

## **Mariel Capanna Biography**

Mariel Capanna lives and works in Philadelphia. She received her BFA and Certificate of Fine Art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where she was awarded the Cresson Travel Scholarship. A 2013 Kittredge Fund grant supported a year-long cross-country road trip during which she collected imagery about Americans' relationship to landscape and local geography. A 2014 Independence Foundation Visual Arts Fellowship supported a semester in Florence, Italy where she studied fresco painting techniques with conservator Lorenzo Casamenti. In 2016 Capanna was an Artist in Residence at the Guapamacátaro Art and Ecology Residency in Michoacan, Mexico; attended the Mountain School of Art in Los Angeles, and was a Resident Artist at the Tacony Library and Arts Building (LAB) — a project collaboratively managed by the Mural Arts Program, the Free Library, and Councilman Bobby Henon — through which she created a community-designed public fresco. She is currently an Arts Administrator at RAIR, and recently presented her first solo show of paintings at Gross McCleaf Gallery. Capanna will be attending Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in the summer of 2017.