



Timna Naim

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Education

San Jose State

- MFA in Spatial Art with a focus on Ceramics, Performance, and Social Practice **Sept 2021-May 2025**
- MAT in Art Education with a focus on Play, Self-Efficacy, and Creative Ideation **Jan-Dec 2024**
- Single Subject Credential in Art with a focus on Ceramics **Sept 2018-Dec 2020**

UCLA

- Sept 2013-June 2017**
 - B.A. in Dance with minors in Visual and Performing Arts Education and LGBTQ Studies.
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Residencies

- TEOR/éTica - San Jose, Costa Rica** **Jun 2022**
-Artist in Residence: Art and Archive
 - Ponderosa - Stolzenhagen, Germany** **July-Aug 2017**
-Artist in Residence: Performance Art
 - Centrum for Ceramic - Berlin, Germany** **Aug-Dec 2017**
-Artist in Residence: Ceramics and Performance Art
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Professional Experience

- Adjunct Professor of Art and Teacher Ed - San Jose State University, CA** **August 2025-current**
-Taught art making and career planning for artist and supervised art teacher credential candidates
- Full-Time Ceramics Teacher - Fremont High School Sunnyvale, CA** **2018-current**
-Art Department Chair, Teacher of the Year 2021-22, FUHSD Advocates Co-Founder
- Facilitator & Teacher - UCLA Contact Improvisation Jam Los Angeles, CA** **Jan-June 2017**
- Educational Coordinator, Intern - ONE Archives Los Angeles, CA** **March- Sept 2016**
-ONE Archives is the foundation of the National Gay and Lesbian Archives at the USC Libraries
- Lab Technician UCLA Ceramic Lab Los Angeles, CA** **March to June 2016**
-Duties include mixing glazes, engobes, and stains/washes, loading and firing electric bisque kilns and high-fire gas kilns, cleaning and organizing the studio, maintaining level and consistency of casting slips.
- Research Assistant under Negin Ghavami PhD in the LAUSD Los Angeles, CA** **Jan-June 2016**
-Peer Relations Project: A school climate survey that includes data on Gender, SES & Racial Identity
- Dance Education Intern - Bates Dance Festival Lewiston, ME** **July-Aug 2015 & 2016**
-Youth Arts Program: A local initiative of the Bates Dance Festival to serve the local population of Lewiston
- Dance Teaching Artist - Renaissance Arts Academy Los Angeles, CA** **Jan-March 2016**
- Teaching Artist - Turnaround Arts (Obama's Committee for the Arts) Hoopa Valley, CA** **Oct 2015**
- Working with Hoopa Valley Schools on the Native American Reservation around Arts in Communities of Trauma

Art Exhibitions

Upcoming

Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA - Group Show (“Ceramics Installation and Performance”) **May-Aug 2026**
West Valley College, Saratoga, CA - Solo Show (“Grounded in Play”) **Feb-May 2026**

Bay Area

Montalvo Art Center, Saratoga, CA - Group Show (Marcus Festival 2025) **Jun-Nov 2025**
San Jose Institute for Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA - Group Show (“Who am I”) **Apr-Jul 2025**
MFA Thesis Showcase at SJSU Jo Farb Gallery- Solo Show (“Social Sculpture”) **Feb 2025**
COL Gallery, San Francisco, CA - Group Show (Karl Art SF) **Jan-Feb 2025**
Roots Division, San Francisco, CA - Group Show (Introductions 2024) **Aug-Oct 2024**
Benicia Arts, Benicia, CA- Group Show (“I, We, They”) **Jun-Jul 2024**
MFA ATC Showcase at SJSU Jo Farb Gallery- Solo Show (“Playspace”) **Apr 2024**
Benicia Arts, Benicia, CA- Group Show (“Water”) **Sep-Oct 2023**
Visionary Art Sanctuary Santa Cruz, CA- Group Show (“Future”) **Jun-Aug 2023**
CCACA Student Showcase 2023 - Group Show (Ceramics Exhibition) **May 2023**
San Jose State University Art Galleries - Group Show (“Creatures”) **Nov 2022**
CCACA Student Showcase 2022 - Group Show (Ceramics Exhibition) **Oct 2022**
San Jose State University Art Galleries - Group Show (“MFA Showcase”) **Sep 2021**

Berlin

Centrum for Keramic - Solo Show (Mixed-Media Exhibition) **Nov 2017**

Performances

Bay Area

San Jose Institute for Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA - Group Show (“Who am I”) **Apr-Jul 2025**
-Video Performance and Installation in collaboration with Cynthia Gonzalez
Renaissance Art Festival - Solo Show (Choreographer/Performer & Costume Design) **Nov 2022**
“PLAY” MFA Showcase at SJSU (Video Performance and Installation) **Sep 2022**
-Video Performance and Installation in collaboration with Cynthia Gonzalez

Berlin

Centrum for Keramic 2017 - Solo Show (Choreographer/Performer & Mixed Media Installation) **Nov 2017**
Ponderosa Residency Performance - Solo Show (Choreographer/Performer) **Jul 2017**

Los Angeles

New Shoes 12 at Highways Performance Space - Group Show(Choreographer/Performer) **Mar 2017**
QScholar Symposium - Solo Show (Choreographer/Performer & Mixed Media Installation) **May 2016**
Bates Dance Festival Young Choreographer’s Showcase (Choreographer/Performer) **Aug 2015 & 2016**

Collaboration/ Commission

Arts Center, Pasadena, CA - Commissioned Sculptures (Our Abyssal Kin) **Sept 2025-Mar 2026**
San Jose Modern Art Museum, San Jose, CA - Commissioned Sculptures (Beta Space) **Nov 2024-Jul 2025**

Collections

- “Reclaimed and Repurposed” **TEOR/éTica Permanent Collection** - Costa Rica 2022
- “Improvised Nature” **University of Costa Rica Permanent Collection** - Costa Rica 2022