

ARTIST CV

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## EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario, London ON  
1989 Combined Honours Program in English and Visual Arts

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 "Drawn Together; embroidered portraits 2003–2021", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT
- 2018 "The Space around the Norton", Yukon Artists at Work Gallery, Whitehorse YT
- 2005 "Piecework's", Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textiles, Montreal QC
- "Portraits; Live with The Universal Movement Machine", Zola's Café Dore, Whitehorse YT
- 2004 "Portraits; Live with The Universal Movement Machine", Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters, Whitehorse
- "The Kitchen Dance", The Kootenay Gallery, Castlegar BC
- "The Kitchen Dance", Carr Gottstein Gallery, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage A
- 2003 "Portraits; Live with The Universal Movement Machine", Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters, Whitehorse
- "Recorded Live", 25 musicians from the sketchbook, Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters, Whitehorse
- 2002 "The Kitchen Dance", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT
- 1998 "Coffee Beans & Latte Machines: Embroidering the Lines of the Blackstone", Blackstone Café, Whitehorse
- 1996 "The Day the Dinosaurs Played...Adventures of a Mother and Artist", Chocolate Claim, Whitehorse YT
- 1995 "Recent Works", Christmas Open House, Dragon Studio, Atlin BC
- 1990 "Images of Transformation", Smithers Gallery, Smithers BC

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 "En Plein Air 2022", Yukon Artists at Work Gallery, Whitehorse YT
- 2021- "Collective Memory: An Exhibition celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Yukon Permanent Art Collection", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT.
- 2019 "Ripple Effect" works from the Chu Niikwan Artist Residency, Yukon Arts Centre Community Gallery,
- 2011 "Illuminated: Highlights from the Yukon Permanent Art Collection", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse
- "The Game: Another Take on the Exquisite Corpse", Fibre Works Gallery, Madeira Park BC
- 2010 "The Game: Another Take on the Exquisite Corpse", Leigh Square Community Arts, Port Coquitlam
- 2008 "Yukon Portraits, an exhibition and celebration of portraiture", Old Fire Hall, Whitehorse YT
- 2007 "The Tarot Show", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT
- 2005 "The Art of Change: Works from the Permanent Art Collection", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT
- 2003 "South of 60", Harcourt House Gallery, Edmonton AB
- "The Chess Show", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse
- 2002 "South of 60", The Works, Visual Arts Festival, Edmonton AB
- 2002 "Yukon Arts Centre Tenth Anniversary Celebration", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT

- 2001 "Bulldozer, 15 Yukon Artists", Saw Gallery, Ottawa ON  
 "Artropolis: Consolidation, Contact and Conflict", CBC Broadcast Centre, Vancouver BC  
 "Artropolis, Self Portraits", Adjunct Exhibition, CBC Broadcast Centre, Vancouver BC
- 2000 Girls 2000: The Many Faces of Eve", Gallery Gachet, Vancouver BC  
 "Convergence: The Exhibition of the 2000 Arctic Winter Games", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT  
 "Overlay", Odd Gallery, Dawson City YT
- 1999 "Art Work; An Exhibition of Contemporary BC Visual Art", BC Festival of the Arts, Victoria BC  
 "Love, Romance and Erotica", The Studio Gallery Association, Guild Hall, Whitehorse YT

#### FILM PROJECTS

- 2011 "Embroidered Guy: a business card flip book animation experiment" – Director/Animator  
*Screenings*  
 2020-2022 Films from Dawson City International Short Film Festival", Northwestel Community Television Cable 9, Whitehorse YT  
 2013, 2011 "Summer Films with a Northern Flair", Junction Arts & Music, Haines Junction YT  
 2012 "Wise + Wild: Showcase of Short Films from the Yukon", Vancouver Women in Film Festival, Vancouver BC  
 2011 "Cinema Borealis", Dawson City Short Film Festival selections, Northwestel Community Television Cable 9, Whitehorse YT  
 2011 Dawson City International Short Film Festival, Dawson City YT
- 2006 "Flight" – Director/Animator  
*Screenings*  
 2008 Atlin Art and Music Festival, Atlin BC  
 2007 Dawson City International Short Film Festival, Dawson City YT

#### PUBLIC PERFORMANCE / DEMONSTRATION

##### Portrait Embroidery with the Universal Movement Machine

- 2004-2006, 2012-2016, 2018 Atlin Art and Music Festival, Atlin BC  
 2003-2013 Yukon Riverside Arts Festival, Dawson City YT  
 2010 Yukon Olympic Cultural Contingent, West Vancouver BC  
 2004-2008 Arts in the Park, Whitehorse YT  
 2005-2006 Longest days Street Festival, Whitehorse YT

#### COLLABORATIONS

- 2023, in production, Marten Berkman "Remote Sensibility VIII: the ecology of perception VR- Inner Reality"  
 2019-2020 Marten Berkman "Remote Sensibility VIII: the ecology of perception", Yukon Arts Centre,

#### PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2019-2020 Whistle Bend Place - Featured Wall Artwork Commission, Whitehorse YT  
 2015 Yukon Lotteries Commission

## AWARDS

2020	On Yukon Time Special initiative, Yukon Government
2012	Favorite Yukon Teacher, Yukon North of Ordinary
2009	Advanced Artist Award, Yukon Government
2000	Engage 2000 Winner, Awarded by the Friends of the Gallery, Whitehorse YT
1999	Professional Artist Grant, Awarded by the British Columbia Arts Council
1997	Engage '97 Winner, Awarded by the Friends of the Gallery, Whitehorse YT
	Engage '97, Artist's Choice, Awarded by the Friends of the Gallery, Whitehorse YT

## ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2019	Chu Niikwän Artist Residency, Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Yukon Arts Centre, Yukon Art Society, Whitehorse YT
2019, 2016	Keno City Music Art & Literature Workshops and Retreat, The Keno Community Club, Keno YT

## PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Yukon Territorial Government's Permanent Collection  
Community Faces Olympic Legacy Public Art Project, West Vancouver Community Centre, Vancouver BC  
Mickey Wolfson Collection; Adjunct to the Wolfsonian FIU, Miami FL

## TEACHING

2003-Present	Artist in the Schools, Yukon Art Society Yukon
2003-2020, 2022-Present	Fine Art for Kidz, City of Whitehorse / Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT
2022, 2019	Augusto! Children's Festival, Haines Junction YT
2012-2020	Children's Art Club, Campus Housing, Yukon College, Whitehorse YT
2012-2019	Art Club, Student Services, Yukon College, Whitehorse YT
2005, 2007, 2009-2019, 2022	Youth Art Enrichment, Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City YT
2006-2016, 2019	Yukon Arts Ed-venture, Yukon Department of Education, Yukon
2005-2017	March Break Art Program, Yukon Art Society / Yukon Arts Centre,
2003-2017	Children's Summer Art Camps, Yukon Art Society / Yukon Arts Centre,
2011, 2016	Summer Art Camp, City of Whitehorse, Whitehorse YT
2009, 2011	The Basics of Drawing, Ecole Emilie-Tremblay, Whitehorse YT
2009	Life Drawing, Yukon Association of Community Living, Whitehorse YT
2003-2008	After School Art Club, Yukon Art Society / Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse
2006-2008	Six Week Fine Art Program, presented by Rosh Govindasamy, Whitehorse
2002-2007	The Basics of Drawing, Yukon Arts Centre / City of Whitehorse, Whitehorse
2002-2007	Studio Foundations, Yukon Arts Centre / City of Whitehorse
2007	Artist Mentor, National Arts Program, Canada Winter Games Host Society
2006	What Reading Means to Me, Jack Hulland Elementary, Whitehorse YT
2005	Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textile, Montreal QC
2005	Kootenay School of the Arts, Nelson BC
2000	Artist Mentor, Arctic Winter Games Host Society, Whitehorse YT

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Yukon Artists at Work, Cooperative Gallery Yukon Art Society  
Studio Gallery Association  
Yukon Film society  
Dawson City Art Society CARFAC  
Yukonstruct

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE | RADIO, TELEVISION & FILM

- 2021 Video "Drawn Together; embroidered portraits", by Mike Thomas, Yukon Arts Centre production
- 2018 Short Documentary Film "Stichin' the Beat", by Shanice Pereria & Kira Lucken
- 2005 Short Documentary Film, "Universal Movement Machine: Meshell Melvin Portraits", By Kirby Hammond
- 2006 CBC Radio-Canada TV, Zigzag, feature and interview, by Julie Plourde
- 2005 CBC National Radio, Sounds Like Canada, interviewed by Shelagh Rogers
- 2004 CBC North Radio, interviewed by Sandi Coleman, December
- 2003 CBC North Radio, interviewed by Russ Knutson, December  
CBC North Radio, interviewed by Dave White, July  
CBC North Radio, interviewed by Dave White,
- 2002 Wings over Canada, television interview with John Lovelace, February
- 1998 CKRW Radio, interviewed by Lucy Van Oldenbarneveld  
CBC TV Northbeat, interviewed by Mark Trudeau, December
- 1997 CBC TV On the Road Again, interviewed by Wayne Rostad, January 22  
1996 CBC North Radio, interviewed by Ron McFaggen  
CBC North Radio, interviewed by Peter Novac
- 1995 CBC North Radio, interviewed by Ron McFaggen, October

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE | PRINT

- 2021 What's Up Yukon, "Come out and see your Friends" by Nicole Bauberger, Issue: 2021 June 23  
News, Yukon Art Centre on line, "You look sew Familiar", by Amy Kenny  
The Yukon News, "Double portrait show at the Yukon Arts Centre features Art that Looks back",  
Haley Ritchie, June 14
- 2019 The Yukon News, "Three artists, three work spaces, one river", Stephanie Waddell, September 19
- 2005 What's Up Yukon, "Art for the People" by Nicole Bauberger, July 1
- 2003 The Yukon News, "The Art of the Sketch" Al Pope, March 17  
Surfacing Journal, "Meshell Melvin", Winter 2003, Volume 24, Issue 1  
2002 The Yukon News, "Welcome to her Kitchen" by Miche Genest, April 1
- 2001 Out of Service Vol 1, interview with Dean Eyre
- 2000 The Yukon News, "And the bear came over the mountain" by Craig Carpenter, March 10  
News/North Yellowknife "Mentoring program a success" by Michele LeTourneau, March 20
- 1998 The Horse's Mouth "Coffee beans and latte machines" by Dean Eyre January 15-21  
The Yukon News, "Revelation" by Adam Killick, February 4
- 1996 The Yukon News, "Tapestries reflect mother-artist dynamic" by Glenda Koh, November 2

