



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 Unearthng 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 – 2020 Bachelor of Fine ARTS – Major in Fibre obtained 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

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:



- 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

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
- 2020 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

Online Features

- **Surface Magazine** - [Simone Saunders: Unearthing Unicorns](#) – USA · 2023
- **Forbes** – [European Old Master Paintings Reexamined In New York Under A Fresh Take On Blackness And Slavery](#) - USA · 2023
- **Martin Cid Magazine** – [Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#) - USA · 2023
- **CBC Arts** – [“Love, strength, the resilience we have’: Simone Saunders’ textile work celebrates Black excellence](#) - USA · 2022
- **Colossal** – [Luxuriant Tufted Portraits by Artist Simone Elizabeth Saunders Exude Black Joy](#) - USA · 2022
- **Elephant Magazine** – [Soft Power: The Radical Strength of Textile Art](#) - UK · 2022
- **Tuft The World** – [Simone Elizabeth Saunders: Tufting My Truth](#) - Philadelphia, USA · 2022
- **AGO Insider** - [Painting with threads](#) - Toronto, CA · 2021
- **Mashable**, [The tufting takeover](#) - New York, USA · 2021
- **THIS Magazine** – [Simone Saunders](#) - Toronto, CA · 2021
- **She Curates** – [Interview with the artist](#) - England, UK · 2021
- **Glenbow Museum/Afrikadey** - [Conversation with Textile Artist Simone Saunders](#) - Calgary, CA · 2021
- **Caroline Kipp** - [Artist Feature](#) - George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum, USA · 2020
- **Beers London Feature** - England, UK · 2020
- **Colossal** – [Hand-Tufted Patches of Color Form Lush Fiber Portraits by Artist Simone Saunders](#) - Chicago, USA · 2020
- **Design Milk** – [Tufted Art by Simone Saunders That Examines Culture + Identity](#) - Pittsburg, USA · 2020
- **Booooooom** - [Artist Spotlight: Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#) - Vancouver, CA · 2020
- **Galleries West**, [Simone Elizabeth Saunders: Powerful textile works celebrate Black women](#) - Artist Feature - Calgary, CA · 2020
- **HookingRugs.Com** - Feature Podcast with Deanne Kirkpatrick, Nova Scotia - CA · 2020
- **Long Distance Art Series** - [The Social Distancing Festival Collaborative Series](#) - Toronto, CA · 2020
- **Social Distancing Festival** - [Featured Artist - Global Online Exhibition](#) - Toronto, CA · 2020

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