

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 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

- 2022 "u·n·i·t·y", Textile Museum of Canada, ON -*upcoming Fall 2022*
- 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" Solo Exhibition, Ignite! Theatre Festival, Calgary, CA
- 2014 "Desolate" Solo Exhibition, LemonTree Creations, Toronto, CA

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 "Future Perfect", Claire Oliver Gallery, Harlem, USA
- 2022 "Craft in the Lab", The Mint Museum, North Carolina, USA
- 2021 "Rituals of Resilience", Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, USA
- 2021 "Threading Black", Alberta Craft Council, Edmonton CA
"Threading Black", Alberta Craft Council, Calgary, CA
- 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
- 2019 "Annual President's Art Exhibition", Group Exhibition, AUArts, CA
- 2016-19 "AuArts SA Show & Sale", Group Exhibition / Sale, AUArts, Calgary, CA
- 2018 "Print Exchange" Group Exhibition, Metropolitan State University, Denver, USA
- 2018 "Fibre Fortnight" Group Exhibition, AUArts, Calgary, CA
- 2017 "Textile: Contextural Celebrates Ten" Group Exhibition, Contextural, Calgary, CA

Art Fairs

2022 ExpoChicago - Claire Oliver Gallery

Public Collections

2022 21C Museum Hotel, Chicago, IL, 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 Black Art Magazine - Atlanta, USA (*summer'22*)
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 Magazine 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

Media

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

Online Features

2022	Colossal - USA Elephant Magazine - UK Tuft The World - Philadelphia, USA
2021	AGO Insider - Toronto, CA Mashable - New York, USA THIS Magazine - Toronto, CA She Curates - UK Glenbow Museum/Afrikadey- Calgary, CA
2020	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

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

2022 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