

eva birhanu

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Education

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

2021 Rozsa Admin Fundamentals Training (RAFT)

Experience

Stride Gallery

Co-Director / 2024 - Present

Co-Artistic Director / 2023 - 2024

Curatorial Resident / 2020 - 2023

Illingworth Kerr Gallery

Gallery Attendant / September 2019 – April 2020

Poly + Esther Gallery Wall

Coordinator / September 2019 – April 2020

Selected Exhibitions

Solo Exhibitions

2025 *UPCOMING Title TBA IC Contemporary @ The Textile Museum of Canada, Toronto, ON, CAN*

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

2025 “**Knowledge Made Concrete: 100 Years of Teaching and Collecting**” *Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary, AB, CAN*

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 - 2024 *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

Writing

2025 *UPCOMING Title TBA*, Exhibition Text for Khadijah Morley, The Bows

2021 **“An Act of Irrepressible Reclamation”** by eva birhanu, Exhibition Text, Stride Gallery

Talks

2024 **“Approach to Studio Visits”**, Talk, National Access Arts Centre

2024 **“Succession and Transition Planning”**, Panel, Rosza Foundation, Calgary Arts Development, Calgary Foundation

2024 **“Arts Leaders and Curators”**, Panel, Arts Commons.

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

2024 **PRAXIS Fibre Workshop**, Cleveland, USA

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

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

Grants

2024 Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Project Grant

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

2024 Calgary Arts Development, Artist Micro Grant

2024, 2023 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

2024 Accounting for Non-Accountants, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

2021 Black Portraiture: Toronto, Absent/ed Presence, Studio Visits

2020 Tatting Workshop facilitator