

**eva birhanu**

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## Education

**2020 Alberta University of the Arts** Craft and Emerging Media – Fibre BFA

**2021 Rozsa Admin** Fundamentals Training (RAFT)

## Experience

### Stride Gallery

Co-Artistic Director / 2023 - Ongoing

Curatorial Resident / 2020 - 2023

### Illingworth Kerr Gallery

Gallery Attendant / September 2019 – April 2020

### Poly + Esther Gallery Wall

Coordinator and organizer / September 2019 – April 2020

## Selected Exhibitions

### Solo Exhibitions

**2020** “you stare, i stare” *The New Gallery, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2020** “look – don’t touch” *Marion Nicoll Gallery LRT Space, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2019** “Weaving Samples” *Poly+Esther Wall AUArts, Calgary, AB, CAN*

### Two People and Group Exhibitions

**2023** “New Forms: that which constitutes (critical) matter” *Artspeak, Vancouver, BC, CAN*

**2023** “Threshold - Recontextualizing Self-Portraiture” *Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona State College, Daytona, FL, USA*

**2022** “The Chisel and the Oak Beam” *SAAG, Lethbridge, AB, CAN*

**2022** “Intricacies of the Gaze” *Khadijah Morley and eva birhanu, Riverdale Hub, Toronto, AB, CAN*

**2021** “Conversation” *Maytens, Toronto, ON, CAN*

**2021 - 2024** “Never Ending Poetry” *TREX Region 4 (Southeast), Alberta, CAN*

**2021** “Threading Black: Eva Birhanu and Simone Saunders on Connecting Race, Roots, and Identity” *Alberta Craft Council Calgary Gallery, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2021** “Threading Black: Eva Birhanu and Simone Saunders on Connecting Race, Roots, and Identity” *Alberta Craft Council Discovery Gallery, Edmonton, AB, CAN*

**2019** “Odds @ Ends” *Group Exhibition, CSpace, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2019** “The Light Effect” *Group Exhibition, I Love You Coffeeshop, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2019** April Off Beat Figure Drawing Session show “**Firefly**” *Group Exhibition, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2019, 2018** “Fibre Fortnight” *Group Exhibition, AUArts, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2018** “Intertwined” *Group Exhibition, ATB Financial Arts and Culture Branch, Calgary, AB, CAN*

## Curatorial Projects

**2021 - Ongoing** *The Prairie Crocus, Stride Gallery Window Space, co-curated by eva birhanu and Dan Cardinal McCartney, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2021 - 2022 “An Act of Irrepressible Reclamation”** Curated by eva birhanu, *Fariyah Aliyah Shah, Stride Gallery, Calgary, AB, CAN*

**2021 “Shroud, Crown, Grey Area, Generations”** co-curated by eva birhanu and Dan Cardinal McCartney, in partnership with ICAI, Group Exhibition, *Stride Gallery, Calgary, AB, CAN*

## **Talks**

**2023 “Threshold: Recontextualizing Self Portraiture”**, Artist Talk, *SMP, Daytona FL, USA.*

**2022 “Art Now”**, Artist Talk, *University of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta Art Gallery.*

**2022 “Artist Talk with Fariyah Aliyah Shah and Curator eva birhanu”**, *Stride Gallery.*

**2021 “Curatorial Practices of eva birhanu and Becca Taylor: An Artist Panel”**, *Marion Nicoll Gallery and TREX Southwest.*

**2021** Opening of **“Threading Black: Eva Birhanu and Simone Saunders on Connecting Race, Roots, and Identity”**, *Alberta Craft Council.*

**2020 “Conversation with Eva Birhanu and Khadijah Morley”**, *The New Gallery.*

## **Residencies**

**2023 Kunstkollektivet 8B Residency Program**, *Unnerud, Denmark*

**2021 CAAF Residency**, *NVRLND, Calgary, AB, CAN*

## **Grants**

**2023 Calgary Arts Development - Micro Grant**

**2023 Canada Council for the Arts - Arts Abroad - Residency Grant**

**2022 Canada Council for the Arts - Explore and Create - Research and Creation Grant**

**2021 IBPOC Arts Leaders Residency Grant**

## **Juries**

**2023/24 Canada Council for the Arts**, Concept to Realization

**2023 Rozsa Foundation**, IBPOC Residency Assessment Committee

**2023 Calgary Arts Development**, Operating Grant

**2022, 2021 Canada Council for the Arts**, Explore and Create

**2021 CAAF**, Artist Residency

## **Awards and Acknowledgements**

**2020 Fibre Major Innovative Development Award**

**2020 BMO 1st Art Competition Nominee**

**2019 Louise McKinney Scholarship**

**President’s Honour Roll**

Winter 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Winter 2017

**2018, 2017 Jason Lang Scholarship**

## **Related Experience**

**2021 Black Portraits: Toronto, Absent/ed Presence**, Studio Visits

**2020** Tatting Workshop facilitator