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EDUCATION

2011 University of Illinois at Chicago, Bachelor of Fine Arts
2015 South Suburban College Entrepreneurship Certification
2018 University of Chicago, Masters in Teaching

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2006 All City Poster Award
2006 Congressional Art District Winner Award
2007 Black Creativity Honorable Mention Museum of Science and Industry
2011 Nieman Award University of Illinois at Chicago
2011 Illinois Arts Council Individual Artists Award
2012 The Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation Grant
2017 Honorable Mention Ashe Cultural Center New Orleans
2021 Allies For Community Business Grant
2022 Chicago Foundation Education - Teaching Fellow Grant Recipient
2023 SELFFCARE Grant - Chicago Community Trust
2023 B2B Grant - The National Community Reinvestment Coalition Community Development Fund
2024 Cultural Heritage Grant - DCASE (The Healing Academy)
2024 Allstate | GEDCC Grant - (The Healing Academy)
2024 Artist Run Chicago Fund - Hyde Park Art Center

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2013 Art as Therapy Facilitator, Cook County Juvenile Detention Center Chicago, IL
2014 Art as Therapy Facilitator Urban Arts Retreat Center Chicago, IL
2014 Art Instructor, Unicoi Studio Chicago, IL
2014-18 Teaching Artist, SkyArt Chicago, IL
2016-18 Teaching Artist, Dionne Victoria Studios, INC.
2017 Frontline Exhibition Workshop Facilitator and Panelist New Orleans, LA
2018 Art Instructor, McMain Elementary New Orleans, LA
2017-19 Teaching Artist, University of Chicago Arts Incubator Chicago, IL
2019-2022 Vice-President/Cofounder, The Healing Academy Chicago, IL
2023-present President/Cofounder, The Healing Academy Chicago, IL
2020-present Imagine Englewood Chicago IL 60621
2021 Speaker, University of Illinois Women's Resources Center Champaign, IL
2021 National Board Member; Founder of Gamma Xi Phi Kappa Chapter Chicago, IL
2022 Speaker, Loyola University Civic Engagement Chicago, IL
2022 Therapeutic Arts Instructor, Art In Motion Chicago, IL
2022 Therapeutic Arts Instructor, Cather Elementary Chicago, IL
2023 Arts Facilitator Firehouse Community Arts Center Chicago, IL
2023 President/Cofounder, The Healing Academy Chicago, IL
2024 Jack and Jill Art Judge Chicago IL

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

South Side Community Art Center-Resident Artist and Guest Curator
University of Chicago Arts Incubator-Teaching Artist
Phantom Gallery - featured artist
Chicago Artist Coalition-FIELD/Work Resident Artist
Hyde Park Art Center-Bridge Program
Art In Motion - Arts Science Integration Teacher
Wundr Museum - Artist in Residence
Build Coffee - Artist in Residence
Wild Yams Residency - Artist in Residence
Chicago Foundation Education - Teaching Fellow
African American Arts Alliance of Chicago - Leadership Training Initiative
Sunshine Enterprises - Alumni

PUBLICATIONS

Block Club Chicago

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2025/03/05/art-center-of-englewood-encourages-south-side-creatives-to-live-out-their-dreams/> (2025)

Diasporal Rhythms “Promise of Peace Youth Exhibition Catalog” p. 16, 18 and 30 (2017)

Phantom Gallery

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/phantomgallerychicago/2019/09/24/featured-artist-dionne-victoria-divine-healing-art-is-my-freedom-movement> (2020)

Shoutout Miami

<https://shoutoutmiami.com/meet-dionne-victoria-victoria-artist-educator-and-entrepreneur/> (2022)

UNITEWOMEN.ORG “Women’s Rights: An Artist’s Perspective” p. 161 (2013)

Up Magazine <https://upmag.com/the-art-center-of-englewood/> (2025)

VoyageChicago <http://voyagechicago.com/interview/art-life-dionne-victoria/> (2018)

Vibe Magazine

<https://www.vibe.com/photos/frontline-exhibition-chicago-police-brutality-gang-violence-art> (2016)

Women’s Caucus for Art “Momentum” Catalogue p. 132-3 (2012)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013 *Colors Speak* Cafeteen Bundang, South Korea

2015 *Lessons Learned From the Radio*, Tye Johnson Artistry Chicago, IL

2022 *Nostalgic Tomorrow* Zhou B. Arts Center Chicago, IL

*Murals located at Black United Fund of Illinois, Schools in Chicago and all over the midwest.

Curated Exhibitions

- *Black Love Matters!* (2015-2024), Chicago, IL
- *The Healing Gala and Art Auction* (2021-2024), Chicago, IL

Group Exhibitions (Selected)

- *Black Creativity*, Museum of Science and Industry (2007, 2017)
- *Promise of Peace*, South Side Community Art Center (2016)
- *Artists of African Descent*, Quad City Arts, Rock Island, IL (2023)
- *NCA MLK Commemorative Exhibition* New Orleans, LA (2025)