

MFA in Studio Art

Among the first low residency MFA programs in the country, MECA offers both full and low residency options. Both choices offer study with core faculty and distinguished visiting artists, critics, and curators. Students have access to facilities in printmaking, painting, ceramics, sculpture, photo, digital media, video, woodworking + furniture design, textile + fashion design, metalsmithing + jewelry, music, graphic design, and illustration.



FULL RESIDENCY

Our full residency MFA gives you the option of moving to the Arts District in Portland, Maine, with 24/7 access to 200,000 square feet of state-of-the-art facilities and a vibrant creative community.

LOW RESIDENCY

Our low residency MFA combines intense periods of on-campus instruction with the freedom and independence of working from any home location, anywhere in the world.



Brian David Downs '19, Summer critique with Visiting Artist Keith Boadwee

MFA FACULTY

Adriane Herman
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Gail Spaen
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Katie Vida

RECENT VISITING FACULTY

Laylah Ali
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Keith Boadwee
Sonya Clark
Abigail DeVille
Inka Essenhig
Spencer Finch
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Robert Hobbs
Rick Lowe
Jim Shaw
Lisa Sigal
Ben Street
Mary Reid Kelley
& Patrick Kelley

RECENT LOW RESIDENCY STUDIO ADVISORS (NRSA)

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Marie Lorenz
Phyllis McGibbon
Rita McKeough
Joao Ribas
Raechell Smith
Heide Trepanier
Kit White



MFA students on research trip in Venice, Italy

RESEARCH FIELD TRIPS

MECA's MFA program believes in the transformative power of a first-hand cultural experience. Each year students travel to important art destinations including New York, Montreal, Venice, and London. Selected destinations have significant art historical value and inspire academic and studio course work. Program tuition offsets some of the costs, making the trip more affordable for most students.

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Crystal Phelps '17, performance, Summer Intensive 2016



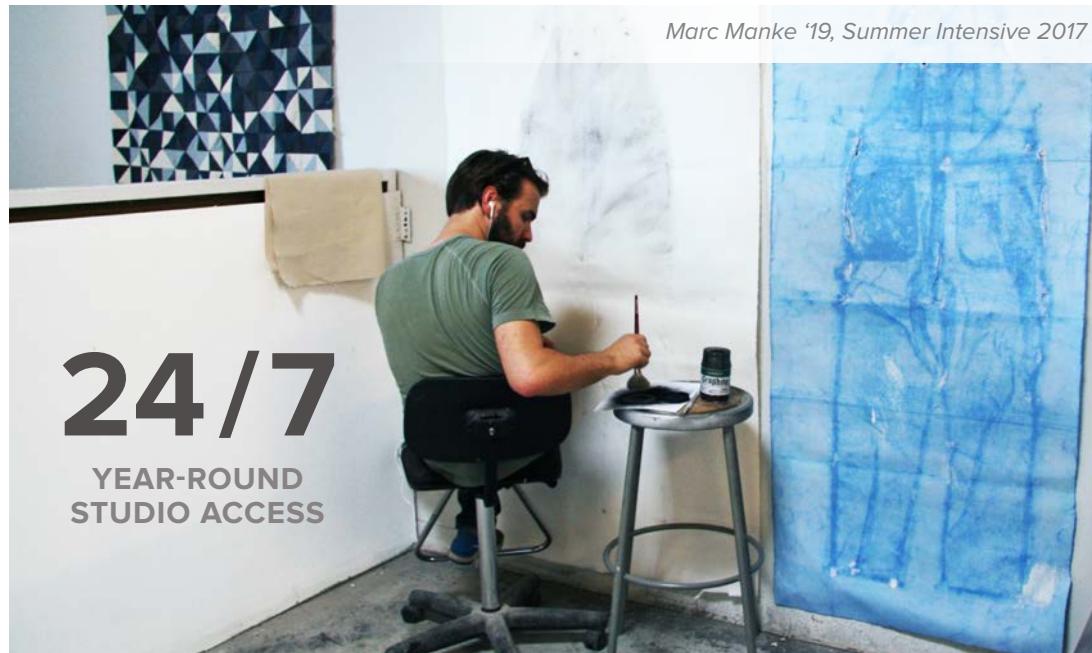
MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN STUDIO ART 2-YEAR PROGRAM

MECA's MFA program offers an interdisciplinary approach that encourages students to think across traditional academic boundaries and challenge their own art practice and intellectual curiosity.

The curriculum emphasizes the intersection of studio production, individual research and critical analysis. This structure promotes the development of a sustainable lifelong practice.

- + Full & Low Residency options available
- + Strong team of core & visiting faculty
- + International travel
- + Trimester structure, 2-year program

Marc Manke '19, Summer Intensive 2017



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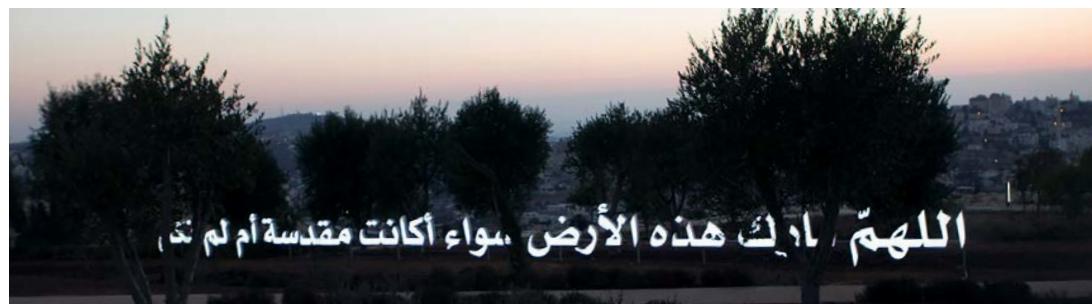
YEAR-ROUND
STUDIO ACCESS

CRITICAL EXPERIENCES

- + Focused studio time
- + Introduction to contemporary art practice and discourse
- + One-on-one studio mentorship
- + Peer and faculty dialog related to studio production, concept development, critical analysis, articulation
- + Assisted focused research
- + Formal writing experience in advance of thesis
- + Thesis composition
- + Thesis studio production
- + Introduction to professional practices, teaching and networking opportunities
- + Access to diverse professional models

MFA PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- + Develop a mature body of work based on focused scholarship and studio production
- + Establish sustainable working methodologies to support continued practice
- + Possess extensive knowledge of contemporary art practice and discourse
- + Define the location of one's work within historical, social, economic, intellectual, material, and aesthetic contexts
- + Understand methods of potential dissemination, considering both conceptual and professional contexts



Inass Yassin '19, Jerusalem Lives installation at the Palestine Museum in Birzeit, Palestine.

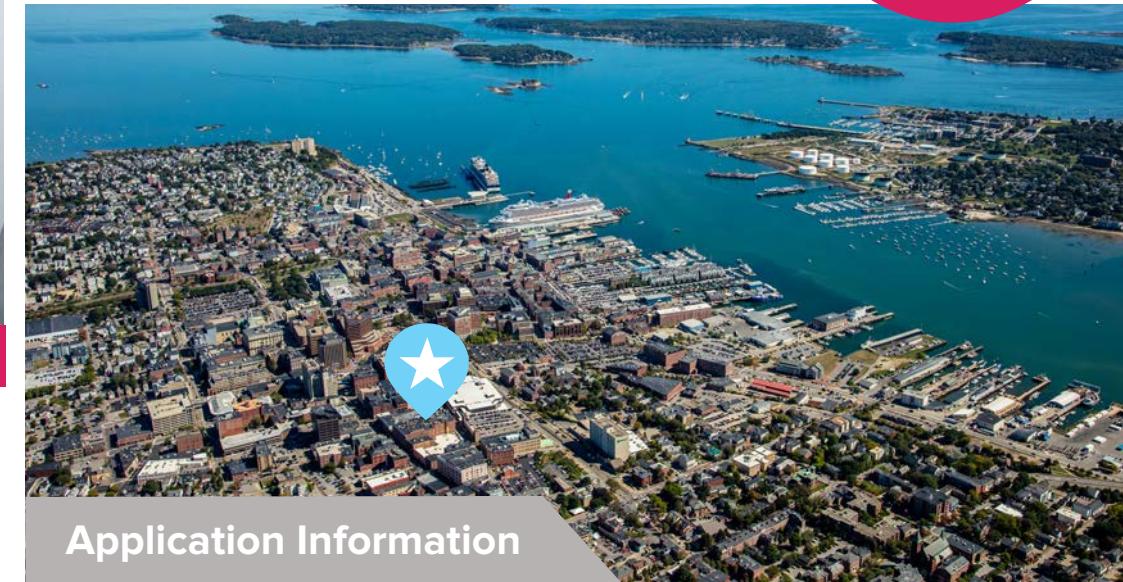
A VIBRANT LOCATION



Portland's bustling arts, music, and restaurant scene is world-renowned. The city is located close to beaches, lakes, and forests – the Atlantic ocean is a short stroll away. An extremely walkable city, Portland is large enough to host a diverse blend of nationalities, but small enough to retain a strong sense of community with a number of niche markets and micro-cultures centered around social responsibility, art, design, and creative innovation.

**FULL TUITION
SCHOLARSHIP
AVAILABLE**

See meca.edu/mfa
for deadlines and
eligibility



Application Information

To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application form
- A letter of intent
- Portfolio: 20 images or 10 min. of film
- Transcripts from all undergraduate & graduate level programs/institutions attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume or CV
- A non-refundable \$50 application fee (\$70 for international applicants)

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

MECA offers several types of financial aid to help offset the costs of tuition, including merit scholarships, teaching assistantships, scholarships, federal loans, and work-study opportunities. All accepted MFA students receive a merit scholarship.

For more information contact
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See application deadlines and apply online at: meca.edu/mfa
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