



SIMONE ELIZABETH SAUNDERS

Public Collections:

- 21C Museum, Louisville, KY
- Harper House, Detroit, MI
- Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN
- The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC

Selected Solo Exhibitions:

- 2023 Unearing Unicorns, Claire Oliver Gallery, Harlem, NY
- 2022 u·n·i·t·y, Textile Museum of Canada, Toronto, 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
- 2017 She, Solo Exhibition, Ignite! Theatre Festival, Calgary, CA

Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2023 Expo Chicago Art Fair, Chicago, IL
- 2022 LOOP Overtown Art Fair, Miami, FL
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
Future Perfect, Claire Oliver Gallery, Harlem, USA
Craft in the Lab, The Mint Museum, North Carolina, USA
Expo Chicago Art Fair, Chicago IL
- 2021 Rituals of Resilience, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, USA
Threading Black, Alberta Craft Council, Edmonton, CA · 2021“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
Annual President’s Art Exhibition, Group Exhibition, AUArts, CA
- 2018 Print Exchange, Group Exhibition, Metropolitan State University, Denver, USA
Fibre Fortnight, Group Exhibition, AUArts, Calgary, CA



2017 Textile: Contextural Celebrates Ten, Group Exhibition, Contextural, Calgary, CA

2016 – 19 AuArts SA Show & Sale, Group Exhibition / Sale, AUArts, Calgary, CA

Education:

2016 - 20 Bachelor of Fine ARTS – Major in Fibre obtained with distinction, Alberta University of the Arts, Calgary, CA

2013 -16 Courses: Photography, Auto-Cad, Interior Decorating.
George Brown College, Toronto, CA

2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance
University of Alberta, Edmonton, CA

Awards/Grants:

2022 Top 40 under 40 top Canadian professionals - Avenue Magazine Calgary
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 – 20 President's Honour Roll

Residencies:

Contemporary Calgary, Field Trip: Across Canada

Contextural Studio Residency

Ignite! Festival Artist in Residence

LemonTree Studio Residency

One Yellow Rabbit Summer Intensive (x2)



Talks/Workshops:

- 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

Online Features:

Surface Magazine - [Simone Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns](#) –

Forbes – [European Old Master Paintings Reexamined In New York Under A Fresh Take On Blackness And Slavery](#)

Martin Cid Magazine – [Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)

CBC Arts – [“Love, strength, the resilience we have’: Simone Saunders’ textile work celebrates Black excellence](#)

Colossal – [Luxuriant Tufted Portraits by Artist Simone Elizabeth Saunders Exude Black Joy](#)

Elephant Magazine – [Soft Power: The Radical Strength of Textile Art](#)

Tuft The World – [Simone Elizabeth Saunders: Tufting My Truth](#)

AGO Insider - [Painting with threads](#)

Mashable - [The tufting takeover](#)

THIS Magazine – [Simone Saunders](#)

She Curates – [Interview with the artist](#)

Glenbow Museum/Afrikadey - [Conversation with Textile Artist Simone Saunders](#)

Caroline Kipp - [Artist Feature](#)

Colossal – [Hand-Tufted Patches of Color Form Lush Fiber Portraits by Artist Simone Saunders](#)

Design Milk – [Tufted Art by Simone Saunders That Examines Culture + Identity](#)

Booooooom - [Artist Spotlight: Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)

Galleries West, [Simone Elizabeth Saunders: Powerful textile works celebrate Black women](#)

HookingRugs.Com - Feature Podcast with Deanne Kirkpatrick, Nova Scotia

Long Distance Art Series - [The Social Distancing Festival Collaborative Series](#)

Social Distancing Festival - [Featured Artist - Global Online Exhibition](#)

Forbes, [European Old Master Paintings Reexamined In New York Under A Fresh Take On Blackness And Slavery](#)



Surface Magazine, Design Dispatch Newsletter, [Simone Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns](#)
Surface Magazine, [Simone Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns](#)
Black Art in America, [Your Own Unique Voice w/ textile artist Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)
New York Daily News, [Unicorn Art In Harlem](#)
New Amsterdam News, [Harlem's Claire Oliver Gallery looks to nurture, grow emerging artists](#)
Widewalls, [Unearthing Unicorns](#)
Alberta University of the Arts, [Unearthing Unicorns](#)
Arte Mobida, [SIMONE ELIZABETH SAUNDERS: UNEARTHING UNICORNS](#)
Explore Harlem, [Unearthing Unicorns](#)
Gotham To Go, [Art Installations, Events & Exhibits in NYC ~ it's the March 2023 GothamToGo Art Roundup](#)
Gotham To Go, [Celebrating Women's History Month, March 2023](#)
Gotham To Go, [Simone Elizabeth Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns to Open at Claire Oliver Gallery in March, 2023](#)
Harlem One Stop, [Unearthing Unicorns Solo Exhibition by Artist Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)
Kid on the Town, [Simone Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns - Kid On The Town](#)
Local Today, [European Old Master Paintings reexamined in New York from a new perspective on blackness and slavery](#)
Martin Cid Magazine, [Simone Elizabeth Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns. Claire Oliver Gallery New York](#)
Meer, [Simone Elizabeth Saunders. Unearthing unicorns](#)
Stitch Please Podcast, [Unearthing Unicorns with Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)
Studio Noize Podcast, [Your Own Unique Voice w/ textile artist Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)
The Curious Uptowner, [11 Fun Things to Do This Weekend in Harlem, Washington Heights and Beyond](#)
The Harlem Neighborhood Association, [Unearthing Unicorns](#)

Publications:

Black Art Magazine - Atlanta, USA · 2022

Diasporic Threads, Dr. Sharbreon Plummer and CommonPress Publishing, USA · 2022

Calgary Herald - "Compelling Calgarian" Feature 01/03/22, CA · 2022

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

Studio Magazine - Vol. 16 #2, USA · 2021



Love Embroidery - Issue #17, UK · 2021

Textiel Plus- Netherlands · 2021 Create Magazine - Women's Issue – Global · 2021

UpperCase Magazine Yarn-Thread-String Edition - Canada / Global · 2021

House&Home Magazine Jan/Feb Edition, Canada · 2021

Black Artist Research Space - 'Carryin' On' Collection 1 - Baltimore MD, USA · 2021

Canadian Theatre Review - Spring Edition, Canada · 2021

Pom-Pom Quarterly Print Magazine - London, England · 2020

Canadian Art Magazine - Fall Edition · 2020

FAIRLADY Magazine, - Cape Town, South Africa · 2020

Surface Design Association - Quarterly Print Publication Feature , Fall Edition, Global · 2020

The Kit - Toronto Star - Feature Online and Print, CA · 2020

The Calgary Herald - YOU Feature, Calgary, CA · 2020

Media:

Idfactory - artist documentary- Toronto (on-going) · 2021

TV5unis - Résiste! S1.E10 – Montreal · 2021

CBCq Interview with Tom Power, Canada · 2021

CBC Radio Interview with Adrienne Pan, Edmonton · 2021

CBC "Opening Up" curated video, Canada · 2021

@INSTAGRAM - #ShareBlackStories Weekly Feature to 353 Million Followers · 2021

@CBCArts Instagram - Feature Artist 3 posts · 2021

Yahoo!Life - Artist Feature, Online · 2021

CBC Primetime - What're You At? With Tom Power- S.1. E. 10, Canada · 2021

CBC Radio One - Homestretch Live Interview · 2021

CBC ARTS - featured artist - Long Distance Art Series · 2021

Ragged Life Rag Rug - Interview / Featured Artist, Great Wymondley, England, UK · 2021

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

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

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 · 2017

Committee Memberships:

Board Member - Stride Gallery, Calgary, CA · 2021 – current

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

AUArts Board of Governors Member, Calgary, CA · 2018 – 2019

Advancement Committee, Board of Governors, AUArts, CA · 2018 – 2019

Student Leadership Committee, Chair, AUArts SA, Calgary, CA · 2018 – 2019

Executive Committee Chair, AUArts SA · 2018 – 2019

Policy Committee Chair, AUArts SA · 2018 – 2019

President's Student Advisory Committee Member, AUArts · 2018 – 2019

Honorary Degree Committee Member, AUArts · 2018 – 2019

Finance Committee Member, AUArts SA · 2018 – 2019

University Transition Committee Member, AUArts · 2018 – 2019

Sexual Violence Working Policy Committee Member, AUArts · 2018 – 2019

Ad Hoc Sexual Violence Committee, Alberta Students' Executive Council, Calgary, CA · 2018 - 2019

Student Groups Jury Chair, AUArts Students' Association, CA · 2017