

West McLean

Visual Art / Digital Design / Video and Audio Recording

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West McLean is the founder, artist, and activist behind the Vashon Remembrance Project, which displayed hand-painted portraits of individuals killed by police in Vashon business fronts in 2020, and the breezeway mural space of VCA in 2021. He volunteers frequently for island organizations, including VISD, SURJ, Vashon Repertory Theater, Change the Narrative, Backbone Campaign, Vashon Heritage Museum, VCA, and Voice of Vashon – where he recently directed and produced the reimagined annual Lip Synch contest music videos.

Preferred Age/Grade: Grade 3 – 6, or multi-age

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

My day job is working at the university level in instructional design and teaching theory, as related to media and curriculum development. I have taught for University of California – Irvine, and Oregon State University, as well as training sessions and speaking engagements in higher ed, instructional design, game development, and media production. Recently, I delivered online teaching training sessions to VISD and other school districts shifting to online learning in 2020. I also volunteered at Chautauqua elementary school to help 3rd graders build their own websites (Margie Butcher), and helped to video-produce a multi-age musical (Aristy Gill).

ARTIST STATEMENT

I am a big fan of creation and learning, and the two together often result in something very special. I am relatively new to Vashon Island, but have striven to contribute to community art and discourse. As result, I have made so many new friends, and have grown very close to the island's roads, woods, and people. I prefer projects that emphasize diversity, equity, and social awareness. I hope to undertake some very special artistic projects with island kids in the coming year. I am open to everything from audio/video recording to digital web media to game design to mural creation.