

## Brief Biography

Ophelia M. Chambliss has been successfully working and exhibiting as a fine artist, and lecturer, for many years. In addition to a number of solo and group exhibitions, she has participated in several distinguished juried shows.

She calls her signature painting style realistic cubism, and paints a variety of subject matters. Her mediums are primarily in Oil, and Acrylic with a color palette that is rich, and colorful

Ophelia feels that life, like her art, is a process. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Communication Arts and Sciences, and a Masters in Communications from Penn State University. She combines her visual communication with verbal and written communication to tell the story behind her work, in lectures and presentations that build an appreciation for cultural understanding.

Several of her pieces are dualistic in nature, meaning that there is more than one way to display and view the painting to see a different image or point of view.

Most of her recent work has been in the realm of public art and murals. She is particularly fond of this because of the community contribution, client collaboration, visual language messaging, and the challenge of scale.

Ophelia is originally from Chicago, IL but currently resides in York, Pennsylvania. Prior to her career in Fine Art, she was a business professional in the Publishing Industry, specializing in Graphic Design, and Business Development.

Ophelia was recruited from Chicago to York, and held the position of Vice President of Publishing Services, and as an independent contractor, worked as the Business Development Director, for a Publishing Services company in Maryland. She continues to do freelance work in Graphic Design and print production.

## Show History

### Solo Exhibitions

<i>Title</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
I'll Make Me a World	South Shore CAC	Chicago, IL	2/99
Creative Journal	Blue Moon Gallery	Skokie, IL	5/99
Passage of Time	Lincolnwood City Hall	Lincolnwood, IL	8/99
Change is Inevitable	Bradley Academy	York, PA	2/02
Something in the Wind	York Arts Gallery	York, PA	6/04
Black Studies, Black Art	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	8/02
Black Studies, Black Art	HACC Gettysburg Campus	Gettysburg, PA	1/02
Telling Stories	Gettysburg University	Gettysburg, PA	1/05
York Little Theatre"	Brave Girls	York, PA	3/05
ReVisions	HACC Gettysburg Campus	Gettysburg, PA	1/06
Visual Rhetoric	Penn State University	York, Pennsylvania	12/07
2/2 Second Half	Allegro Winery and Gallery	York, Pennsylvania	6/07
York Fest / Black Art Is	York City Art Gallery	York, Pennsylvania	8/10

Mosaic	Campbell House Galleries	Southern Pines NC	2/11
York fest	Featured Artist	York, Pennsylvania	8/14
Cheney University		Cheney, Pennsylvania	11/14

### Special Exhibitions and/or Lectures

Art Institute of Chicago	Renters Gallery	Chicago, IL	5/84
Smithsonian (ABA annual conference)		Washington, DC	8/02
26th Annual Black History Conference		York County Heritage Trust	5/02
Black History through Art, McCormick Corp		Baltimore, Maryland	2/10
Women's Issues through Art, McCormick Corp.		Baltimore, Maryland	3/10

### Permanent Installations and Notable Commissions

Mending Hearts, Minds and Communities, Mural Susquecentennial Harrisburg PA 1633 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street			Sept. 2009
Beauty, History, and Diversity	York, PA		March 2008
Public Art Project celebrating Beauty, Diversity and History of the Olde Towne East neighborhood. The art was commissioned as part of a neighborhood revitalization project that removed blighted buildings, and installed a new park plaza, and town homes.			
Health, Happiness, and Harmony	Planned Parenthood	York, PA	August 2008
Susquehanna Communications	Commissioned Triptych		York, PA 6/05
Monumental Stories; Heritage, History and Honor, African Americans in Gettysburg PA, and the United States Colored Troops		Gettysburg, PA	November 2012
Behind The Scenes A Mural dedicated to support teams Fulton School Lancaster, PA			May 2013
World Class Education Lincoln Charter School Mural			March 2014

### Group Shows

Brush Strokes	The Martinique Banquet Hall	Chicago, IL	06/98, 06/99
Healing Sack Exhibition	PSU Paul Robeson Gallery	Pittsburgh, PA	09/09
Woman Made Gallery		Chicago, IL	07/99
"Black Art for the Millennium"	Exhibition and Calendar	Chicago, IL	
"Four by Four"	NCA Gallery	Detroit, Michigan	7-8//00
Sapphire and Crystals	African American Women	CSU	Chicago, IL
Black Creativity	Museum of Science and Industry	Chicago, IL	02/99, 02/02
Grand Opening	City Arts Gallery	York, PA	11/04
"Art in the Garden"	Thomas Gomillion	Washington, DC	5/06-5/07
Black Cultural Art and Memorabilia	Washington Convention Center	Washington, DC	12/07
Whitaker Center	The Tribe	Harrisburg, PA	08/09

Yorkfest 2009 National Juried Exhibition		York PA	09/09
Gallery Blu	Juneteenth Celebration	Harrisburg, PA	09/09
Faculty Biennial	York College	York, PA	11/10
The Parliament			
The Hive			

## Public and Permanent Art items

### York PA

1. Olde Towne East "Beauty History and Diversity
2. Duke Street, Sonny Simpson Play Zone "Play loved, Play free"
3. YWCA Domestic violence "Have a Hand in This"
4. Hannah Penn School 4x8 wall mural "Friendship"
5. Edgar Fahs Smith school 30 ft wall mural "health, education, environment, and ecology"
6. Logos Academy featured art in lobby
7. Crispus Attucks conference room: Underground Railroad and Rooftops
8. York County Heritage Trust; "The Underground Railroad"
9. York Detention Center cafeteria wall mural "SELF"
10. Planned Parenthood "Health and Humanity"
11. Lincoln Charter School "First Class Education"
12. YCCAR image "Peace Hope and Equality"
13. York Day Nursery Friends over the years
14. Susquehanna Communications "Networking"
15. Dr. Denise Visco office "Jazzbeat"
16. York City Parking Meters
17. Indian Rock Elementary Bottle cap art project
18. Ferguson Elementary
19. Healthy York Family First "Better Living Through Chemistry"

### Harrisburg PA

19. Music Cow Extravaganza, Front and Forrester Streets Harrisburg
20. Skyline Night and Day Amtrak station Harrisburg
21. Mending Hearts, Minds and Communities 3<sup>rd</sup> street, Harrisburg

### Gettysburg

22. Monumental Stories Long Lane Gettysburg, PA

### Lancaster

23. Behind the Scenes Fulton Elementary Lancaster PA
24. Lafayette Elementary
25. Fulton Elementary, Outside wall