. Tashjian, Jr., DVM, Four grown children.

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