

Ceirra Evans

Lives and works in Frankfort, KY

Born 1999, Owingsville, KY

Education

2021

Spalding University, Louisville, KY

BA, Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies: Art and History

Solo Exhibitions

2025

Come Rain or Shine, Institute 193, Lexington, KY

2024

Be Careful Out There, Moremen Gallery, Louisville, KY

2023

A Wild Weed, Perspective Gallery, Paris, France

Come Home With Me, Perspective Gallery, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Meet Me Somewhere Quiet, Gateway Regional Art Center, Mt. Sterling, KY

Outcasts & Outlaws, Moremen Gallery, Louisville, KY

2022

It's Okay to Go Home, Moremen Gallery, Louisville, KY

2021

Folklore, Moremen Gallery, Louisville, KY

Group Exhibitions

2025

Notations on Ritual, The Carnegie, Covington, KY

2025

Crosscurrents: Contemporary Art from the Speed Art Collection and Beyond, The Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY

2024

Still Life! Mourning, Meaning, and Mending, 21c Museum, Lexington, KY

Queer Art | Queer Archives, Bolivar Gallery, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Purple Reign, Julia Martin Gallery, Nashville, TN

2022

KMAC Triennial: Divided We Fall, KMAC, Louisville, KY

2021

Still Life! Mourning, Meaning, and Mending, 21c Museum, Bentonville, AR

Still Life! Mourning, Meaning, and Mending, 21c Museum, Louisville, KY

Artsy Mood, Boomer Gallery, London, UK

2020

Emerging Artist Exhibition, Appalachian Artisan Center, Hindman, KY

Awards & Residencies

2025

Waymakers Artist Grant, Waymakers Collective, Knoxville, TN

2024

Artist Enrichment Grant, Kentucky Foundation for Women, Louisville, KY

Artist Respond Grant, Rural-Urban Exchange, Louisville, KY

2023

Peacock and the Worm, Artist-in-Residence, Aberdeen, Scotland

Emerging Artist Award, Louisville Visual Art, Louisville, KY

Loretto Motherhouse, Artist-in-Residence, Loretto, KY

2022

Firestarter Award, Kentucky Foundation for Women, Louisville, KY

2021

Artist Professional Development Grant, Great Meadows Foundation, Louisville, KY

Media & Publications

- “In Conversation with Ceirra Evans,” Owen, Maria, *Impulse Magazine* (NYC), July 2025
- “A Hillbilly Elegy to Climate Collapse,” Hendrickson, Nathaniel, *Kudzujelly* (KY), June 2025
- “She used to guard the Speed Museum's galleries. Soon, her painting will hang in one,” *McCrary, Eleanor*, *Courier Journal*, November 2024
- *Painting Appalachia (Bath Co, KY)*, Kentucky Educational Television, April 2023
- *LVA Honoree Ceirra Evans talks about her work and emerging career as an artist*, *Waits, Keith*, Louisville Visual Arts, March 2022
- “The Power of Place,” *KMAC: Divided We Fall* Exhibition Catalogue, *Catte, Elizabeth*, November 2022
- “Great Meadows Foundation uplifts Queer artists alongside Queer Kentucky: Ceirra Evans,” *Wilcox, Cletus*, *QueerKY*, July 2022
- “Ceirra Evans Q&A,” *Gierhart, Ben*, *Ruckus*, May 2022

- “Ceirra Evans Paints A Complex Portrait of Appalachia,” *Greenwell, Garth*, The New Yorker, February 2022
 - “An Artist Goes Home to Her Appalachia,” *Weis, Natalie*, Hyperallergic, February 2022
 - “Artists Talk with LVA: Painter Ceirra Evans exhibiting at Moremen Gallery,” *Waits, Keith*, Louisville Visual Arts, January 2022
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Museum Collections

2026

The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA

2023

Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY

Artist Lectures

2025

Kentucky College of Art + Design, Louisville, KY

2024

Morehead State University, Morehead, KY

2022

Global Appalachia, IKT International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art conference, Louisville, KY

Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Professional Experience

2023-Present

Board Member, Small Town America Institute for Rural Arts and Culture, Mount Sterling, KY

Studio Art Teacher, Francis Parker Middle School, Louisville, KY

2023

Artist Guest, IKT International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art conference, North Wales, UK

2022-2024

Rural-Urban Exchange Program, Louisville, KY