

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

- 2021 *Bonavista Biennale* – Bonavista, Newfoundland
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 *Opening Night Cabaret*. Ok. Quoi?! Arts Festival, Struts Gallery, Sackville, NB
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*, 29th 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* 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 – *Finalist, 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

- 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 1st 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
 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: *25th Anniversary Postcard Project*- Limited edition of 25, Struts Gallery and Faucet Media Arts Center. Sackville, N.B

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