

SIMONE ELIZABETH SAUNDERS

Education

- 2016-2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Major in Fibre **with Distinction**
Alberta University of the Arts, Calgary, CA
- 2013-2016 Courses: Photography, Auto-Cad, Interior Decorating.
George Brown College, Toronto, CA
- 2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance
University of Alberta, Edmonton, CA

Scholarships / Awards

- 2022 Top 40 Under 40 of Calgarian Professionals - Avenue Magazine
Compelling Calgarian - top 20 - The Calgary Herald
- 2020 *National Winner* - BMO 1st Art Competition - Canada
Board of Governors' Graduating Student Award
AUArts' Fibre Forward Award for Leadership and Community Involvement
AUArts' Research Scholarship
Surface Design Association Outstanding Student Award - rated #1 by Jury
Barbara and John Poole Family Scholarship
Illingworth Kerr Scholarship for Academic Achievement
Janet Mitchell Award - The Calgary Foundation
- 2019 Alberta Government Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership
- 2018 Meredith Helgeson Textile Fibre Arts Scholarship
- 2017 Jason Lang Scholarship
- 2016 Alberta University of the Arts Students' Association Award
- 2016-2020 President's Honour Roll

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Unearthing Unicorns*, Claire Oliver Gallery, NYC
- 2022 *u·n·i·t·y*, Textile Museum of Canada, ON
- 2021 *u·n·i·t·y*, Contemporary Calgary, Calgary, CA
- 2020 *TUF(t) LOVE*, Sled Island Music Festival, Calgary, CA
- 2019 *Duppy Duplicity*, Marion Nicoll Gallery, Calgary, CA
- 2019 The PolyEster Gallery, AUArts, CA
- 2017 *She*, Ignite! Theatre Festival, Calgary, CA
- 2014 *Desolate*, LemonTree Creations, Toronto, CA

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *The Social Fabric*, ArtsWestchester, White Plains, NY, USA
Future Perfect, Claire Oliver Gallery, Harlem, USA
Craft in the Lab, The Mint Museum, North Carolina, USA
- 2021 *Rituals of Resilience*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, USA
Threading Black, Alberta Craft Council, Edmonton CA
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- 2020 *BMO 1st ART!*, Art Museum University of Toronto, CA
Grad Show Exhibition, Alberta University of the Arts, CA
- 2019 *Odds@Ends*, Group Exhibition, King Edward C-Space, Calgary, CA
Annual President's Art Exhibition, AUArts, CA
- 2016-19 *AuArts SA Show & Sale*, AUArts, Calgary, CA
- 2018 *Print Exchange*, Metropolitan State University, Denver, USA
Fibre Fortnight, Group Exhibition, AUArts, Calgary, CA

2017 *Textile: Contextural Celebrates Ten*, Contextural, Calgary, CA

Art Fairs

2023 ExpoChicago - Claire Oliver Gallery

2022 LOOP Miami - Claire Oliver Gallery

1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London - Claire Oliver Gallery

ExpoChicago - Claire Oliver Gallery

Public Collections

2022 21C Museum Hotel, Louisville, KY, USA

Weismann Museum, Minnesota, USA

2021 Hill Harper House, Detroit, MI, USA

2021 Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, USA

2021 The Mint Museum, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

Publication

2022 Avenue Magazine, Alberta, CA

Black Art Magazine - Atlanta, USA

Diasporic Threads, Dr. Sharbreon Plummer and CommonPress Publishing, USA

Calgary Herald - "Compelling Calgarian" Feature 01/03/22, CA

2021 Calgary Herald - "Every Fibre of Being" Feature, 11/06/21, CA

Studio Magazine - Vol. 16 #2, USA

Love Embroidery - Issue #17, UK

Textiel Plus- Netherlands

Create Magazine - *Women's Issue* - Global

UpperCase Publishing - *Yarn-Thread-String Edition* - Canada / Global

House&Home Magazine - *Jan/Feb Edition* - Canada

Black Artist Research Space - 'Carryin' On' Collection 1 - Baltimore MD, USA

Canadian Theatre Review - Spring Edition, Canada

2020 Pom-Pom Quarterly Print Magazine - London, England

Canadian Art Magazine, Fall Edition

FAIRLADY Magazine, Cape Town, South Africa

Surface Design Association - Quarterly Print Publication Feature, Fall Edition, Global

The Kit - Toronto Star - Feature Online and Print, Canada

The Calgary Herald - YOU Feature, Calgary, CA

Online Publication Features

2023 Forbes

Surface Magazine

NYDaily, USA

2022 CBC Arts - CA

Artfix Daily, Toronto, CA

She Does the City, Toronto, CA

Canadian Interiors, CA

Digital Threads, Toronto, CA

Colossal - USA

Elephant Magazine - UK

Tuft The World - Philadelphia, USA

2021 CBC Arts - CA

AGO Insider - Toronto, CA

Mashable - New York, USA

THIS Magazine - Toronto, CA

She Curates - UK

2020 Glenbow Museum/Afrikadey- Calgary, CA
 Caroline Kipp - Artist Feature - George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum, USA
 Beers London Feature - England, UK
 Colossal - Artist Feature - Chicago, USA
 Design Milk - Artist Feature - Pittsburg, USA
 Booooooom - Artist Feature - Vancouver, CA
 Galleries West - Artist Feature - Calgary, CA
 HookingRugs.Com- Feature Podcast with Deanne Kirkpatrick, Nova Scotia, CA
 Long Distance Art Series - The Social Distancing Festival Collaborative Series - Toronto, CA
 Social Distancing Festival - Featured Artist - Global Online Exhibition, Toronto, CA

Media

2023 Studio Noize Podcast, USA
 Black Women Stitch Podcast, USA

2021 Idfactory- artist documentary- Toronto (*on-going*)
 TV5unis - Résiste! S1.E10 - Montreal

2020 CBCq Interview with Tom Power, Canada
 CBC Radio Interview with Adrienne Pan, Edmonton,
 CBC "Opening Up" curated video, Canada
 @INSTAGRAM - #ShareBlackStories Weekly Feature to 353 Million Followers
 @CBCArts Instagram - Feature Artist 3 posts
 Yahoo!Life - Artist Feature, Online
 CBC Primetime - What're You At? With Tom Power- S.1. E. 10, Canada
 CBC Radio One - Homestretch Live Interview
 CBC ARTS - featured artist - Long Distance Art Series
 Ragged Life Rag Rug- Interview / Featured Artist, Great Wymondley, England, UK

2019 Makersyyc.com - Interview by Karen Klassen, Calgary, CA

2019 CTV, Global, CBC Primetime News - AUArts Students' Association President,CA

2017 CTV Morning Show – Show and Sale, AUArts, Calgary, CA

2017 CBC Homestretch – Show and Sale, AUArts, Calgary, CA

2017 Breakfast Television City TV – Show and Sale, AUArts, Calgary, CA

Related Experience

2006- Present Professional Actor, Theatre and Film, CA

2018- 2019 President of the Students' Association, AuArts SA, Calgary, CA

2017- 2018 Student Group's Coordinator, AUArts SA, Calgary

2007-2011 Founding Member Ellipsis Tree Collective, Theatre Company, Calgary, CA

Professional Memberships

2020-21 Surface Design Organization Member
 Alberta Craft Council Member

2013- Present Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists, ACTRA, CA

2008-Present Canadian Actors Equity Association, CAEA, CA

Committee Memberships

2021-current *Board Member* - Stride Gallery, Calgary, CA

2021 *Jury Member* - New York Consulate / Social Distancing Festival, CA/USA

2018-19 AUArts Board of Governors Member, Calgary, CA
 Advancement Committee, Board of Governors, AUArts, CA
 Student Leadership Committee, Chair, AUArts SA, Calgary, CA
 Executive Committee Chair, AUArts SA
 Policy Committee Chair, AUArts SA
 President's Student Advisory Committee Member, AUArts

Honorary Degree Committee Member, AUArts
Finance Committee Member, AUArts SA
University Transition Committee Member, AUArts
Sexual Violence Working Policy Committee Member, AUArts
Ad Hoc Sexual Violence Committee, Alberta Students' Executive Council, Calgary, CA
2017 Student Groups Jury Chair, AUArts Students' Association, CA

Residencies

Contemporary Calgary, Field Trip: Across Canada
Contextural Studio Residency
Ignite! Festival Artist in Residence
LemonTree Studio Residency
One Yellow Rabbit Summer Intensive (x2)

Artist Talks

2023 Arts Commons, artist talk
Mint Museum, *She Holds the Key*, US
2022 Textile Museum of Canada - *u•n•i•t•y*
Contemporary Calgary - *Universal Undulations*, CA
Arts Commons - "Resilience in the Arts"
Calgary's School District - *u•n•i•t•y*
2021 Nickle Galleries - "Nickle at Noon", CA
Alberta Craft Council - "Threading Black", CA
2020 Alberta University of the Arts, Alumni Feature Speake, CA

Conferences

"The Gathering" Cult Branding, Banff, CA
"StudentCare" Montreal, CA
"The Art of Leadership for Women" Calgary, CA
"Ruined" Theater Conference Speaker, Denver, USA