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Gretchen Marie Schaefer

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Gretchen Marie Schaefer was born, raised, and currently works in Denver, Colorado. She holds a bachelor degree in English Literature and Visual Arts from Regis University. She is an alumna of the RedLine Denver Artist-in-Residence program where she also served as an Artist Representative on the Board of Directors and on the Education Committee. Schaefer currently works at the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design as the Visiting Artist, Scholar, and Designer (VASD) Program Director where she has hosted Miranda July, Judy Chicago, Andrea Zittel, Cécile B. Evans, Sondra Perry, and Dario Robleto, among many others. She is a founding member and current co-manager of TANK Studios, LLC. She also serves on the Artist Research Committee at the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver and is on the Board of Tilt West, a non-profit dedicated to fostering critical dialog in art and culture in Denver.

In 2014 Schaefer was listed as one of Westword's "100 Colorado Creatives" and in 2016 she received Westword's "Best Of" for her work directing the VASD Program. Exhibitions of her artwork include group and solo shows at the CU Boulder Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, David B. Smith Gallery, Emmanuel Gallery, RedLine, Rude Gallery, Gildar Gallery, Rule Gallery, Regis University, the National Center for Atmospheric Research and a collaborative project with the contemporary ballet company Wonderbound. Public talks include "Expert Talk" with Conor King at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art and a presentation at the College Advisory Committee of the Denver Art Museum's 20th Annual Symposium in Art and Art History for which she received the William Becker, S.J. Award for Outstanding Paper in Art History.