

## MARGARET FIEDLER MCGINNIS

Lives and works in London, UK · Born in Chicago, USA

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### EDUCATION

2025 · MA Sculpture, Royal College of Art, London, UK  
2006 · Graduate Diploma in Law, College of Law, London, UK  
1989 · BA Humanities, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, USA  
1988 · Guest Year, Pure Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

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### EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES (*selected & upcoming*)

2026 · A Century of Sounds, Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford (*group*)  
2025 · Vibration, The Gallery SW6, London (*group*)  
2025 · Present Particles, Three Rooms E17, London (*solo*)  
2025 · RCA2025 SoAH Graduate Show, Royal College of Art, London  
2025 · Assemble / Fall, Somers Gallery, London (*performance & sound design*)  
2024 · Festus, Royal College of Art, London  
2024 · SPRINGS (w/Christi Denton as *earthworm*), Treize Galerie, Paris

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### AWARDS & RESEARCH (*recent*)

2026 · Sound Studio Artist in Residence – RCC Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland  
2025 · Harlow Sculpture Town Artist in Residence  
2025 · RCA Jaguar Award – Highly Commended/Shortlisted (*Sonic Seating*)  
2025 · ORIGIN: A Certification Framework for Human Creativity in Generative AI (*CVAN roundtable*)  
2025 · Yorkshire Sculpture Park / COLAB / Temple Artist's Hut Residency (*shortlist*)  
2024–ongoing · *Recording Architectures* — RCA School of Architecture spatial audio research group  
2024 · DRIFTLESS – Amtrak sponsored cross-country train journey of field recordings and photography

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### MUSIC (*selected*)

#### *Upcoming*

Vinyl 7" and digital commercial music release with sound artist Asher Levitas February 2026  
Live scoring London & Paris to the 1924 silent film *Aelita: Queen of Mars* w/Christi Denton (*dates tbc*)  
DRIFTLESS – double album, poetry and photobook  
Two new bands: Philadelphia (recordings begun Nov. 2025) & Somerset, England (rehearsals from Jan. 2026)

#### *Recording / Touring*

Seven internationally released critically acclaimed albums with LAIKA & MOONSHAKE  
Worldwide touring lead guitarist with PJ HARVEY and WIRE  
1,500+ gigs inc. e.g. European and North American support tours with U2 & Radiohead

#### *Performances & Media*

Glastonbury, Lollapalooza, Roskilde, Big Day Out, Madison Square Garden  
TV & Radio: Jools Holland, Letterman, Jay Leno, MTV, VH1, MuchMusic, BBC 6 Music, KCRW  
BBC Radio 1 Peel Sessions (*female world record holder, four bands*)

#### *Selected Press*

Rolling Stone, The Wire, Pitchfork, NME, Q, Mojo, The Guardian, New York Times, Washington Post, Libération (FR), Spex (DE), Les Inrockuptibles (FR), NOW Magazine (Toronto, cover)

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### COMMUNITY

Founder & co-lead, Hope Garden, Walthamstow, London (2021–ongoing)  
Community garden with the NHS & Change Grow Live (UK national substance addiction charity)  
Weekly wellbeing gardening sessions; community & family workshops  
Royal Horticultural Society Certificate of Excellence (2023)

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