

# Rafala Green

Sculptor / Public Artist

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## EDUCATION

City College of the City University of New York, New York, NY  
**Master of Fine Arts** - Sculpture (1990)

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY  
**Bachelor of Fine Arts** - Sculpture (1982)

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH  
**Associate of Applied Science** - Commercial Art (1979)

Roger William College, Bristol, RI  
One year independent study - Community Education (1975)

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH  
**Associate Of Arts** - Liberal Arts (1972)

## INDEPENDENT STUDY:

**Printmaking/Brazilian Art History** with Sculptor/Emanoel Araujo  
Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo - Brazil (1989)

**Weaving and Basketry techniques** with Weaver Mari Morris  
New York, NY (1982-84)

## PUBLIC ART/ COMMISSIONS

*Phillips Gateway Project* public art project commissioned by the  
Minneapolis Arts Commission, Minneapolis, MN (1992-00)

*Babu's Magic*, produced by Chuck Davis and performed at the Walker  
Art Center Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis, MN

Mask Making collaboration with artist Anna Stanley (1994)

*Benefit for Many Colors*, Minneapolis, MN (1993)

Sculpture commissioned by Piper Jaffray Companies, Inc., for

*Winter Mural Project* with Andersen Open School,

*Safe Art Spot - Mini-Park, Mural and Arches*, Contributing artist,

Commissioned sculpture entitled *Flight*, Oak Park Neighborhood  
Center, Minneapolis, MN (1991)

## GRANTS

Jerome Travel-Study Grant -(1996-97)

Bush Artist Fellowship - (1995-96)

St. Paul Companies Leadership Initiative - Arts/Diversity Grant - (1993)

Womens Art Registry of Minnesota, Mentor Program - (1993-94)

## EXHIBITIONS

(Selected Listing)

Issues Gallery, Asheville, NC (2002)

Intermedia Arts, A WARM Invitational, Minneapolis, MN (2001)

Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives, Washington, DC (2000)

First Universalist Gallery, Minneapolis , MN (2000)  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN (1995)  
Katherine E. Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis,  
MN, WARM Mentor Program Exhibition, (1993)  
Hamline University, Learning Center Gallery, St. Paul, MN (1993)  
Plymouth Congregational Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (1992)  
Walker Art Center, Open Studio Day, Minneapolis, MN (1991)  
Hennepin Avenue United Gallery, 12th Annual Invitational Sculpture  
Show, Minneapolis, MN (1991)  
Blair Arcade, St. Paul, MN (1991)  
Two Rivers Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (1991)  
St. Paul Companies, St., Paul, MN (1991)  
Eisner Gallery, City College, New York, NY (1990)  
Lincoln Square Gallery, New York, NY (1990)  
Cuando Gallery, New York, NY (1987,1988,1989)  
843 Studio Gallery, Brooklyn, NY (1987)  
Magnolia Tree Earth Center, Brooklyn, NY (1987)  
Langston Hughes Library and Cultural Center, Queens, NY (1987)  
1199 Gallery, New York, NY (1984, 1986)  
The New Muse Community Gallery, Brooklyn, NY (1984, 1986)  
The Cork Gallery, Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, NY (1985)  
Jamaica Art Center, Jamaica, NY (1984)  
Parsons School of Design, New York, NY (1982)  
BACA Downtown Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY (1982)

**PRIVATE  
COLLECTIONS**

New York, NY  
Baltimore, MD  
Cleveland, OH  
Minneapolis, MN  
St. Paul, MN  
Springfield, MO  
San Antonio, TX  
Asheville, NC

**EXPERIENCE**

**Artist/Facilitator/Consultant**

Rafala's Place, St. Paul, MN (2000 - )

**Founder/President/Creative Director**

**Nguzo Saba Community Studios, St. Paul, MN (1995-1999)**

**Nguzo Saba Art and Culture Center, Delavan, MN (1997-99)**

**Adjunct Faculty - Art Department**

**City College of the City University of New York, NY (1990-91)**

**Art Teacher - Full Time Elementary and Junior High (1979-88)**

**Studio in the School, Brooklyn NY**

**Junior High School 324, Brooklyn, NY**

**Uhuru Sasa School, Brooklyn, NY**

**Education Unlimited, Inc., Brooklyn, NY**

**Art Workshops (selected list)**

**El Arco Iris, St. Paul, MN (2000)**

**Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility, Shakopee, MN (1997-98)**

**Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN (1994)**  
**In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre,**  
**Minneapolis, MN (1994)**  
**Minnesota Museum of Art, St. Paul, MN (1991)**  
**Magnolia Earth Tree Center, Brooklyn, NY (1987)**  
**New Muse Community Museum, Brooklyn, NY (1984-85)**  
**The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY (1984)**

**Lecturer, Panelist, Consultant, Guest Speaker**  
**Consultant-Sajara, Asheville, NC (2002)**  
**Consultant-El Arco Iris Center for the Arts, St. Paul, MN (2001)**  
**Panelist- Articulating Space-Artspace Projects Annual Conference,**  
**Chicago, Ill (2001)**  
**Panelist-Empowering Communities Through The Arts, Seattle Arts**  
**Commission, Seattle, WA (2000)**  
**Consultant- Powderhorn Youth Farm Project, Minneapolis, MN (2000)**  
**Consultant- Black Artist Collective, Houston, TX (2000)**  
**Panelist- Articulating Space National Conference - Sponsored by Arspace**  
**Projects Inc., Galveston, TX (1999)**  
**Guest Speaker - Minneapolis College of Art and Design,**  
**Minneapolis, MN (1999)**  
**Guest Speaker - HECUA -Higher Education Consortium for Urban**  
**Affairs, Inc., Hamline University, St. Paul, MN (1993-2001)**  
**Guest Speaker - Macalester College, St Paul, MN (1996-2001)**  
**Panelist - The American Canvas: An Arts Legacy for Our**  
**Communities National Endowment for the Arts Initiative,**  
**Columbus, OH (1996)**  
**Panelist - Building the Arch - The Arts as a Tool for Social Change,**  
**Sponsored by Who Cares Inc., St. Paul, MN (1996)**  
**Keynote Speaker - The Skys the Limit, Gender Conference,**  
**Mankato, MN (1995)**  
**Panelist - Forecast Public Artworks, 1995 Public Arts Affair Program,**  
**St. Paul, MN (1995)**  
**Panelist - Center for Arts Criticism, St. Paul, MN (1995)**  
**Panelist - Artists Town Meeting, Weyerhaeuser Auditorium,**  
**Landmark Center, Sponsored by the Minnesota Museum of American**  
**Art, St. Paul, MN (1994)**  
**Keynote Speaker - Building Community with the Arts, Community**  
**Prevention Coalition, Blaisdall Manor, Minneapolis, MN (1994)**  
**Panelist - Mentorship Model for Women, Womens Art Registry of**  
**Minnesota, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (1994)**  
**Panelist - The Black Arts Movement: Art and Social Change in the**  
**1960s, Minnesota Humanities Commission, Teachers Institute,**  
**Minneapolis, MN (1994)**  
**Panelist - How the Arts Challenge Community and People,**  
**Leadership Minneapolis, Greater Minneapolis Chamber of**  
**Commerce, Minneapolis, MN (1994)**  
**Guest Artist - Minnesota Center for Arts Education, Golden Valley,**  
**MN (1994-99)**  
**Keynote Speaker - St. Paul College Club, St. Paul Branch, American**  
**Association of University Women, St. Paul, MN (1993)**  
**Panelist - About Race, Art and Community, The Center for Arts**  
**Criticism, Minneapolis, MN (1992)**

**Panelist - Art As A Voice, Plymouth Congregational Church,  
Symposium, Minneapolis, MN (1992)**  
**Keynote Speaker - Celebrate Yourself!, Minnetonka, MN (1992)**  
**Panelist - Forecast Public Artworks, Minneapolis, MN (1991)**  
**Slide Lectures on the African-American Visual Artists  
(1982-86) (selected Listing)**  
**-The American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY**  
**-The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY**  
**-The Studio Museum of Harlem, New York, NY**  
**-The New Muse Community Museum, Brooklyn, NY**  
**-Parsons School of Design, New York, NY**

**AFFILIATIONS**

**Board of Directors - El Arco Iris, Inc. St. Paul, MN (2000 -)**  
**Founder/President - Nguzo Saba Community Studios, Inc.,  
St. Paul, MN (1995-2000)**  
**Vice Chair - Artspace Projects, Inc., Minneapolis, MN. (1994-97 )**  
**Board of Directors - Artspace Projects, Inc., Minneapolis, MN (1990-97)**