

Karen Ami

b.Chicago, MCMLXI

ArtAmiba Studio, Chicago

Founder and Executive Director

The Chicago Mosaic School,
2005-present

President Emeritus

The Society of American Mosaic Artists
2007-2010

Education.

MFA.School of the Art Institute Chicago,1995

BFA.Tufts/Boston Museum School, 1986

Post Baccalaureate Diploma. Boston Museum School, 1985

Certificate. Scuolo Mosaici Orsoni, Venice, Italy, 2004

Independent Study.

Mexico, 1984, Ireland, 1985, Ecuador and Costa Rica, 1986-1987, Nevis,
West Indies, 1994, Italy, 2004

Teaching Experience.

The School of the Art Institute Chicago

Columbia College

The Chicago Mosaic School

Harold Washington College, Chicago

Ox-Bow

Featherstone Center for the Arts

Gallery 37

Visiting Artist-Chicago Public Schools

Chicago Public Art Group

Selected Exhibitions.

2017

- "Variations", GoCM Gallery/SOFA, Chicago, IL, November 2017
- "Birth Marks" Solo Exhibition, SXU Gallery, Chicago, IL Sept 2017
- "Meditations on Suffering" at Chicago Sinai Synagogue, Illinois, June '17
- "Cuyler's Last Stand" GoCM Chicago, Illinois January-February '17

2016

- "International Mosaic Exhibition" Kyoto, Japan, December '16
- "Stories We Tell" GoCM Chicago, Illinois November '16-January '17
- "Organic", Prairie State College, Illinois, November-December, '16
- "Savage Curiosities" GoCM Chicago, Illinois, September-November, '16
- "PassOver", The Museum of Biblical Art, Dallas, Texas April- June, '16

2015

- "Made in Chicago", Wheaton College, Illinois January- March 2016
- "Six by Six"- Atelier De Luca, Ravenna, Italy October- January 16
- "Mosaici Dal Mondo" RavennaMosaico, Ravenna, Italy Oct-Nov
- "Mosaics Abroad" Traveling Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan, 2015-2016
- "Made in Chicago" Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago Sept-Oct
- "Pictor Imaginarius", Museo di Fiume, Nazzano, Italy, May
- "MAI Invitational at The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA March- April
- "Museum of Biblical Art", Dallas, Texas, March-May
- "Under the Influence" Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago March- April
- "Prix Picassiette 2014", Chartres, France, October- November
- "Noir et Blanc", Parlay le Monial, France, June-August
- "Visual Mosaic", Ravenna, Italy, September
- "Pictor Imaginarius", Museo di Fiume, Nazzano, Italy, May
- "Interstizis", Galler of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago, May-July
- "Museum of Archeology Aquileia", Aquileia, Italy, March- April
- "Tesserae" Clauiano, Italy, March-April
- "Tesserae" Gradisca d'Isonzo, Italy, March- April
- "Learning Curve", GoCM Gallery, Chicago Illinois, January

2013

- "Mosaic Yarismasi Competition", Zeugma Museum, Gaziantep, Turkey, October

“Ardore”, Chapel St Eman, Chartres, France, October
“Bibliomosaico”, Ravenna Italy, October
“Mosaics dal Mundo” RavennaMosaico, Ravenna, Italy, October-November
“INTERSTICES”, Sucy en Brie, France June
“Pictor Imaginarius”, Museo di Fiume, Nazzano, Italy, April
“Inside/Out II”, Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago, April

2012

Prix Picassiette, Chartres, France October
“Open Walls” City of Chicago 44th Ward Office, Chicago, November
“Transformations”, Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago
“Unbroken”, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Martha’s Vineyard, MA, July
Inside/Out, Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago,

2011- 1996

Cool Globes, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2011
SOCA Gallery, Chicago, December- March 2010
Cool Globes, Washington DC, Copenhagen, Geneva, Houston, 2010
OIMC Exhibition, Jerusalem, Israel March 2009
Our Roots Are Showing, CMS Gallery, March 2010
UnCorked, Ethnic Arts Center, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Sept-Nov 2009
Cool Globes, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco California 2009
An Ancient Language- A Modern Translation, Granville Center for the Arts,
Garland Texas, Sept-Oct 2009
Ahlmquist Gallery, Winnetka IL 2009
Womanmade Gallery, Chicago, 2008
CMS Gallery, Chicago, 2006, 2007
Cool Globes, Washington, DC, 2008
CoolGlobes, Chicago, 2007
Vietnam Veterans Museum, Chicago 2006
Ellipse Art Center, Arlington, VA, 2005
Museo ItaloAmericano, San Francisco, 2004
ARC Gallery, Chicago 2004
TZ Gallery, Chicago, 2004
Uncommon Ground, Chicago, 1999
SAIC Gallery, Chicago, 1996
Artemesia Gallery, Chicago, 1995
Lannon Gallery, Chicago, 1991

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 1996
Cyclorama Boston, 1996

Selected Publications.

Chicago Voyager Magazine, June 2017
Grout Magazine, Summer 2015
Midwest Magazine, June 201e
Groutine, May 2015
Mosaique Magazine, April 2014
Mosaique Magazine, January 2013
Groutine- Ask a Pro, January 2013
Center Square Journal , May 2012
Grout Magazine, March 2012
Groutine; 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
Houston Magazine, October 2009
LXTV Interview, September 2009
Profitable Glass Quarterly, October 2009
Complete Pebble Mosaic Handbook, Maggy Howarth, 2009
Timeout Magazine Chicago, October 2006
Chicago Tribune, September 2005
Mosaic Art and Style, JoAnn Loctov, 2005
CAC News, 2001
ARC Chicago: 30 years, 2001
Chicago Tribune: February 1996
New Art Examiner, April 1991; March 1990

Selected Lectures. Presentations.

The Chicago Mosaic School, "Practice and Passion" February 2016
British Association of Modern Mosaic, Symposium at Kings College,
London, October 2014
Society of American Mosaic Artists, Annual Symposium, Tacoma WA

“Passion, Process and Purpose”- April , 2013
Prix Picassiette Symposium, Chartres, France 2012
Chicago Public Libraries – 2012/2013 Lecture Series
Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs, MA, 2012
Mosaic Association of Australia/New Zealand, 2011 Symposium,
Adelaide Australia
Society of American Mosaic Artists, Annual Conferences, 2007-2012
Mosaic of Art Radio, February, 2010
MAANZ Symposium, Brisbane Australia, October 2009- Keynote Address
*“Beyond Our Pieces; The importance of partnerships, education, and artisanry in
contemporary Mosaics, Coverings-Chicago, May 2009
“Relevance of Art Education in Public Arts”*
South Suburban College, April 2008
Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Artists Month, 2008-2012
Guest Artist Lecture Series School of the Art Institute of Chicago,
Continuing Ed Dept, September 2007, 2008
Mosaic Arts Educational Presentation
Chicago Mosaic School, November 2007-2012 *“The Marvel of Mosaics”*
Loyola University, February 2006
Guest Artist Presentation
Harold Washington College, October 2006
“Survey of Contemporary Mosaic Arts”

Associations.

Association of International Mosaic Artists (AIMC)
The Society of American Mosaic Artists (SAMA)
The British Association of Modern Mosaic (BAMM)
Tile Heritage Foundation (THF)
Chicago Artists Coalition (CAC)
The Chicago Mosaic School (CMS)