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Sarah M. Collins

ARTIST STATEMENT

Stitched pieces were once supposed to be tidy - front and back - but Sarah's pieces bring the process to the forefront and show the heavy mess of stitches and hanging threads that pull together fabric, clothing, and scraps in abstract collage. By both flipping the individual pieces of fabric and by leaving edges unfinished, the work continually plays with the idea of "wrong" versus "right" sides of textile.

This series of work developed in the mid-2000's as the translation of abstract paintings into cloth, and has evolved to include more landscape and imagination-based pieces. Several years ago she expanded to larger formats, the largest being a piece that is nearly 5-6 feet in length. Much of her new work incorporates recycled fabric from her own home - clothing, linens, socks, and dishtowels worn away over time.

When not working as an artist, Sarah teaches Statistics at the University of Texas part time, and believes that there are parallels between the two interests. While the artwork may seem chaotic and completely unlike the reason of mathematics, the repetition of the thread and the patterns by which she layers and relayers the strips of fabric are all mathematical in their own way. And the weight of the finished products - along with the ability to explore the ridges and textures - make the materialization of these patterns very rewarding.

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EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. in Educational Psychology - **University of Texas**, Austin, Texas
- 2008 Masters of Art in Program Evaluation - **University of Texas**, Austin, Texas
- 2003 Masters of Science in Economics - **University of Texas**, Austin, Texas
- 1999 B.A. in Political Science - **University of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois - coursework was heavily supplemented with art studies including extensive painting, collage and drawing classes.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 "ausTEN", **Camiba Art**, Austin, TX
"2014 Exhibition", **The People's Gallery at City Hall**, Austin, TX - A annual juried group exhibition.
"East Austin Studio Tour", Austin, TX
"Spoon!", **Agave Print**, Austin, TX
- 2013 "East Austin Studio Tour", Austin, TX
- 2012 "East Austin Studio Tour", Austin, TX
- 2000 "Story Quilt Exhibition", Texas Memorial Museum, Chicago, Illinois