

Leanne Fortney

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Biography

Hello, I'm Leanne Fortney, a contemporary figurative painter exploring the psychological side of portraiture and the quiet stories that exist within human presence. Working primarily in oil with a restrained palette, I combine classical painting techniques with a contemporary sensitivity to inner life. My figures often exist in quiet, reflective spaces where small gestures, expressions, and atmosphere hint at emotion rather than telling a direct story.

Education

Master of Arts in Art History

George Mason University, 30 graduate credits

Master of Arts in Teaching in Art Education

University of South Carolina, 23 graduate credits

Bachelor of Arts in Art History

University of Delaware, graduated May 2013

Exhibitions and Artistic Contributions

Group Exhibitions

- *BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, Maryland*
Women Artists of the DMV: The Thank You Show
June 20 - October 18, 2026
- *The Art League, Alexandria, Virginia*
May Open 2026 Exhibit
May 6 – June 7, 2026
- *The Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland*
2026 National Juried Exhibition
May 2 – July 12, 2026
- *Artspiration Fredick, Frederick, Maryland*
Members Only
April 4 – 26, 2026
- *Artspiration Frederick, Frederick, Maryland*
Shades of Black
February 1 – 28, 2026

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- *Del Ray Artisans, Alexandria, Virginia*
Toy Stories
January 2 – 31, 2026
- *Washington County Arts Council, Hagerstown, Maryland*
Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2025
December 4, 2025 – January 13, 2026
- *Washington County Fine Arts Museum, Hagerstown, Maryland*
2025 Cumberland Valley Artists
November 8, 2025 – April 26, 2026
- *Artspiration Frederick, Frederick, Maryland*
Women Artists of the DMV
November 1, 2025 – January 4, 2026
- *The Ven at Embassy Row, aVENues of connection Gallery, Washington, D.C.*
International Women's Art Exhibition
February 7 – March 29, 2025
- *Hill Center Galleries, Washington, D.C.*
2025 Regional Juried Exhibition
January 15 – May 3, 2025
- *Maryland Art Place (MAP), Baltimore, Maryland*
Out of Order Online
June 19 – July 6, 2020
- *The Athenaeum (Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association), Alexandria, Virginia*
Doodles of These Times
April 2 – June 10, 2020
- *Shenandoah Valley Art Center, Waynesboro, Virginia*
40Under40 Exhibition
March 1 – 30, 2019

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Publications

- *Hedge Apple Literary Magazine*
Hagerstown Community College
Spring 2025
- *Hedge Apple Literary Magazine*
Hagerstown Community College
Spring 2021

Special Events

- Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha (Virginia Tech Victim)
June 2015 & June 2016

Community Arts Education/Arts Volunteer

- Workshop Facilitator- Finding Art Through Intentional Play
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (Athenaeum), Alexandria, Virginia
July 2025
- Social Media Manager
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (Athenaeum), Alexandria, Virginia
December 2020 to Present
- Docent
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (Athenaeum), Alexandria, Virginia
June 2016 to December 2020
- Art Workshop Facilitator Volunteer
Juvenile Arbitration of Lexington County, Lexington, South Carolina; Women's Well-Being Initiative; University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
June 2014
- Workshop Facilitator Volunteer
Juvenile Arbitration of Lexington County, Lexington, South Carolina; Women's Well-Being Initiative; University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
February to March 2014
- Community Art Outreach Volunteer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, Pegasus ArtWorks, Claymont, Delaware
August 2012 to May 2013