

KRYSTIN-YOUNGJU SMITH

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EDUCATION

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

B.F.A. in Drawing and Painting, 2025

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Teaching Certification in Education, Mathematics Specialization, 1996

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

People and Pets Exhibition, Lewisville Grand Theater, Lewisville, TX

March 7-April 4, 2026

The Smallest Miracle, watercolor, 20 x 16 inches; Peeking at the Window, acrylic, 20 x 16 inches

Members Monthly Art Exhibition, Lewisville, TX

February 10, 2026

Barolo, the Radical, watercolor, 20 x 16 inches — 1st Place

Absolutely Abstract Juried Exhibition, Lewisville Grand Theater, Lewisville, TX

January 10-February 7, 2026

Song of Passion, acrylic, 20 x 16 inches; Held in a Note, acrylic, 8 x 8 inches

Lewisville Symphony Concert Art Exhibition, Lewisville, TX

November 8, 2025

Songs of Small Voices series (Passion, Whisper, Echo, and The Silent Night), acrylic, 10 x 10 inches

New Visual Art League Membership Exhibition, Lewisville, TX

November 8-22, 2025

When Light Calls, acrylic, 20 x 16 inches; Before Silence Falls, acrylic, 20 x 16 inches

25th Art Connection Member Exhibition, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX

November 1-22, 2025

Nature's Song, watercolor on paper, 21 x 29 inches; The Passage of Time, watercolor on paper, 29 x 21 inches — Honorable Mention

Venture X "Go Big 7" Exhibition, Fairview, TX

October 26, 2025-February 1, 2026

Elysium, acrylic on canvas, 48 x 36 inches

West Oak + CVAD Exhibition, Denton, TX

October 7-November 17, 2025

Cafe Conversations, watercolor, 10 x 14 inches

Artfordable, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Visual Arts Guild of Frisco Juried Group Exhibition, Frisco, TX

August-October 2025

Joy, watercolor, 16 x 20 inches

Unreal 2025, Juried International Online Exhibition

August 2025

Where the Light Waits, photography

Square-d Community Art Exhibition, UNT CoLab, Denton, TX

July 2025

Calling; Echo; The Gate; Wanderer — all works sold within 1 hour

Creative Vision Collective, UNT CoLab, Denton, TX

February 2025

Nature's Song; The Way; The Shining Rest

Senior Group Exhibition: Bittersweet, *The Fourth Floor Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, TX*

April-May 2025

Nature's Song; Seek; You Will Find

Visibility and Stature: BIPOC Exhibition, *Cora Stafford Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, TX*

March 2023

Morning; Afternoon; Night, triptych

AWARDS

1st Place, Members Monthly Art Exhibition, Visual Art League of Lewisville

February 2026

Honorable Mention, 25th Art Connection Member Exhibition, Irving Arts Center

November 2025

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Freelance Practice & Commission

2019-Present

Commissioned portraits, landscapes, and spiritually themed works exploring silence, memory, nature, and the meeting of Eastern and Western aesthetics.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Educational Practice

1996-2016

Taught in public, private, international, and Department of Defense schools across Texas, Utah, California, Washington, Germany, and South Korea. This background continues to inform the educational, cross-cultural, and reflective dimensions of the studio practice.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Military Public Service Honors

2005-2006

Commander's Award for Public Service, U.S. Army (2005); Dr. Mary Walker Award for Public Service, U.S. Army (2006).