## Khadija Baker

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#### **Education:**

09/2017-++++ PhD Humanity and interdisciplinary studies, Concordia University, Montreal, QC 09/2009-10/2012 Master of Fine Arts in Open media, Studio Arts, Concordia University, Montreal, QC

### **Selected Solo exhibitions:**

- Upcoming, June, Community Garden, Maison de la Culture Rivière-des-Prairies, Montreal, QC
  - Upcoming, June, Perfromance, Centrifugeuse, Langues pendues, Longueil
- 2022 July, The 8th wonder, the future, residency & exhibition, Glasshouse ArtLifeLab, NYC, USA
  - May, Centrifugeuse: Community garden participatory event, Langues pendues, Longueil
  - July, Recipes for living (Collective work), 3Ecologies foundation, St Anne Du Lac, QC
- 2021- Dec, Oiseaux traversant les frontiers, La salle de diffusion de Parc-Extension, Montreal
- June, Community garden, CAFKA Contemporary art Biennale, Kitchener, ON
- 2018- Dec, Birds crossing borders, performative art workshop, Lethbridge University, Alberta
- Dec, Birds crossing borders, performance, Centre for Culture and Community, Lethbridge, Alberta
  - Aug, Untitled, residency and presentation, Mentoring Artists for Women's Art (MAWA), Manitoba
  - Nov, 2017 au Janvier 2018: Centre Lethbridge, arrondissement St-Laurent, Stuart Hall, Maison de la culture Mercier, Maison de la culture de Rosemont–La Petite-Patrie, Montreal, QC
  - Sep, Birds crossing borders I, installation, Montréal, arts interculturels (M.A.I), Montreal, QC
- July, In the presence of the absent, performance at Darling Foundation, Montreal, QC
  - Nov, Behind Walls/Maps, (installation) Karash-Masson Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 Jan, When Spirits Awaken, (multimedia & performance), 101 Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- Sep, Sing your song map our dreams, interactive online project at LA Fabrique Culturelle, QC
  - May, Don't leave me.. I am still alive, (multimedia), Accès-Asie Festival &OBORO, Montreal, QC
- 2011 Feb, Unravelling Empire (multimedia), ASpace gallery & FADO Performance, Toronto, ON
- 2010 Nov, Miramar/Transformation, interactive installation, Le PARC, Vidéographe, Montréal, QC
- 2008 October, Behind Walls, (multimedia) Montréal, arts interculturels (M.A.I), Montreal, QC
- April, Coffin/Nest, (multimedia), Montréal arts interculturels (M.A.I) Gallery, Montreal, QC

### **Selected group exhibitions:**

- 2023 Upcoming, August, TBD, Biennale Barachois In Situ, Barachois, QC
- 2022 Sept, Behind Walls, Maison de la Culture, Longueil, QC
  - Sept, TBD, ViVa! Art Action, Montreal, QC
  - Oct, Community Garden, Musée à ciel ouvert, Drummondville, QC
  - Oct, *Community Garden*, Alliances & Commonalities 2022, The Stockholm University of the Arts, Stockholm, Sweden
  - Oct, experimental film, Kurdish film festival, Belin, Germany
- 2018 July, Community Garden, MAC-CAM festival, Ottawa, ON
- March, Personal revolution, at Atassi Foundation, Alserkal, Dubai, UAE
- 2016 Feb, Speaking Across Mountains, MEI (Middle East Institute), D.C., US
  - Oct, Road through Kurdistan, Curated by Richard Wilding and Mariwan Jalal, London UK
  - Nov, Bluebeard today's tale, Photophobia:Contemporary Moving Image Festival, Hamilton, ON
  - Nov, "Pardon", 29Th Instant Video festival, Marseille, Fr
  - Oct, *Home Songs-letters*, Video installation, at Transart Triennale 2016 Berlin & the 2016 London Biennale MANILA Pollination
  - Sep, "home-less-ness", (installation), Istanbul International Triennial, Istanbul, Turkey
  - June, Syrian Wedding, Terra Traces At La Centrale, Montreal, OC
  - May, TRAJECTOIRES, Espace projet, Montréal, QC
  - Feb, Restrictions Of The Earth, Karşı Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey & Hinterland, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 Nov, "Syria Speaks", (animation) 6th DocuAsia Forum, Vancover, BC
  - Nov, I am alive, (animation), International Exile Film Festival, Gothenburg, Sweden
  - June, When Mona Liza, Artheum Beirut, Lebanon

- May, "My Little voice can't lie", DIVISION GALLERY, Montreal
- May, The State of Origion: Reel & Imagined, Maison de la culture Cote-Des-Neigs, Montreal
- Feb, I am alive, animation, Alwan gallery shortlisted for 3ed annual video competition, NYC, USA
- Feb, *Tracing Traces*, video installation, Diyrbakir, Turkey
- Jan, *Identity*, video installation, Cedar Ridge gallery, Toronto
- Nov, "Don't leave me.. I am still alive", 27Th Instant Video festival, Marseille, Fr
  - June, State of origin: Reel& imagined, (screening), University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
  - La Femme Syrienne Est Une Révolution, (screening), presented by Hala Alabdalla, Paris, Fr
  - June, Home Songs, (screening), Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM), ON
  - June, *Syrian Wedding*, (screening), MS University, Faculty of Fine Arts Baroda & India International Art Fair (Delhi), India
  - April, "The Last supper", at The VENUE Aswak Beirut, Soldiere, Beirut, Lebanon
  - March, "My little voice Can't lie", (performance), Art Souterrain&Nuit Blanche, Montreal, QC
- Nov, Counter Memories, multimedia& life performance, Alwan gallery, NYC, USA (2 person show)
  - Oct, (video screening), Syria Contemporary Art Fair, Beirut, Lebanon
  - July, 011+91, (video installation), Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM), ON
  - May, Dislocations, (video installation), CONTACT Photo Festival, Toronto, ON
  - May, *Home Songs* (video installation), the 2ed Biennale of IZMIR, Turkey
  - April, *I Will Talk to You Silently Today* (multimedia), CEREV Centre For Ethnographic Research and the Aftermath of Violence, in collaboration with Oral history Concordia University, Montreal, QC
  - April, Le 7e register, (video and installation), SAVAC at M.A.I gallery, Montreal, QC
- Oct, SPLICE: "My little voice Can't Lie" (performance), Blackwood Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
  - June, All our relations: *Quand vous réveillez les esprits* (multimedia installation, performance), the 18th Biennale of, Sydney, Australia
  - May, "My Little Voice Can't Lie" (performance), OFTTA festival, Montréal, QC
- 2011 Aug, Dix jours à vaincre les mortes-eaux (performance), Circa Art Gallery, Montréal, QC
  - April, "My Little Voice Can't Lie" (performance), FOFA gallery, Montreal, QC
- 2010 May, Equal Spaces (performance), Eclectic M.A.I Gallery, Montreal, QC
  - Oct, Miramar/Rebirth(screening), (IDFF) International Diaspora Film Festival, Toronto, ON
- July, Memory/Traces of my body (screening), 22nd Festival Les Instants Vidéo, Marseille, France
  - Sep, Totico (screening), The 1st New York Kurdish Film Festival, New York, USA
  - May, *La Folie, Memory/Traces of my body* (video screening) Inbetweeners of Asia, Transart Institute at Tanzfabrik, Berlin, Germany.
  - June, Memory/Traces of my body (video screening) The Bhavan art gallery, London, UK
  - May, La Folie, Memory/Traces of my body(screening) Eclectic-2009, (M.A.I), Montreal, QC
  - December, Coffin/Nest, (installation) Al Mashgal Contemporary art center Damascus, Damascus UNESCO Arab Capital of Culture 2008, Damascus, Syria
- May, Walls Talks, (installation), Accès-Asie Festival, group show, Mile End Library, Montreal, QC
  - Dec, *A Fleur Du Peau*, (photography) travelling show, Maison de la Culture & Consulat général d'Algérie, Montréal, QC
- Feb, Image and Identity: Coffin-Nest (video), International Women's Museum (IWOM), San Francisco, USA
  - Nov, *Totico*, (animation) The 5th London Kurdish Film Festival, London, UK

#### **Bursaries and Awards:**

- Miriam Aaron Roland Family Scholarship, Concordia University.
  - Rewilding art Prize, David Suzuki award
- Travel grant, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture (CISSC) at Concordia University.
- Winner of the Cultural Diversity in Visual Arts Award, Montreal Art Council
- Canada Council for the arts (CAC), concept to realisation grant award
- 2020 •
- Faculty of Fine Arts fellowship, Concordia University
- 2021
- Canada Council for the arts (CAC), research and creation grant award

2014 Canada Council for the arts travel grant award CALO & Tele Quebec, project grant award OBORO Interval 2014 residency & production assistance at new media lab • Special Mention for an Outstanding Artistic Production for Excellence in Oral History Canada Council for the arts, research and creation grant award 2012 2011 Canada Council for the arts project award and travel grant award Small Grant Program (CUSGP), Concordia University The Joyce Melville Memorial Scholarship award MFA travel grant, Concordia University 2010 Programme de recherche et expérimentation, Vidéographe • Artistic Career Management Training session, Diversité Artistique Montréal (DAM) and (CAC) 2009 The Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, Vivacite grant award 2008 OBORO Production Assistance award (Montréal, arts interculturels) M.A.I Gallery grant project production assistance selected for MAI mentorship program and residency for visual art program 2007 George Balcan Bursary for Painting and Drawing award Millennium Scholarships, Concordia University 2006

# • The Arab World Bursary (In-Course Bursary), Concordia University

**Relevant Professional Activities:** 

2005

- Guest speaker, Oral History Summer Institute, University of Lethbridge
- 2022- Artist & panel discussion, "Women's Scholars Speaker Series." University of Lethbridge
- Jury member new media section, at Canada Council for the arts (CCA)
  - Jury membre new media section, at Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec (CALQ)

Fall - Winter Special Project bursary (Studio Arts), Concordia University

- CAFKA, virtual artist talk and screening
- Online Animation workshop, National Art Centre, Ottawa
  - "Nov, femmes immigrantes en visual" art workshop, UQAM University, Montreal,QC
  - Oral history through visual art workshop, Lethbridge University, Alberta
- 2018 Special screening and discussion at the Senslab, Concordia
  - Panel discussion, ASpace gallery, Toronto
- Artist talk and discussion at Espace Projet, Montreal.
- Collective performance and workshop at COHS
  - Artist talk and discussion at 101 Gallery, Ottawa.
- Panel discussion, IEEE Canada International Humanitarian Technology Conference, Montreal, QC
  - Artist presentation, UOAM University and at MFA Open media, Concordia
  - Artist presentation Artist presentation (the International Humanitarian Conference) IHTC
  - Visual art & story telling workshop at COHDS (Centre for Oral History&Digital Storytelling-Concordia University)
  - Mentorship with emerging artist, invited by M.A.I gallery, 2013 and 2014
- Round table discussion invited by research chair Dr. Steven High: Oral History & the Visual Arts
  - Meet the Artist, presentation at the Middle Eastern Club, New York
  - Artist talk, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery at SUNY College at Old Westbury, New York
  - Artist talk, Monthly NYC-DR Roundtable Breakfast, New York
  - Artists' Talks, Counter Memories: The Challenge of Restorative Justice Practices, CUNY Dispute Resolution Center John Jay College of Criminal Justice, , New York
  - Artist talk, at the Centre For Ethnographic research and Exhibition in The Aftermath of Violence (CEREV) center and UQAM and community center
  - Artist talk, Montréal, arts interculturels (M.A.I), Montréal, QC
  - Artist talk, UQAM University, Montreal, QC
  - Artist talk, Centre Communautaire Galeries du Parc, Montréal, QC
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- 8 Person Dinner, mentorship students Concordia Studio Arts
- Teaching assistance, textile art, Concordia University, Montreal, QC
- Round table discussion, Oral History and the Arts round table, Concordia university, In celebration of the first 5 years of The Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling
  - OBORO internship, Montreal, QC
  - Open Media Artist Talk, Concordia University, Montreal
  - Video screening & artist talk and discussion, International day for Sharing life Stories, Concordia University, Montreal, QC
  - Artistic Career Management Training session offered by Diversité Artistique Montréal (DAM) supported by the Canada Council of the Arts, Montreal, QC
  - Coffin/Nest, weaving workshop using recycled clothes, journee du la culture, Montreal, QC
  - Coffin/Nest, workshop/recycled clothes at Museum day, Stewart Hall Art Gallery Point Claire, QC

### **Collections & Commissions:**

- *Performing Community Garden*, Ville de Drummondville, public work
- Blue Beard Today's Tale, Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne, Montreal
- Tracing Traces, 2011, video, The City collection, Dyarbakir, Turkey
- Home songs, 2011, video, private collection, Toronto
- Walls talks 2, drawing on handmade paper, 2012, private collection, Montreal
- Walls talks 1, painting, 2008, private collection, Vancouver
- Child talks, painting, private collection, Montreal
- 2014, Sing our dreams, online project LA Fabrique Culturelle, CALQ & Tele Quebec, Montreal, QC
- 2016, drawing and animation for documentary, Nadia Zouaoui for RCI TV
- 2016, visual creation and video work, 2015, for, traversée, theater project with Milena Buziak.
- 2009, Memory/Traces of my body (video animation), Eclectic-2009, (M.A.I), Montreal, OC

### **Selected Publications, Printed Reviews, Articles and Interviews:**

- https://doi.org/10.5195/faci.2023.105. Published 2023-06-22
- Article by RADIYAH CHOWDHURY. https://www.rewildingmag.com/khadija-baker-finds-hope-in-plants/
- https://www.newswire.ca/fr/news-releases/oiseaux-traversant-les-frontieres-une-installation-interdisciplinaire-sur-le-theme-de-l-immigration-841205662.html
  - https://thelinknewspaper.ca/article/the-salle-de-diffusion-de-parc-extension-presents-birds-crossing-borders
  - Femme art review, written by Nadia Kurd, link: https://femmeartreview.com/2020/09/16/profiles-on-practice-khadija-baker/
- http://www.mcgilltribune.com/a-e/birds-crossing-borders-bridges-the-gap-between-syrian-canadian-communities/
  - Katrina Srigley, Stacey Zembrzycki, and Franca Iacovetta, eds., *Beyond Women's Words: Feminisms and the Practices of Oral History in the Twenty-First Century* (London: Routledge, 2018).
- Behind Walls-maps, Exhibition Catalogue, City of Ottawa, print
- http://www.baronmag.com/2016/06/trajectoires-catalogue-espace-projet/#&gid=ci01ef17d28004275d&pid=trajectoiresep001-2-of-51jpg
  - Imagining borders, Khadija Baker Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies Vol. 12, No. 1
- TV Rogers, when spirits awaken, at 101 Gallery, Ottawa
- 2014 LA Provance, Don't leave me I am alive France, print.
  - Maty, colouer d'ici, with Emilie Gauthier, QC
  - Oral History Forum 34 (2014), Special Issue on Human Rights and Oral History, ISSN 1923-0567

- OldWestbury TV, local, OWTV Reporter, Rebecca Alexandre, New York TV
  Counter Memories, Fulbright, Brochure 1-4
  - Portrait, Aljazeera TV, interview by Nadia Zouaoui 2013
  - Counter Memories: The Challenge of Restorative Justice Practices, Caroline Kunzle, Fullbright blog
  - Rudaw, Two Syrian Kurdish Artists: New Lives in Canada but Hearts in By Tessa Manuello
  - Eassy by Stuart Killer, 011+92, exhibition Catalogue, print
- All our relations, 18th biennale of Sydney, 121,236
  - All our relations, 18th biennale of Sydney, Moira Roths gleanings
  - RojBas Kurdistan, Local Iraqi TV, discussion director Safin Ahmed
  - 2012 CKUT "Caravan" radio interview October 17, interview by Rania Arabi
- 2011 Lucky 7 Chanceux, Concordia University, Montreal.
  - CKUT "Morning After" radio interview April 22
  - New methods and new media for storytelling, Concordia university magazine April 18
  - CitzenShift, interview by Caroline Kunzle
  - RCI (Radio Canada International-Arabic), Interviewed by Nada El-Khoury
  - Unravelling Empire, essay by Rachel Gorman, A Space
  - Akad, The Voyage of Dedicated Art, Issue 233, Toronto, Canada, pp24
- Retrospective of Fine Arts in Syria (IV) New Generation of Syrian Artists, pages 26to2
- RCI (Radio Canada International): the link, and Tam tam
  - Al-Maghreb-Canada, Vol. VI, N°9 (SEPTEMBRE 2008) page 20
- 167 mondes à découvrir, Répertoire de la diversité artistique de Montréal, page 13
  - Gilgamish, online article magazine, Toronto
  - lkff, Kurdish film festival catalogue, London, UK