

Melissa Baron

Artist & Educator

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Education

- 2009-2011 University of Alberta, Bachelor of Education: Major in Art
2005-2009 University of Alberta, Bachelor of Arts: Major in Art and Design
2008 Université Catholique de Lille: Study Abroad Program

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Alberta Light*, Edmonton Public Library, Londonderry Mall Branch, Edmonton, Alberta
2020 *Studying the Sky*, Naess Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2020 *A Study of Skies*, Garneau Theatre, Edmonton, Alberta
2020 *A Study of Skies*, Spruce Grove Art Gallery, Spruce Grove, Alberta
2019 *Feature Artist Exhibition*, Loft Gallery, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2019 *Passing Storms*, Collins Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2019 *Passing Storms*, Edmonton International Airport, Edmonton, Alberta
2018 *Moments and Mountains*, Naess Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2017 *Seek to Touch*, Naess Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta

Group Exhibitions

- 2021, 2018 *Salon Series Show*, Gallery@501, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2021 Opening exhibit, Bay 1 Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2021 *HeART for HealthCARE*, Healthcare Excellence Canada, virtual exhibit
2021 *Art From The Unknown*, curated by Rachel Notley, virtual exhibit
2021, 2019 *Artorama*, Harcourt House Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2020 *Art-Making in the Time of Coronavirus*, Gallery@501, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2020 *Friends and Strangers Portrait Show*, Allied Arts Council, virtual exhibit
2020 *Complicated // Suspension*, Skirts Afire Festival, The Nina Haggerty Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2019 *Headspace*, Renaissance Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta
2019 *Art for Conservation*, Lotus Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2019 *Emerging Artist Exhibit 2019*, Quentin Doolittle Memorial Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
2017 *Ribbon Rouge*, Lotus Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2017 *Best YEG Art*, Walterdale Theatre, juried by the Alberta Society of Artists, Edmonton, Alberta
2016 *Centre of Your Mind*, Lotus Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2009 *Sculpture From the Human Body*, Front Gallery, curated by University of Alberta Sculpture Department, Edmonton, Alberta
2009 *Strathcona County Art Acquisition Exhibition*, Art Barn, juried by the municipality of Strathcona County, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2009 *Go Figure*, Rutherford Library, Edmonton, Alberta

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Gallery Representation

Bay 1 Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta

Awards & Recognition

2019 Feature Artist, Loft Gallery, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2018 Edmonton Arts Council Travel Grant
2010 Archbishop Jordan Future Educator Award
2006-2010 Dow Higher Education Award Program
2005 Debbie Maron Art Award
2005 University of Alberta Leadership Scholarship
2005 University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship
2005 Faculty of Arts Academic Excellence Scholarship

Collections

2009 Strathcona County Permanent Collection, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2007, 2008, 2009 University of Alberta: Printmaking Department Teaching Collection, Edmonton, Alberta

Professional Experience

2019-Present Curriculum Consultant, High School Visual Arts, Alberta Education, Government of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
2011-2019 Art Teacher, Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School, Blackgold Regional School Division, Beaumont, Alberta
2011 Art Programmer, Strathcona County Recreation, Parks & Culture, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2006-2011 Art Instructor, Strathcona County Culture Programs, Sherwood Park, Alberta
2009-2010 Youth Facilitator, Action for Healthy Communities, Edmonton, Alberta

Art Instruction

2021 "Learn to Paint the Sky" Artrium, Paint Spot, Edmonton, Alberta
2021 "Watercolour Wonderland" Strategic Engagement, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
2021 "Drawing Bootcamp" Fine Arts Friday, Curriculum Division, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
2020-21 Online art lessons, taught privately from Edmonton, Alberta

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- 2020 "Working with Coloured Pencils" Fine Arts Friday, Curriculum Division, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2020 "Plein Air Painting" Fine Arts Friday, Curriculum Division, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2020 "Relaxing Drawing Session" Strategic Engagement, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2020 "Watercolour Landscape Sketching" Harcourt House Artist Run Centre, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2019 "Paint at Noon" Strategic Engagement, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2019 "How to Paint with Watercolour" Fine Arts Friday, Curriculum Division, Alberta Education, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2011-2019 Taught Art 9, 10, 11, 20, 21, 30, 31; Design 10, 20, 30; Musical Theatre 15, 25, 35; Technical Theatre 15, 25, 35; Math 9, 10C, 20-2 at Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School, Beaumont, Alberta
- 2014 "How to Draw Butterflies" Alberta Lepidopterists' Guild Ferialia Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Presentations

- 2020 "Passing Storms: An Artist's Journey" Artist's talk at Alberta Education, Curriculum Division, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2020 "Creativity in the Classroom" North Central Teachers' Convention of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2019 "Creativity in the Classroom" Fine Arts' Council Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2019 Moderator, Q & A Aspiring Young Artist Show, Zyp Gallery, Calmar, Alberta
- 2019 "Passing Storms" Artist's Talk, Gallery@501, Sherwood Park, Alberta

Publications

- 2021 Art and Wellness Magazine, Issue 1
- 2021 House and Garden Magazine, Art Edit Feature, March 2021
- 2020 Interview with the Paint Spot's Kim Fjordbotten
<https://www.paintspot.ca/studying-the-sky-with-melissa-baron/>
- 2020 5050 Magazine, Issue 1: Quarantine Zine
- 2020 Artist Profile, blog by curator Alexis Marie Chute
<https://www.alexismariechute.com/artsy-mondays-interview-with-fine-art-painter-melissa-baron/>
- 2019 Young Adult Cancer Canada, artist profile
<https://youngadultcancer.ca/melissa-processes-her-diagnosis-through-art/>

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Professional Development

Painting Change, still life workshop with Zoey Frank, October 2020

Master Portrait Workshop, Studio Incammenati, Philadelphia, USA, August 2018

Julian Ashton Art School, Sydney, Australia, July-August 2014-2016

Private Instruction with Felica Forte, 2015, 2016

Current Affiliations

CARFAC Alberta

Harcourt House Member, Edmonton, Alberta

Gallery@501 Member, Sherwood Park, Alberta