

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

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 Dupplicity*, 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

- 2024 Reimagining Icons: Counter-Narratives and Histories Enriched
- 2023 *Revival, Digging into Yesterday, Planting Tomorrow* 21C, St Louis MS
Craft in the Lab, The Mint Museum, North Carolina, USA
- 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 SCOPE Miami - Claire Oliver Gallery
ExpoChicago - Claire Oliver Gallery
- 2022 LOOP Miami - Claire Oliver Gallery
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London - Claire Oliver Gallery
ExpoChicago - Claire Oliver Gallery

Collections

- 2023 The Bunker Artspace
Global Affairs Canada
Minneapolis Institute of Art
- 2022 21C Museum Hotel

2021 Weisman Art Museum
Hill Harper House
Minneapolis Institute of Art
The Mint Museum

Scholarships / Awards

2023 Calgary Black Chambers Achievement Award - Arts, Media, Entertainment
Research and Creation Grant - Canada Council for the Arts

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

Publication

2023 Social Fabric, Arts Westchester, NY, USA

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

- 2021 She Does the City, Toronto, CA
 Canadian Interiors, CA
 Digital Threads, Toronto, CA
 Colossal - USA
 Elephant Magazine - UK
 Tuft The World - Philadelphia, USA
 CBC Arts - CA
 AGO Insider - Toronto, CA
 Mashable - New York, USA
 THIS Magazine - Toronto, CA
 She Curates - UK
- 2020 Glenbow Museum/Afrikadey- Calgary, CA
 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 - 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

Artist Talks

- 2023 American Tapestry Alliance
 Arts Commons, Calgary, AB
 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

Related Experience

2006- Present Professional Actor, CAEA/ACTRA, 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
2013-2023 Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists, ACTRA, CA
2008-Present Canadian Actors Equity Association, CAEA, CA

Committee Memberships

2021-2023 *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)

Conferences

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