

Courtney Blazon Biography

Courtney Blazon is a Missoula-based artist and illustrator known for her intricate, narrative-driven drawings that blend symbolism, mythology, natural history, and surreal storytelling, as well as for her contributions to the regional arts community. A graduate of Parsons School of Design in New York, Blazon has built a multidisciplinary career spanning fine art, illustration, public art, and arts advocacy. Her work has been exhibited widely across the United States, including at the Missoula Art Museum, Holter Museum of Art, Radius Gallery and galleries in New York, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Philadelphia.

In addition to her studio practice, Blazon has played an active role in community arts programming, collaborative exhibitions, and mentorship within the Missoula arts community.

Courtney Blazon CV

Education:

2000 School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Diploma

2005 Parsons School of Design, BFA Illustration

Awards/Grants/Residencies:

2022 ARPA Artist Grant Recipient

2022 February Missoula Arts' Council Art Star of the Month

2020 Summer Open AIR MT Artist-in-Residence, The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

2020 Montana Arts Council Montana CARES Individuals grant

2011 Montana Arts Council Artist's Innovation Award

Solo Exhibitions:

2026 *"Untitled Mary MacLane Project", Clark Chateau, Butte, MT*

2023 *"Contre/Philia", Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT*

2021 *"Year without a Summer Revisited", Emerson Center for the Arts, Jessie Wilber and Lobby Gallery, Bozeman, MT*

2020 *"The moon has nothing to be sad about", Northcutt Steele Gallery, Billings, MT*

2019 *"The Brautigan Poetry Project" Green Door Gallery, Livingston, MT*

2019 *"The Necessity of Appearing in Your Own Face", Frame of Mind, Missoula, MT*

2017 *"Year without a Summer" Center for the Arts, Jackson WY*

2016 *"Year without a Summer", Missoula Art Museum, Missoula, MT*

2014 *"Homestead: A brief history of our places", The Walking Man Frame Shop and Gallery, Whitefish, MT*

2014 *Works on Paper, Entrance Gallery at Genesee Community College, Batavia, NY*

2013 *"The Seven Tamings of the Wild Boar", Brink Gallery, Missoula, MT*

2013 *"Now and Then: 1998-2013", Zootown Arts Community Center, Missoula, MT*

2012 *"My Street has Strange Houses", University of Montana Gallery, Missoula, MT*

2010 *"Bird Brains", Tart Gallery, Bozeman, MT*

2010 *"The Dramatic Voyage of Flossy", Dana Gallery, Missoula, MT*

2009 "My Hand looks like your Hand", Tart Gallery, Bozeman MT
2008 "The Street has Strange Houses, Victrola Coffee and Art, Seattle, WA
2008 "Tight wires between us, pegs too deep to uproot" Tart Gallery, Bozeman, MT.
2007 "All this Buttoning and Unbuttoning", Pony Club Gallery, Portland, OR

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2026 "Art Harvest", Zootown Arts Community Center, Missoula, MT
2025 "Frog around and Find Out", Two person Show, ZACC, Missoula, MT
2022 "Even the Sun Goes West", Two Person Show, Western Cider, Missoula, MT
2022 "Parallel//Post", Group Show, Gristle Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2022-24 "Co-Flouish", Touring Group Exhibition via MAGDA (Schoolhouse History & Art Center, Colstrip MT, MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney MT, Hockaday Art Museum, Kalispell MT, Holter Museum of Art, Helena MT)
2022 "Everything but the Kitchen Sync", Group Show, La Luz de Jesus, Los Angeles, CA
2022 "Nature Morte", Two Person Show, Kirks' Grocery, Billings, MT
2022 "Small Works", Group Show, Kirks' Grocery, Billings, MT
2021 "8th Annual Holiday Show" Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2021 "FLOURISH: Come Hell or High Water", Group Show, Montana Art & Framing, Missoula, MT
2020 "7th Annual Holiday Show" Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2019 "Surreal Salon 11", Group Show, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA
2018 "Sweet Dissent", Two Person Show, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT
2018 "I would like to be the air", Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2018 "Here in this House", Two Person Show, Paris Gibson Square Museum, Great Falls, MT
2017 "Mind Fields", Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2016 "The Last Best Place: Surrealism Here and Now", Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2015 "Radius 1: Anniversary Show", Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2015 "Everyone in Me is a Bird", Two Person Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2014 "Wind and Bones", Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2014 "Introducing Radius Gallery", Group Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2014 "Critter and Varmints: Group Show", Tart Gallery, Bozeman, MT
2013 "Wanderlust: Group Show", Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco
2013 "Cartographers Delight: Group Show", Hellion Gallery, Portland, OR
2013 "The Midnight Society: Group Show", Arch Enemy Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2013 "The Language of Flowers: Group Show", Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco
2012 "Myth Group Show", Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco
2012 "Dark Art: A Tribute to Metal Group Show", Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco

Gallery Affiliations:

Radius Gallery, 120 N Higgins Ave, Missoula, MT 59802

Commissions:

2026 Public Art Commission, Missoula Int. Airport, "*Seasons of Missoula*", 48" x 120"
2024 Public Art Commission, Butterfly House and Insectarium, "*Small but Mighty*", 92" H x 54"W; "*Discovery Tree*", 115"H x 48"W; "*Montana Marshland*", 96"H x 55"W; "*Dung Beetles and Dung Balls*", 200"W x 15"H
2023 Public Art Commission, Grizzly Liquor, "*Garden City of Earthly Delights*", large-scale digital drawing, 64'W x 4'H
2020 Public Art Commission, Allez Missoula, "*Tell Me Pretty Maiden (or when the Florodora Girls visited Missoula)*", large-scale digital drawing, 8'W x 4'H

- 2019 Public Art Commission, Zootown Arts Center, "*The Cogs in the Wheels of Arts' Heart*", large-scale pen and marker drawing, 15'W x 10'H, Missoula, MT
- 2018 Public Art Commission, Big Sky Amphitheater, "*99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall*", large-scale digital drawing, 10'H x 20'W, Missoula, MT
- 2014 Public Art Commission, "*Missoula Flood, 1908*", Traffic Signal Box on Higgins and Front, Missoula, MT
- 2009, Public Art Commission, "*Lunch on the Grass*", Traffic Signal Box on Broadway and Ryman, Missoula, MT

Bibliography:

- 2023 Feature Article, "Courtney Blazon's surreal animal depictions at Radius", Missoulian, September 21, 2023
- 2021 Feature Article, "Courtney Blazon on Year without a Summer", Sift. Shift. Lift., online Journal, September 5, 2021
- 2021 Feature News Story, "Missoula artist persevering amidst COVID-19 pandemic", KPAX Missoula, March 3, 2021
- 2021 Feature Artwork in The Archive, History Magazine produced by The University of Michigan, November 2021
- 2021, Feature Article, "Climate in Arts & History, The Year without a Summer project", Smith College online journal, June 2021
- 2019 Feature Article, Missoulian, August 2019
- 2018 Feature Article, "A Year without a Summer-Apocalyptic Paintings of the 1815 Mount Tambora Eruption", Enviro History online journal, March 18, 2018
- 2018 Featured artwork during "Frankenstein: Birth and Re-Birth" by Gillen D'arcy Wood at conference : "Frankenstein: Then and Now, 1818-2018", May 11-12, 2018
- 2016 Feature Article, Missoula Independent, October 2016
- 2016 Feature Article, Missoulian Newspaper, October 2016
- 2016 Best of Missoula, "Best Artist", Missoula Independent, July 2016
- 2015 Feature Article, Missoulian Newspaper, May 2015
- 2014 Feature Article, Corridor Magazine, May 2014
- 2013 Feature Article, Entertainer, Missoulian Newspaper, May 2013
- 2010 Feature Article, Entertainer, Missoulian Newspaper, November 19, 2010
- 2009 Best of Missoula "Best Bet", Missoula Independent, July 2009
- 2010 Featured Artist, Studio Visit Magazine
- 2010 Featured Artist, Artistaday.com
- 2009 Featured Artist, my love for you is a stampede of horses
- 2007 Featured Artist, New American Paintings, Western Edition
- 2007 Featured Artist, Juxtapoz.com
- 2006 Feature Article, Missoula Independent, July 27, 2006