

# MELANIE COLOSIMO

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## Education

- 2009- 2011 Masters of Fine Arts - University of Windsor - *Windsor, Ontario*  
2002 - 2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Mount Allison University - Sackville, New Brunswick

## Selected Exhibitions: Solo & Two Person

- 2020 *What keeps things together, when things fall apart* - Grenfell Gallery, Memorial University, Corner Brook, NL  
2015 *Beautiful Illusions* - MSVU Gallery - Halifax, NS  
2014 *Midpoint* - (((Parentheses Gallery))) - Halifax, NS  
2013 *Structure* - AKA Gallery - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
2012 *Stay As You Were When You Had Left* - Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's, NL  
2011 *Stay As You Were When You Had Left* - MacKenzie Hall Gallery, Windsor, ON  
2009 *The Orange Series*, The Industry Room, Halifax, NS  
2005 *I Need to Make a Sound*, START Gallery, Sackville, NB.

## Selected Exhibitions, Screenings, Performances: Group

- 2021 *Bonavista Biennale* – Bonavista, Newfoundland  
2021 CMagazine Auction, invitation - Toronto, ON  
2019 *Maud Lewis and the Nova Scotia Terroir* - Guangdong Museum of Fine Art, Guangzhou; The Coast Museum, Zhuhai & He-Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China  
2019 *Art in the Open* - Charlottetown, PEI  
2017 *Terroir: A Nova Scotia Survey* - Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS  
2015 *2015 NS Art Bank Purchase Exhibition*- ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, NS  
2014 *2014 NS Art Bank Purchase Exhibition* - Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS  
2013 *Accelerated Change* - Walnut Contemporary, Toronto, ON  
2013 *(((Misfits)))* - (((Parentheses Gallery))), Halifax, NS  
2012 *2012 Nova Scotia Art Bank Purchase* – NS Archives, Halifax, NS  
2012 *Hotel /Motel: Periodical Project* – Khyber Centre for the Arts, Halifax, NS  
2011 *Animation w/ Love: Home Sweet Home*- Centre For Art Tapes, Halifax, NS  
2011 *Lost in Remembrance* - Art Gallery of Windsor, Windsor, ON  
2010 *Alone Now with all of My Friends* –Nocturne: Art at Night Festival, Halifax, NS  
2010 *Salt Water Bodies and Turning Tides: Moving Pictures by Women on the East Coast*. Winnipeg Cinematheque, Winnipeg, MB  
2010 *Making Tracks* - Khyber ICA & VIA Rail, Halifax NS to Montreal QE  
2009 *an inventory of miscellaneous debris*, Weave, Toronto, ON  
2009 *Throwing Rocks- Atlantic Shorts Selection*, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Film Festival, Halifax, NS  
2009 *Open Season*, Ok. Quoi?! Arts Festival Video Drive- in, Sackville, NB  
2007 *Bright Lights & Dark Bars: Canadian Rock Photography* - Owens Art Gallery, Sackville, NB  
2006 *in the end we all became friends* - Owens Art Gallery, Sackville, NB  
2005 *No Limits: National Artist Program Collaboration Performance* In Association with the Canada Summer Games, Saskatchewan Center of the Arts, Regina, SK

## Selected Awards/ Grants/ Residencies

- 2021 Canada Council for the Arts – Concept to Realization Grant  
Arts NS – *Grants to Individuals/ Creation Grant*  
2020 Sobey Art Award – *Longlist, Atlantic*

2020 AIR - Grenfell College of Art, Memorial University, Corner Brook, NL  
 AIR - Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's, NL  
 2019 Arts NS- *Grants to Individuals/ Creation Grant*  
 2018 Arts Abroad Grant, Canada Council for the Arts  
 2018 Vermont Studio Centre Residency, Johnson, Vermont  
 2017 Sobey Art Award – *Longlist, Atlantic*  
 2016 Arts NS - *Grants to Individuals/ Creation Grant*  
 2015 Arts NS - *Grants to Individuals/ Creation Grant*  
 2014 Emerging Artist Research Residency - University of Windsor, Ontario  
 2013 Banff Centre for the Arts - *Another World in the Studio, Thematic Residency*  
 2013 Arts NS - *Grants to Individuals/ Professional Development*  
 2012 Centre for Art Tapes (CFAT) - *Local Artist in Residence*  
 2011 Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - *Grants to Individuals/ Presentation*  
 2009 Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - *Grants to Individuals/ Professional Development*  
 2006 Muriel Drawing Prize - *Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B*  
 2005 Canada Games- National Artist Program – *Regina, Saskatchewan*  
 2005 Marster's Prize for Humor in Art- *Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B,*

**Selected Professional Experience**

2021 Curator – *inPlay, works by Cuppetelli & Mendoza*, The Rooms, St. John's, NL  
 2016 - present Co-Curator - //RESPONSIVE International Light Art Projects, Halifax,NS/ Cologne, DE  
 2014 - present Director/ Curator - Anna Leonowens Gallery - Halifax, NS  
 2020 - 2021 BMO 1<sup>st</sup> Competition - Juror  
 2015 RBC Painting Competition- Juror  
 2008 - 2014 Exhibition Coordinator - Anna Leonowens Gallery - Halifax, NS  
 2013 - 2014 Lead Administrator - Platform Stockholm/ Halifax - Halifax, NS  
 2009- 2011 Graduate Assistant- University of Windsor, Windsor, ON  
 Digital Media, Foundation Drawing, Critical Issues  
 2010 Collections and Archives Assistant - NSCAD, Halifax, NS  
 2009 – 2010 CBC Television/ Halifax Film – Studio Instructor for Children's TV Series- Halifax, NS  
 2006 - 2009 Studio Instructor/ Educator- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS  
 2008 Preparator Assistant – Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Halifax, NS  
 2007 Coordinator/ Curator- Super 8 Super Theatre, Halifax, NS  
 2005 – 2006 Videographer, Editor - Owens Art Gallery Sackville. NB

**Selected Publications/ Interviews/ Talks**

2020 TALK: Grenfell College of Arts, Memorial University, NL  
 2019 TALK: Guangdong Academy of Fine Arts, Guangzhou, China  
 2019 PUBLICATION: *Maud Lewis and the Nova Scotia Terroir*, Exhibition catalogue, He-Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen  
 2018 TALK: NSCAD University, NS  
 2017 PUBLICATION: *Rusty Toque*, Issue 12, June 30, 2017  
 2016 TALK: *Saltbox: Contemporary Arts Festival*, Keynote speaker, Corner Brook, NL  
 PUBLICATION: *Terroir: A Nova Scotia Survey*, Exhibition catalogue by Art Gallery of Nova Scotia  
 2016 TALK: *Terroir*, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia  
 2015 TALK: *Unchained Melanie & Handmade Assembly Round Table*, Owens Art Gallery & Struts Gallery Symposium *A Handmade Assembly*, NB  
 2015 PUBLICATION: *Beautiful Illusions*, Exhibition catalogue by MSVU Gallery,NS  
 2015 TALK: MSVU Gallery, NS  
 2014 TALK: CIVIC Space, ON  
 2013 TALK: Banff Centre, Banff, AB

- 2013 TALK: AKA Gallery, Saskatoon, SK
- 2013 TALK: Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB
- 2012 PUBLICATION: *Obsession*. Periodical Project 4, Fall 2012. Halifax, NS
- 2012 TALK: Dalhousie Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2012 TALK: Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's NL
- 2012 PUBLICATION: Landry, Mike. "Stay as you were when you had left." *Eastern Edge Gallery, Catalogue Essay*. 2012
- 2011 PUBLICATION: *Stay as you were when you had left* – University of Windsor, Thesis Document, Windsor, ON
- 2008 PUBLICATION: *Flight Dreams Catalogue*- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia catalogue flipbook. *Rob's Flight Dream*. Halifax, N.S
- 2007 PUBLICATION: *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Postcard Project*- Limited edition of 25, Struts Gallery and Faucet Media Arts Center. Sackville, N.B

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