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GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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ABOUT ME

Summer Coleman is a "STA 100" award winning designer from Riverdale, Illinois. Her love for fine arts began in high school, which quickly turned into a career after attending the University of Illinois of Chicago, where she received her BFA in fine arts. In 2008, Summer graduated and began her career as an artist/designer for the city of Chicago, its organizations and artists. The organizations and artists include but are not limited to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), University of Chicago, Amanda Williams, South Shore Chamber of Commerce, Theaster Gates and The Silver Room to name a few. Summer has also exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago with Kerry James Marshall's "Mastry" exhibition in collaboration with the Tracers Book Club. In 2022 she was accepted into the inaugural cohort for the Dorchester Industries Experimental Design Lab, in collaboration with Prada, Theaster Gates and other brilliant designers.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2001 | Present

FREELANCE DESIGNER

Summer Coleman Design
Chicago, IL

Collaborate with clients to create brand vision, strategy, and designs that meet deadlines and other creative requirements. Developing brand and marketing strategies for valued clients in my community.

- Bronzeville Winery
 - Brave Space Alliance
 - Rebuild Foundation
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2017 | 2019

BRAND MANAGER

Boombox
Chicago, IL

Develop marketing and advertising strategies
Creating lasting impressions. Developing and overseeing advertising and marketing design. Attending events leaving a positive impression with consumers and vendors thereby improving product awareness..

- Englewood
 - Chatham
 - Wicker Park
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2016 | 2017

DESIGN INTERN

3RST
Chicago, IL

Personal assistant to Rick Valicenti. Developed projects and lead community events that engaged the intersection of art, design and public work

- Video Editing
 - Make Love | Moving Design
 - Graphic Design
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EDUCATION

1998 | 2008

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Studio Arts & Design | University of Illinois at Chicago

AWARDS

2024	<u>OX-BOW</u> <u>HOLD SPACE GRANT RECEIPT</u>
2024	<u>WILD YAMS</u> <u>SEED RESIDENCY PROGRAM</u>
2022	<u>PRADA GROUP</u> <u>DORCHESTER INDUSTRIES EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN LAB</u>
2016	<u>SOCIETY OF TYPOGRAPHIC ARTS 100 TYPOGRAPHIC ARTS AWARD</u>
2015	<u>LOOP LINK BRT PUBLIC ART FINALIST</u>

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- Prada and Theaster Gates Partner to Celebrate and Mentor Designers of Color
- Block Club Chicago, Maxwell Evans, Apr 6, 2022
- Design Has Been So Narrow for So Long': Artist Theaster Gates on His Unique Partnership With Prada
- These 14 Creators Are Part of Prada-backed Experimental Design Lab WWD (Womens Wear Daily), Tara Donaldson, April 5, 2022
- Theaster Gates' Experimental Design Lab hopes to amplify emerging artists, designers' work to develop a nexus of creative energy on the South Sided; Chicago Tribune, Darcel Rockett, Aug 10, 2022

EXHIBITIONS

2024 **Elmhurst Arts Museum**
Norman Teague | A Love Supreme
McCormick House Reimagined

2017 **3rst | Moving Design**
Rick Valicenti | Make Love
Englewood | Chicago, IL

2016 **Museum of Contemporary Arts**
Chicago Kerry James Marshall
Tracer's Timeline 1600 | 1699

2013 **Shacks and Shanties**
Faheem Majeed Lots of color-Sky
Blue Summer Coleman and
Safe Passage : Amanda Williams

2008 **Theaster Gates Center for the Proliferation of Afro-Asian Artifacts, Tea Shacks, Collard Greens & The Preservation of Soul** : foil boats for black eyed peas | Chicago, IL

LECTURES & TEACHING

2024 **IIT Institute of Design**
Collaboration Across Collective Networks
2024 Artist Panel Facilitator

2024 **Elmhurst Arts Museum | Tony Smith**
Artist Residency and Workshop
2024 Artist Panelist

2023 **The Design Summit for Friends of Friends**
Session Facilitator
Emerging Creatives Day

2022 **Silver Room Block Party**
Design Pavillion Discussion
Moderator Chicago, IL