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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2018	Solo Exhibition, Akin Vitrine, pending November 2018
2017	Edition "*Variations in the Kee of Life*", Edition2 Toronto, ON
	Group Exhibition, "Grow Op 2017", Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
	Solo Installation in the Akin Vitrine Gallery, January 2017
2016	Group Exhibition, "Artifacts", Project Gallery, Toronto, ON
	Art Fair, The Artist Project Installation Zone, Toronto, ON
2015	Group Exhibition, "Repair Centre", Wychwood Barns, Toronto, ON
	Solo Exhibition, "Cut Twice", Gales Gallery, Toronto, ON
	Group Exhibition, "Grow Op 2015", Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
	Graduate Exhibition, "Encounters", Artscape Youngplace, Toronto, ON
2014	Group Exhibition, "Fresh Paint New Construction", Art Mur, Mtrl, QC
	Group Exhibition, "Psychopomp", Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON
2013	Art Party, "First Thursday", Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Toronto, ON
2011	Group Exhibition, "The Rough Edge of Beauty", Modern Fuel, Kingston, ON

COMMISSIONS

2018	"Cash Don't Trash" campaign sculpture at Union Station And Pride Toronto for **Environmental Defence**, shown in Union Station on February 15, 2018
2016	Stone and Glass: We Are All Transient. A community art project for **MYSEUM Toronto** with the Toronto Homeless Memorial Network
2015	Art at Play public interactive living sculpture for **Heritage Canada**, National Capital.
2013-2015	Designer of Queen St. Bridge signs, wayfinding signs and consulting artist for dynamic lighting. Consultant to **City of Toronto** through the Riverside BIA.

CURATORIAL PROJECT

2011-present	*The Northern Beaver Gallery*, a vending machine art project. Shown at Modern Fuel in Kingston ON, the AGO, The Artist Project, Edition Toronto and as a pop-up at Nuit Blache. www.artvendu.com

TEACHING

AKIN Projects
Workshop Artist- Offering art workshops to youth in CAMH programs. **2017-18**
Toronto School of Art **2017**
Course Instructor- Design and delivery of 6-week Mould Making and Multiples course.
Workman Arts **2016**
Course Instructor- Design and delivery of 6-week art course on Site Specific Installation
York University Department of Fine Arts **2013-2015**
Teaching Assistant- Instructing 2nd year classes in both sculpture and drawing

EMPLOYMENT

Riverdale Community Development Institute: Ralph Thornton Centre
Interim Coordinator **2012-2013**

- Community engagement, skill building and leadership development through the arts
- Coordination and outreach for community consultation with TCHC, Police and City Officials.

SKETCH Working Arts for Street Involved and Homeless Youth
Program Manager **2008-2010**

- Collaboration with Directors, Program Team and youth to generate long-term visioning
- Supervision of a team of 5 Coordinators, 8 Associate Artists, 30 Volunteers
- Project Management for grants of up to $40,000 per year

Artist/Coordinator **2002-2008**

- Design and delivery of arts-based programming in a drop-in multi-media arts studio
- Instruction in ceramics, printmaking, drawing, cooking and digital arts to at risk youth
- Conflict de-escalation and resolution

Destination Carlaw **2001-2002**
Graphic Designer

- Print, logo, display design etc. Photoshop, Illustrator and web media

EDUCATION

2015 MFA, York University, Toronto, ON
2013 BFA Hon. Summa Cum Laude, York University, Toronto, ON
2000 Graphic and Web Design Certificate: 1st Interactive Computer College, Toronto, ON
1996 Geography/Women's Studies/Canadian Studies: Trent University, Peterborough, ON

VOLUNTEER WORK

2015-18 **Mercer Union**: Member of Board of Directors, artist run centre
2016-18 **Refugees Welcome:** Member of community group supporting Syrian family

AWARDS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2014 SSHRC Scholarship Award Winner
Grow Op Jury's Choice Award Winner
2013 Odette Sculpture Scholarship Winner, York University
2012 BMO 1st Art Award: Nominee for York Sculpture Department
Ryan Odette Sculpture Award Winner
2011 CASA Initiative Grant: Northern Beaver Vending Machines

TRAINING

2014 Teaching Commons Training in diversity, critical writing/reading etc, York University
2010 Anti Oppression and Diversity training, SKETCH
2010 Restorative Circles: Duke Duchscherer, www.restorativecircles.org
2010 Banff Centre for the Arts: Management Training
2009 Toronto Hostel Training Center: Managing Diversity, Crisis Intervention, First Aid.
2008 Marsha Forrest Centre: Graphic Facilitation Training- Maps and Paths