

# WILLIAM LOPEZ

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## SUMMARY

Experienced in art curating, gallery preparation, and program management, with over 10 years of experience in exhibit preparation, team-building and creating an enjoyable environment. Well skilled in dealing with artistic teaching, managing galleries, and creating work on a deadline.

## EDUCATION

**2018** Bachelor of Studio Fine Art | Black Hills State University | Spearfish, SD  
GPA: 3.3

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

**10/20 - Current** | Ava Art Center Program Director | Gillette, WY

Maintain inventory for art supplies and programs. Responsible for planning and execution of all arts programming representative of a spectrum of visual arts mediums and skill levels. Primarily be responsible for developing opportunities that advocate for visual arts access and exploration.

**06/18 - Current** | Matthews Opera House Gallery Artist | Spearfish, SD

Maintain inventory for gallery sales and viewing. In charge of keeping up to date with websites, inventory, and production. Managing records of sold works of art.

**01/19 - 06/19** | JJ Pottery | Salt Lake City, UT

Managed production line. In charge of creating a high quantity of products.  
Recycling clay, firing pieces, kiln maintenance, and mixing glazes  
Managing heavy machines.

**2015 - 2016** | Art Club Instructor at Creekside Elementary | Spearfish SD

Aiding Kids (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
After school arts and crafts  
Leading group projects  
Helping with homework

**2013 - 2014** | Ceramic Instructor (K-12) | Ava Art Center | Gillette, WY

Teaching students of all abilities to work with clay  
Organizing class projects, firing finished pieces, aiding students in glazing  
Recycling used clay, and studio cleanup.  
Knowledge of various ceramic techniques, and the ability to teach students of all ages

**2011 - Current** | Self-Employed Ceramic Artist | Gillette, WY

Managing all aspects of ceramic production  
Recycling clay, firing pieces, kiln maintenance, and mixing glazes  
Managing cleanliness, sales, and selling pieces at local venues, and art galleries.

## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- 2022 -Nominated for AVA Art Center Annual Show | WY
- 2021 -Gillette Public Access Interview | WY
- 2021 -Matthews Opera House 2nd Place Award | SD
- 2021 -Nominated for Ava Art Center Annual Show | WY
- 2020 -People's Choice Award for Ava Art Center Annual Show
- 2020 -2nd Place Award for the Ava Art Center Annual Show
- 2019 -Matthews Opera House Gallery Artist | SD
- 2018 -Northern Hills Arts for the Bush Connect Grant
- Wenger Art Scholarship | College of Liberal Arts
- Grace K. Warring Scholarship | College of Liberal Arts
- Black Hills State University Dean's List
- 2017 -Grace K. Warring Scholarship for the College of Arts
- National Conferences on Undergraduate Research
- Black Hills State University Dean's List
- 2016 -Black Hills Art Association Award
- BHSU Student Art Best of Show winner
- 2011 -Wyoming State Art Symposium Congressional Award (2)
- Tina Navaro scholarship recipient for Best Senior Portfolio

## PUBLICATION & OUTREACH

- 2022 -Cates/Cunningham Family Benefit | Buffalo, WY
- 2021 -Wyoming Sportsman Group Fundraiser | Gillette, WY
- 2021 -St. John Fundraiser | Spearfish, SD
- 2021 -Legion Baseball Fundraiser | Gillette, WY
- 2020 -Donation to Tiny Show | Spearfish, SD
- 2019 -Donation to BHSU Art Club | Spearfish, SD
- 2018 -Annual Amanda May Scholarship | Spearfish, SD
- Empty Bowls Project | Deadwood, SD
- BHSU Student Representative for the Bush Connect Foundation | Spearfish, SD
- Donation to Art Club | Spearfish, SD

## EXHIBITIONS

### *Solo Exhibitions*

- 2020 -Brown Bag Series Art Talk | Spearfish, SD
- 2018 -Presidential Gallery | Spearfish, SD
- 2017 -National Conference on Undergraduate Research | Memphis, TN
- 2016 -Research Symposium | Spearfish, SD
- Ava Art Center | Gillette, WY
- 2015 -Donkey Creek Festival | Gillette, WY
- Holiday Extravaganza | Deadwood, SD
- 2014 -Donkey Creek Festival | Gillette, WY
- Annual Prairie Wind Culture Festival | Gillette, WY
- 2012 -Annual Prairie Wind Culture Festival | Gillette, WY

### *Group Exhibitions*

- 2022 -Black Hills Art Gala | Spearfish, SD
- 2022 -Annual Art Gala | Gillette, WY
- 2021 -Anything Goes Show | Casper, WY
- 2021 -Annual Art Gala | Gillette, WY
- 2021 -Music and Mugs | Gillette, WY
- 2020 -Annual Art Gala | Gillette, WY
- 2020 -Handmade for the Holidays | Gillette, WY
- 2020 -Ava's Mini Exhibition & Summer Bash | Gillette, WY
- 2020 -The Matthews Opera House Art Gallery | Spearfish, SD
- 2020 -Spaces of The West | Gillette, WY
- 2020 -Chinook Art Show | Spearfish, SD
- 2019 -The Matthews Opera House Art Gallery | Spearfish, SD

- Donation to Pearls of the Prairie | Gillette, WY
- Interview for "Art in my Life" | Spearfish, SD

- 2017 -KEVN TV interview for "Art Beat" | Rapid City, SD
- Wheel-throwing Buffalo Ridge Elementary | Gillette, WY
- Donation to BHSU Art Club | Spearfish, SD
- Donation to the Fur Ball | Spearfish, SD
- Donation to the Pearls of the Prairie | Gillette, WY
- 2016 -Donation to BHSU Art Club | Spearfish, SD
- 2016 -Winter Art Show | Spearfish, SD
- Jacket Journal | Spearfish, SD
- The Martha and Robert Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art | Memphis, TN
- Art With Our Parks Annual Fundraiser & Juried Art Show | Gillette, W
- BHSU "Pick of the Week"
- Silent Auction Reception for Furball | Spearfish, SD
- Sculpture in the Hills Vendor | Hill City, SD
- 2015 -Art of Brilliant | Denver Art Museum | Denver, CO
- Donation to Annual Yes House Fundraiser | Gillette, WY
- Pottery Planet volunteer at Ava Art Center | Gillette, WY
- 2014 -Pottery volunteer at the Ava Art Center | Gillette, WY
- Donation to United Way | Gillette, WY
- Gillette College Student Representative | Gillette, WY
- 2013 -Gillette News Record Personal Interview | Gillette, WY
- In Collaboration with J.B. King | Gillette Complex
- In Collaboration with Karen Barton | AVA Art Center
- The Mayor's Art Council | Gillette, WY
- Say it with Words Reception | AVA Art Center
- 2012 -A Night At The Oscars | AVA Art Center | Gillette, WY
- Art of Brilliant | Denver Art Museum | Denver, CO
- Wine Festival and Miniature Auction | Gillette, WY
- 2018 -The Matthews Opera House Art Gallery | Spearfish, SD
- BHSU Studio Tour | Spearfish, SD

- 2017 -Senior Art Show | Spearfish, SD
- BHSU Studio Tour | Spearfish, SD
- The Martha and Robert Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art | Memphis, TN
- Art With Our Parks Annual Fundraiser & Juried Art Show | Gillette, WY
- The Ava Art Center Art Gallery | Gillette, WY
- BHSU Studio Tour | Spearfish, SD

## **REFERENCES**

Steve Babbitt | BHSU Art Professor  
[Steve.Babbitt@BHSU.edu](mailto:Steve.Babbitt@BHSU.edu)

-Basic Photo

Michael Baum | BHSU Art Professor  
[michael.baum@bhsu.edu](mailto:michael.baum@bhsu.edu)

-Printmaking Techniques  
-Introduction to the Visual Arts  
-Recent Develop in Visual Arts  
-Design I (2D)  
-Graphic Communication  
-Gallery Management

Jami Schoenewies | BHSU Art Department Head  
[jami.schoenewies@bhsu.edu](mailto:jami.schoenewies@bhsu.edu)

-Drawing III (Figurative)  
-K-12 Art Methods  
-Painting Techniques  
-Drawing II  
-Watercolor

Quintin Owens | BHSU Art Professor  
[quintin.owens@bhsu.edu](mailto:quintin.owens@bhsu.edu)

-Ceramic Studio Work Study

Gina Gibson | BHSU Art Professor  
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-4-D Art Techniques