



# GENA DAWN RABINOWITZ

## International Visual Arts Educator

With over two decades of experience in art education, I design project-based programs that inspire students to express themselves across media and explore their passions with purpose and imagination. Learners grow not only as artists but as empathetic, curious, and globally minded citizens. I value transdisciplinary collaboration and make student work visible through vibrant displays that celebrate community and creativity.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **20+ years experience** as an arts educator at international & independent schools.
- **Founder of GAIA Kids**, a global arts initiative empowering children through creativity.
- **Leadership roles** at schools worldwide: Bali, California, and Prague.
- **Multiple IB trainings** and extensive professional development.
- **Recent TEDx talk**: 'How chaos and creativity can transform arts education'.

## ART EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

### Founder & Director of GAIA Kids

2024 - Current

*Global Artists in Action, International*

- Founded GAIA Kids (Global Artists in Action), a global arts initiative empowering young people to explore global issues and take creative action for a better world.
- Led global art challenges connecting 8 international schools across Europe and Asia, fostering collaboration and creative action around themes of kindness, empathy, and sustainability.
- Built partnerships with NGOs and schools worldwide, including *Sail A Future* (Amsterdam), *TEACH* (France), and the *International School of Prague*, where a Peace Residency engaged 900+ students in creating a collaborative mural.

### Founder & Lead Art Teacher

2022 - Current

*Artsy Avocado Studio, Prague, Czech Republic*

- Founder and lead teacher of a children's art studio in Prague, designing creative experiences that spark imagination and joy through summer camps, weekend classes, and seasonal workshops.

### Arts Education Consultant

2021 - 2025

*Prague, Czech Republic*

- Advised start-up schools in Hungary, Portugal, Dubai, and Bali on mission development, arts curriculum design, and interdisciplinary learning.

### Primary School Art Teacher & Art Dept. Lead

2018 - 2021

*Green School Bali, Indonesia*

- Designed and taught an eco-focused art program integrating sustainability, wellness, and the natural world through hands-on, experiential learning.
- Facilitated international student art collaborations between Green Schools in Bali, New Zealand, and South Africa, fostering cross-cultural dialogue and global citizenship through shared projects.
- Coordinated schoolwide art campaigns linking disciplines and empowering students to express ideas and identities through art.

### Art Teacher TK-8 & Specialist Teachers Lead

2010 - 2017

*Presidio Hill School, California, USA*

- Developed a progressive art curriculum exploring multiculturalism, social justice, and students' connection to their local environment.
- Installed dynamic, student-created art displays that transformed the school into a living art campus, featuring immersive works like a ceramic sculpture garden, a life-size cave, and rotating murals – giving students ownership of space and pride in their creative contributions.

### Art Teacher K-8 & Art Dept. Lead

2005-2009/2017-2018

*Park Day School, California, USA*

- Implemented a comprehensive K-8 art program, mapping progressive skill-building and conceptual development while cultivating a schoolwide culture where "everyone is an artist."

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

### M.Ed, Integrative Learning

The Institute of Educational Studies (TIES)  
Union Institute and University, 2023

### B.A., Art & Art History

### B.A., Cultural Anthropology

Rice University, 2000 - 2004  
Graduated Cum Laude

## CERTIFICATION

### Subject Matter Expert (Art)

Arizona Department of Education  
Expiry: April 7, 2037

## ART EXPERTISE

- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Multimedia
- Textiles
- Photography
- Design

## SKILLS

- Curriculum Development
- Project-Based Learning
- Social/Emotional Development
- Growth Mindset Approach
- Non-Violent Communication
- Creative Writing
- Graphic Design
- Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator
- Wordpress
- SeeSaw/Toddle
- Canva
- Web Design
- Logo Design

## IB TRAININGS

- ‘Making the PYP Happen’
- ‘Agency, Action and Engagement’
- ‘Leaders Engage the Community’

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Project Zero Studio Habits
- Concept-Transfer by Julie Stern
- GATE: Global Art Teachers Exchange
- NAIS: Art Conferences, USA
- Women in Leadership™ Intensive
- Responsive Classroom Management
- Professional Leadership Coaching
- First Aid and CPR Training
- Child Safety Training
- Visions™ Diversity and Inclusion
- Gender Spectrum™
- Inner Landscaping: 12 Principles of Permaculture

## PERSONAL INFO

**Family:** Married, one child (12 yrs)  
**Passports:** USA. Additionally, my husband is a British and EU citizen and works remotely.

## WEBSITES

Please visit [www.genadawn.com](http://www.genadawn.com) to learn more about my teaching philosophy and view images of significant projects and exhibitions, and [www.gaiakids.net](http://www.gaiakids.net) to explore my global arts initiative, GAIA Kids (Global Artists in Action)

## REFERENCES

References available upon request.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Changemaker Coordinator/Consultant, 2024 - Current

*International School of Prague, Czech Republic*

- Lead and design all-school initiatives (e.g., International Peace Day, Winter Fair, Earth Day), creating lessons and events that engage students in social impact, build community connections, and promote experiential learning.
- Act as the primary liaison for service projects, collaborating with teachers, students, and external organizations to foster hands-on learning and impactful community partnerships.

### Communications & Marketing Specialist, 2022 - 2024

*International School of Prague, Czech Republic*

- Created engaging visual and written content to enhance community connections and support school initiatives, including logo design, video production, visual brand development, and the successful launch of the new school website.

### TEDx Speaker, 2023

- Inspired by my experience teaching in the jungles of Bali, my TEDx talk, “*How chaos and creativity can transform arts education*” explores how chaos can be a catalyst for creativity and lead to transformative growth and a reimagined approach to arts education.

### Creative Producer & Illustrator, 2009 - 2010

- Created and published a children’s art book: “The Rainbow’s Journey”. The book was developed during a sabbatical year traveling across Asia, which included working on a permaculture farm in Thailand and volunteering at an orphanage in India.

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

### WomenEd Czech Network Leader, Prague, 2022 - Current

- Network Leader for the Czech chapter of a global women’s education organization, where I delivered a keynote speech, produced an International Women’s Day campaign video, and helped organize events for Prague’s international community of educators.

### Community Arts Lead, Green School, 2020-2021

- Led all-school arts curriculum development; presented art workshops to parents and teachers; facilitated weekly specialist meetings.

### All-School Arts Lead, Green School, 2019-2021

- Created and facilitated large-scale collaborations and exhibitions across three schools on three continents, in Bali, New Zealand, and South Africa.

### Artist Outreach Programs, Multiple Schools, 2015 - 2021

- Established an extensive network of renowned local and global artists, coordinating over 40 artist visits across multiple schools to enrich student learning with diverse expertise.

### Co-leader, ‘Human Sustainability Task Force’, Presidio Hill School, 2015-2017

- Promoted a culture of gratitude through community-building activities, social events, and more.

### Founder of ‘Gratitude Group’, Presidio Hill School, 2011-2017

- Worked with Head of School on long-range planning, communications, and strategies to increase educator retention and wellness.

## SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

### International Peace Day Installation, 2024 & 2025

- Planned and led schoolwide International Day of Peace celebrations at the International School of Prague, engaging all students in collaborative art projects (Peace Garden ‘24, Peace Mural ‘25).

### ‘Mother Earth’ International Art Exhibition and Auction, 2021

- Spearheaded Green School’s first ever international art exhibition and auction with artwork from students across the globe. Curated and installed a gallery in Bali with 400+ pieces.

### ‘Community Perspectives’ All-School Mural, 2019

- Envisioned, planned, and executed the largest community art piece in Green School history. The mural covered 100+ feet of painted surfaces, and involved the entire community.

### Annual Art Shows, 2005-2021

- Curated and publicized 17+ all-school art shows to celebrate community, highlight collaborative projects, and demonstrate the transformative power of art.