

Michaela Cittadini

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STATEMENT

Born in a small town in the Czech Republic, my life has been a journey of discovery, passion, and a deep love for art and culture. I embarked on a career that spanned various industries and roles. I worked in BBK Time in Prague as an Account Executive. I moved to customer support at Dun & Bradstreet in Prague. After completing my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, I worked in FreeMarkets in Pittsburgh, and later owned a design fashion shop, LIST Fashion, in Prague. I also helped with managing the biggest gymnastics gym in Prague, SK Hradcany. The main focus throughout the years has been my daughters though. Sometimes society doesn't really appreciate this role. As a single mother of two daughters, now 18 and 19, I have tried to instill in them the values of culture and education.

I have been a professional blackjack player, traveling to casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Moscow, and many European cities. This experience unlocked my thirst for adventure.

However, my true calling was always in the realm of art and culture. Art has always been my sanctuary. Over the years, I've explored various art forms, including oil painting, ceramics, and jewelry making. I have attended several art history classes as well as courses within the Art Design Institute in Prague. I have also attended various courses the art galleries offered, one of them was Art Lovers Academy at DSC Art Gallery in Prague for example. My commitment to deepening my understanding of art led me to complete courses such as "The intelligent eye: The art of collecting" and "Art History" at Sothebys Art Institute. These courses not only enriched my knowledge but also aided in my pursuit as an art collector.

My support for culture and artists has been a significant aspect of my life. I've been involved in supporting cultural events, young artists and scientists, and the Czech Ornithology Society. My involvement in cultural projects like Strings of Autumn in Prague (Prague Sounds), Prague Philharmonic, Theater in Dlouha in Prague, and the Foundation for the Support of Young Scientists in the Czech Republic, reflects my dedication to cultural enrichment.

I've had the privilege of living in various countries, including the USA (Florida, Pittsburgh), Bahamas, Austria (Vienna, Linz), Czechia and now settled down in California, San Francisco. Each place has contributed uniquely to my life's tapestry. Currently, I am pursuing my Master's degree in Fine Art (MFA) at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. This step is a culmination of my lifelong dream to become a professional artist. My journey, a blend of business vision, artistic passion, and cultural advocacy, illustrates the rich and fulfilling life that comes from embracing diverse experiences and interests.

EXHIBITIONS

MFA student exhibition, The Cannery, AAU

Superfine Art Fair, Fort Mason, SF, 2025

The Other Art Fair, LA, 2025

Eighth West Coast Biennial: Juried Art Exhibition at Turtle Bay Exploration Park, The Art Gallery at the Turtle Bay Museum from January 31 to May 11, 2025

Anti-WAR 2025, 4th Annual Juried Exhibition

HMVC Gallery, NYC, Times Square, 2024

Small Wanders 2024, The Hummingbird & Dragonfly Art Galery, LA, CA

RTIA, Reno, NE

New Beginnings, Leavenworth and Beach Street Gallery, SF, CA 2024

Superfine Art Fair, Fort Mason, SF, 2024

Spring Show 2023, AAU

COURSES

Art History, Sotheby's Institute of Art

The Art of Collecting,

EXPERIENCE and EDUCATION

SK Hradčany, Prague, Czech Republic — *Assistant of Manager*

2016 - 2017

LIST Fashion, Prague, Czech Republic — *Owner of design fashion shop*

2014 - 2015

FreeMarkets, Pittsburgh, PA, USA — *Administrator*

2004

Dun & Bradstreet, Prague, Czech Republic — *Customer support executive*

2001

BBK Time, Prague, Czech Republic — *Account Executive*

1998 - 1999

EDUCATION

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA, USA — *Master degree in Fine Art*

2023 - present

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA — *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

2001-2003

Gymnázium Fr. Křižíka, Pilsen, Czech Republic — *High School Diploma - Maturita*

1993 - 1997

PLACES OF LIVING

USA, San Francisco, CA, **2022 -now, Czech Republic**, Prague, **2005 - 2022, Austria**, Linz, **2004 - 2005, USA**, Pittsburgh, PA, **2001- 2004, Bahamas**, Nassau, **2001, Austria**, Vienna, **2000 - 2001, USA**, Port St. Lucy, FL, **1998 -2000, Czech Republic**, Pilsen, **1982 - 1998**

Sotheby's Institute of Art

Art Lovers Academy, DSC
Gallery in Prague

Art & Design Institute
University, Prague

LANGUAGES

Czech (native), English (fluent)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Information Centric
Networking, Berlin, Germany,
2017

Singularity University Summit,
Prague, CZ, 2019

Startup World Cup Summit,
Prague, CZ, 2018, 2019

Forbes Women's Summit,
Prague, CZ, 2019

Future Port Prague, Praha, CZ,
2019

Forbes NEXT Big Thing,
Prague, CZ, 2019

Founder Institute, San
Francisco, CA, USA, 2019

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO

Strings of Autumn, Music
Festival, Prague, 2010 - 2022

Czech Ornithology Society,
2019 - 2022

Divadlo v Dlouhé, Theater,
Prague, 2016 -2021

PKF - Prague Philharmonic
Orchestra, Prague, 2017 - 2022

HAMU - young pianists
contest

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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