

# BECKY COMBER

Using photography, collage, and re-photography, Comber's images combine representations of figures, objects and moments within illusory space and real space bringing the real and the imagined into a shared frame. Her work frequently deals with the nature of photographs as both tactile and visual objects – original photographs are often the subjects of the final photographs, as they are cut out, altered and often re-photographed into the final compositions.

## EDUCATION

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2001 – 2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography from Ryerson University, Toronto Ontario.

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

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- 2019 **Date and Title TBA**  
Platform Gallery, Winnipeg MB - Curated by Collin Zipp (4 PERSON EXHIBITION)
- 2018 **Woodlands** | July/August  
The Sussex Contemporary, Ottawa, ON ( SOLO EXHIBITION)
- 2018 **The White Show** | July  
Durham Art Gallery, ON – Curated by Ilse Gassinger ( 6 person show)
- 2017-18 **Adventures In Printmaking with Backroad Design Syndicate** | December  
Tom Thompson Art Gallery, Owen Sound, ON (4 PERSON EXHIBITION)
- 2017 **Her Space** | May  
Ysabel Sureth Privatgalerie, Bremen Germany (SOLO SHOW) Curated by Ysabel Sureth
- 2017 **Workaday**  
Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON (GROUP EXHIBITION) Curated by Patrick Macaulay
- 2017 **UN/Natural** | March  
Quest Art Gallery, Midland, ON - Curated by Jill Price (4 PERSON EXHIBITION)
- 2016 **Draw Your Own Conclusions** | September  
Legacy Gallery, Owen Sound, ON  
Curated by myself and Kate Civiero (2 PERSON EXHIBITION)
- 2016 **Darkroom 5.0**  
918 Bathurst Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON (part of CONTACT photography festival)
- 2014 **Broken Horizons**  
The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON - Curated by Brit Welter-Nolan  
A CONTACT Photography Festival Feature Exhibition (SOLO EXHIBITION)
- 2014 **Emerging Artists in Public Collections**  
Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON – Curated by Patricia Barr (GROUP EXHIBITION)
- 2013 **Unearth**  
Legacy Gallery, Owen Sound, ON (GROUP EXHIBITION)
- 2012 **Collecting Photography, Collecting The World**  
Beaverbrook Art Gallery, NB – Curated by Terry Graff (GROUP EXHIBITION)
- 2011 **Diffusion Magazine Volume III Group Show**  
Jennifer Schwartz Gallery, Atlanta, GA USA  
Curated by Blue Mitchell (GROUP EXHIBITION)

- 2010 - 2012 **Beyond Imagining – 8 Artists Envision Ontario’s Greenbelt**  
Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON (*GROUP EXHIBITION - OUTDOOR*)  
Commission of 15 images over 2 years - Curated by Patrick Macaulay
- 2010-11 **Flash Forward Touring Group Show**  
Toronto, ON – Montreal QU – Boston MA – New York –NY (*GROUP EXHIBITION*)
- 2009 **Close Distance**  
Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON  
Curated by Lena Oehmsen (*GROUP EXHIBITION*)
- 2008 **The Forbidden Hours Can Eat You Alive**  
Pikto Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto, ON (*SOLO EXHIBITION*)
- 2008 - 2009 **Flash Forward**  
Toronto, ON/New York, NY/ Montreal, QC/ Boston, MS (*GROUP EXHIBITION*)
- 2007 **Rising**  
Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON  
Curated by Alice Dixon (*GROUP EXHIBITION*)
- 2005 **Association**  
Gallery 44 Vitriens, Toronto, ON – Curated by Katy McCormick (*SOLO EXHIBITION*)
- 2005 **Wallpaper**  
Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON  
Curated by Sophie Hackett (*GROUP EXHIBITION*)
- 2005 **Flash Forward**  
Lennox Contemporary, Toronto, ON / Redux Gallery, New York, NY  
(*GROUP EXHIBITION*)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 **Affordable Art Fair - NYC**
- 2018 **Toronto Outdoor Art Fair | Nathan Phillips Square, ON**(Awarded Best In Photography)
- 2016 **Summerfolk Music and Arts Festival**  
Created artwork and all branding for 2016 festival materials
- 2015 **Sointula Art Shed - Artist In Residence** in Malcolm Island, BC
- 2014 **The Banff Centre Thematic Residency**  
*The Universe and Other Systems with Shary Boyle*
- 2014 **Self-published, co-authored, executed all photography for full colour portfolio book**  
Backroad Craft: Fine Craft of Grey and Bruce Counties
- 2013 **Co-founded Backroad Design Syndicate**, an art collective of rural arts professionals of Grey and Bruce Counties
- 2013 **Artist In Residence at Georgian Bay National Park**
- 2012 **BAIR - Artist In Residence at The Banff Centre**
- 2011 **The Grid - Toronto Weekly Magazine**  
Editorial Illustration. Commission of four images, including cover for August 6th issue
- 2010 **Globe and Mail Report On Business Magazine**  
Editorial Illustration in December 31st issue
- 2009 **Globe and Mail Report On Business Magazine**  
Editorial photographic illustration. Commission of four images for editorial piece.
- 2006 **Chatelaine Magazine**  
Three image feature from *Association* to accompany a fictional piece.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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2018	Toronto Outdoor Art Fair Award for Best Photography and Digital Media
2016	Ontario Arts Council, Mid Career Artist Project Grant
2014	Ontario Arts Council, Mid Career Artist Project Grant
2014	Ontario Arts Council Crafts Connection – awarded to Becky Comber and Kate Civiero (co-creators of the collective Backroad Design Syndicate)
2014	Jurors Award for <i>Net No. 1</i> at Quest Art Exhibition
2014	Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant
2013	Mudtown Music and Arts Festival Project Grant
2012	Ontario Arts Council, Emerging Artist Project Grant
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2009	Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant.
2005	Monaco Calibration Award for Creative Achievement

## COLLECTIONS – PUBLIC AND CORPORATE INSTITUTIONS

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Scotiabank Art collection, ON  
Walter Phillips Gallery – The Banff Centre, AB  
Beaver Brooke Art Gallery, NB  
TD Canada Trust Collection, ON  
Cornerstone Research - NYC, USA  
OpenText Corporate Collection – Toronto, ON  
Langone Medical Center – NYC, USA  
Fairmont Empress – Victoria, BC  
The Selby– Toronto, ON  
Ritz Carlton – Naples, Florida

## SELECT PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

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2017	Figure in the Wilderness. Lecture from the opening of <i>Her Space</i> - Dr. Uta Fleischmann
2014	Hot Shots -10 can't miss shows of CONTACT 2014 - Toronto Life Magazine
2014	Emerging Artist (Mostly) Emerge at Wall Space Gallery – The Ottawa Citizen – July 22
2014	Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival magazine. Feature exhibition.
2014	Flash Forward Vol. 10 – Box Set. International Emerging Talent, Magenta Foundation
2011	Diffusion Magazine Vol. 3 - Article “Re-Imagining” and 4 image spread in Annual American photography Magazine.
2010	Flash Forward Vol. 6 – International Emerging Talent, Magenta Foundation
2010	Bringing Fine Photography to the People, Peter Simpson – The Ottawa Citizen – Sept 29
2010	Greenbelt Gambol, Leah Sandals, Now Magazine Toronto – June 24
2009	Youth Is Not Wasted, Mark Feeney, Boston Globe – April 19
2008	Flash Forward Vol. 4 - International Emerging Talent, Magenta Foundation
2006	Flash Forward Vol. 2 - International Emerging Talent, Magenta Foundation
2006	Carte Blanche - Art book /compendium of Canadian Photographers, Magenta Foundation
2005	Wallpaper that isn't boring to look at, Julia Dault The National Post,
2004	Flash Forward Vol. 1 - International Emerging Talent, Magenta Foundation