



SIMONE ELIZABETH SAUNDERS

Public Collections:

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

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, Chicago, IL
Scope Art Show, Miami, FL
- 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
- 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
Fiber Fortnight, Group Exhibition, AUArts, Calgary, CA
- 2017 Textile: Contextural Celebrates Ten, Group Exhibition, Contextural, 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, [Unearthng Unicorns](#)
Arte Mobida, [SIMONE ELIZABETH SAUNDERS: UNEARTHNG UNICORNS](#)
Explore Harlem, [Unearthng 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: Unearthng Unicorns to Open at Claire Oliver Gallery in March, 2023](#)
Harlem One Stop, [Unearthng Unicorns Solo Exhibition by Artist Simone Elizabeth Saunders](#)
Kid on the Town, [Simone Saunders: Unearthng 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: Unearthng Unicorns. Claire Oliver Gallery New York](#)
Meer, [Simone Elizabeth Saunders. Unearthng unicorns](#)
Stitch Please Podcast, [Unearthng 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, [Unearthng 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