

# 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  
2008 Selected Works, 6015 Willow *In conjunction with Eyelevel's GO NORTH! Festival*, Halifax, NS  
2005 *I Need to Make a Sound*, START Gallery, Sackville, NB.

## Selected Exhibitions, Screenings, Performances: Group

- 2019 *Terroir: Landscape of Nova Scotia* - Guangdong Museum of Fine Art, Guangzhou; The Coast Museum, Zhuhai & Hexiangning 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 *Opening Night Cabaret*. Ok. Quoi?! Arts Festival, Struts Gallery, Sackville, NB  
2010 *Making Tracks* - Khyber ICA & VIA Rail, Halifax NS to Montreal QE  
2009 *4 Rwanda*. FRED Gallery, Halifax, NS  
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 *Spices.*, w/ Motion Ensemble- Imperial Theatre, Sackville, NB  
*In conjunction with the Ok. Quoi?! Contemporary Arts Festival*  
2006 *in the end we all became friends* - Owens Art Gallery, Sackville, NB  
2005 *No Limits: National Artist Program Collaboration Performance* piece In Association with the Canada Summer Games, Saskatchewan Center of

the Arts, Regina, SK

**Awards/ Grants/ Residencies**

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*

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*

2010 University of Windsor – *Conference/ Exhibition Travel Assistance*

2009 Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - *Grants to Individuals/ Professional Development*

2006 Fine Arts Departmental Award- *Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B, Canada*

2006 Muriel Drawing Prize - *Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B, Canada*

2005 Canada Games- National Artist Program – *Regina, Saskatchewan*

2005 Marster's Prize for Humor in Art- *Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B, Canada*

2002 Fred Ross Award for excellence in the Visual Arts - *Sheila Hugh MacKay Foundation, New Brunswick, Canada*

**Professional Experience**

2016 - present Curator - //RESPONSIVE International Light Art Projects, Halifax/ Cologne

2014 - present Director - Anna Leonowens Gallery - Halifax, NS

2015 RBC Painting Competition- Juror

2014 Panel Organizer - Feature Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, ON

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 2010, Foundation Drawing 2010, Critical Issues Seminar

2010 Collections and Archives Assistant - NSCAD, Halifax, NS

2009 Research Assistant U of Windsor for artist Dr. Jennifer Willet. Windsor, ON

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

2007 - 2009 Halifax (Atlantic) Instant Coffee Newsletter- Coordinator/ Moderator Halifax, NS

2008 Preparator Assistant – Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Halifax, NS

2008 – 2009 Kids Corner Power Jam Camp Facilitator - Struts Gallery and Faucet Media Arts  
“Ok. Quoi?! Contemporary Arts Festival”- Sackville, NB

2007 Coordinator/ Curator- Super 8 Super Theatre, Halifax, NS

2005 – 2006 Videographer, Editor - Owens Art Gallery Sackville. NB

**Volunteer Board Experience**

2013 - 2016 VP, Faculty Union of NSCAD, Unit II representing Technicians- Halifax, NS

2008 – 2011 Eyelevel Gallery- Board of Directors- Halifax, NS

2007 – 2009 President - Association of Artist Run Centres from the Atlantic

2008 Nocturne: Art at Night Festival - Planning Committee - Halifax, NS

2007 – 2008 Khyber Institute of Contemporary Arts- Secretary of the Board of Directors,

**Publications/ Interviews/ Talks**

- 2020 *Artist Talk*, Grenfell College of Arts, Memorial University, Corner Brook, NL  
2018 *Artist Talk*, Vermont Studio Centre, Johnson VT  
*Artist Talk*, NSCAD University, Halifax, NS  
2017 *Rusty Toque*, Issue 12, June 30, 2017  
2016 *Saltbox: Contemporary Arts Festival*, Keynote speaker, Corner Brook, NL  
*Terroir: A Nova Scotia Survey*, Exhibition catalogue by Art Gallery of Nova Scotia  
Halifax, NS  
2016 *Artist Talk*, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax Nova Scotia  
2015 *Unchained Melanie & Handmade Assembly Round Table*, Owens Art Gallery &  
Struts Gallery Symposium *A Handmade Assembly*  
2015 *Beautiful Illusions*, Exhibition publicaion by MSVU Gallery, Halifax, NS  
2015 *Artist Talk*. MSVU Gallery, Halifax, NS  
2014 *Artist Talk*. CIVIC Space, Windsor, ON  
2013 *Artist Talk*. Banff Centre, Banff, AB  
2013 *Artist Talk*. AKA Gallery, Saskatoon, SK  
2013 *Artist Talk*. Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB  
2012 *Obsession*. Periodical Project 4, Fall 2012. Halifax, NS  
2012 *Artist Talk*. Dalhousie Gallery, Halifax, NS  
2012 *Artist Talk*. Eastern Edge Gallery, St.John's NL  
2012 CBC St. John's Weekend Art Magazine, January 14 -15, 2012  
2011 *Stay as you were when you had left* – University of Windsor, Thesis Document,  
Windsor, ON  
2010 *Traffic: Conceptual Art in Canada-* University of Toronto Catalogue. Image,  
documentation and archivist credit. UofT, Toronto, ON  
2008 *Flight Dreams Catalogue-* Art Gallery of Nova Scotia catalogue flipbook.  
*Rob's Flight Dream*. Halifax, N.S  
2007 *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Postcard Project-* Limited edition of 25 postcards to celebrate  
Struts Gallery and Faucet Media Arts Center 25 years. Sackville, N.B

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