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EDUCATION

2002-2006 *Bachelor of Fine Arts* Nova Scotia College of Art & Design University, Halifax NS

1998-2000 *Theatre Arts Program* University College of Cape Breton, Sydney NS

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

CURATORIAL

2016 *Guest Curator* 'Rarefactions' works by emerging Canadian painter Jamie Stillman, Hermes Art Gallery, Halifax NS ***upcoming***

2011 *Guest Curator* Kloqowej: A 30 Year Retrospective of Caroline Gould, Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax, NS

SOLO

2017 *Mikwite'tmn*, Haida Gwaii Museum, Haida Gwaii, BC ***upcoming***

2017 *Mikwite'tmn*, The Reach, Abbotsford, BC ***upcoming***

2016 *Mikwite'tmn*, McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, ON ***upcoming***

2016 *Mikwite'tmn*, Lethridge University Art Gallery, Lethbridge, AB ***upcoming***

2015 *Mikwite'tmn*, Grenfell Campus Art Gallery, Cornerbrook, NFLD

2015 *Mikwite'tmn*, Confederation Centre Art Gallery, Charlottetown, PEI

2014 *Mikwite'tmn*, Kenderdine Art Galleries/College Art Galleries, Saskatoon, SK

2014 *Mikwite'tmn* Saint Mary's Art Gallery, Halifax, NS

2014 *I'katk* Ideal Law Conference, Dalhousie Schulich School of Law, Halifax, NS

2012 *L'nuk (In Collaboration with Jordan A. Bennett)* Anna Leonowens Art Gallery, Halifax, NS

2011 *The Indian Truckhouse of High Art* Site Specific to downtown Halifax, Halifax, NS

2010 *O'pltek* Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, ON

GROUP

2017 *Imago Mundi*, Venice ***upcoming***

2016 *#callresponse*, Grunt Gallery, Vancouver BC ***upcoming***

2016 *All That You Touch*, Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa ON ***upcoming***

2016 *Fifth World*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener-Waterloo ON ***upcoming***

2015 *Custom Made* Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops, BC

2015 *McCain Biennale* Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton NB

2015 *Making Otherwise: Craft and Material Fluency in Contemporary Art* Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, ON

2015 *Fifth World*, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, SK

2014 *Making Otherwise: Craft and Material Fluency in Contemporary Art* Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery, Halifax, NS

2014 *Ikatk (She Protects) Stronger Than Stone* Symposium, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon SK
 2014 *L'nuwelti'k*, Nasgwa'tatijig Performance Series, Vaste et Vague Centre d'artistes, Carleton-sur-mur, QC
 2014 *Memory Keepers* Urban Shaman Art Gallery, Winnipeg, MB
 2014 *Hot Looking*, Art In The Open Festival, Charlottetown, PEI
 2014 *Making Otherwise: Craft and Material Fluency in Contemporary Art* Carleton University Art Gallery, Ottawa ON
 2013 *Hot Looking*, Nocturne Festival: Art at Night, Halifax NS
 2013 *L'nuwelti'k* Festival jè st, Moncton NB
 2013 *Aboriginal Voice: Four Artists from Atlantic Canada* Galerie d'art Louise et Reuben- Cohen, Moncton NB
 2013 *Maqimikew Ketapiaq (The Land Sings)* AntigoNIGHT Festival, Antigonish NS
 2013 *L'nuwesimk:El-noo-wee-simk (In Collaboration with Angella Parsons)* Art In The Open Festival, Charlettown PEI
 2013 *Ke Pite'm* Cape Breton University Art Gallery, Cape Breton NS
 2012 *L'nuk (In Collaboration with Jordan A. Bennett)* Nocturne Festival, Halifax, NS
 2012 *The Indian Truckhouse of High Art*, Art. Awards. Celebration, Creative Nova Scotia Awards Celebration, Halifax, NS
 2012 *L'nuwelti'k* Prismatic Festival, Halifax, NS
 2012 *Basket Weaving* [Planet IndigenUS Festival](#) Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
 2012 *Snapshot* Khyber Centre for the Arts, Halifax, NS
 2012 [Material Wealth: Revealing Landscape](#) Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
 2011 *Ancestral Teachings: Contemporary Perspectives* Thunderbird Centre, Toronto ON
 2011 [Basket Weaving](#) Debajehmujig 6 Foot Festival, Manitowaning ON
 2010 *Elmiet* Nocturne and Prismatic Arts Festival, Halifax, NS
 2010 *L'nuk (In Collaboration with Jordan A. Bennett)* The Other Gallery, Banff AB
 2010 *Ka'kawej* Art in Public Spaces, Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff AB

RESIDENCIES & INTERNSHIPS

2015 *Looking Europe in the I*, Cape Breton University, Glace Bay NS
 2014 *Residence* The Pictou Island Portages, part of the Great Canadian Pilgrimages Project, Pictou Island, NS
 2014 *Residence* Cape Breton University Art Gallery and Unama'ki College, Glace Bay, NS
 2013 *Residence* University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh College of Art & Design with Scottish Sculpture Workshops and the Naked Craft Network, Scotland UK
 2013 *Artist In Residence* Cape Breton University Art Gallery and Unama'ki College, Glace Bay, NS
 2012 [Residence](#) Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery, Halifax, NS
 2011 [Residence](#) Klondike Institute for Arts and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon
 2011 *Visiting Artist*, Debajehmujig Creation Centre, Manitowaning ON
 2010 *Flying Eagle Internship* Onelight Theatre Co. and Canada Council for the Arts, Halifax, NS
 2010 *Thematic Residency on Indigenous Languages*, Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff AB

AWARDS

2015 Salt Spring National Art Prize Finalist
 2015 Sobey Art Award Longlist
 2015 Grants to Individuals, Arts Nova Scotia

2014 Inter Arts Touring Grant, Canada Council for the Arts
2014 Grants to Individuals, Arts Nova Scotia
2014 Sobey Art Award Longlist
2014 Aboriginal Traditional Visual Art Forms Creation Grant, Canada Council for the Arts
2013 Grants to Individuals Presentation Grant, Arts Nova Scotia
2010 Grants to Individuals Presentation Grant, Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture & Heritage
2010 Flying Eagle Program, Canada Council for the Arts
2010 Grants to Individuals Creation Grant, Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture & Heritage

TEACHING

2013 *The Role of the Mi'kmaw Basket in Contemporary Fine Art* University College of Cape Breton, Glace Bay, NS
2012 *Intro to Mi'kmaw Language*, Micmac Child Development Centre, Halifax, NS
2011 - 2012 *Intro to Mi'kmaw Basketry*, NSCADU School of Extended Studies, Halifax NS
2010 *Mi'kmaw Basketry*, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay ON

COMMISSIONS

2014 *IRSSA Commemorative Marker*, Assembly of First Nations & Aboriginal Healing Foundation & City of Ottawa
2013-14 *Spirit Panel*, Canadian Museum for Human Rights

COLLECTIONS

2014 *Awi'je'jk*, Grenfell Campus Art Gallery
2011 *Inside Out Basket*, Private Collection of Catherine Wivell
2010 *Family Picnic*, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
2010 *Split Basket*, Private Collection of Chief Leroy DC Denny

SELECTED REVIEWS

C Magazine *Wrongs Can Make It Right: The performance and sculptural installation work of Ursula Johnson* Jane Affleck, Winter 2014
Visual Art News *Ursula Johnson's Mi'kwite'tmn (Do You Remember): Review* Hilary Beaumont
Canadian Art [Ursula Johnson: Traditions and Transformations](#) Daniel Joyce, November 2014
Studio *Ursula Johnson Remakes* Robin Metcalfe, Fall/Winter 2014
Canadian Art Online Feature [Ursula Johnson Q+A: Of Craft and Cultural Survival](#) Alison Cooley, June 2014
No More Potlucks [Nuji'tlateket \(One Who Does It\): An Interview with Ursula Johnson](#) ME Luka, 2014
Salon (3 Part Series on Indigenous Art Relations in the Atlantic Region) by Mike Landry for the Telegraph Journal 2013
Cape Breton Post [CBU has its first Artist in Residence March](#) 2013
Chronicle Herald [Mi'kmaq artists warm up for endurance performance](#) Elissa Barnard, October 2012
Woodworkers Guide [Basket Making with Ursula Johnson](#) 2011
Visual Arts News *Artist Profile* Lizzy Hill, Summer 2011
The Coast Nocturne [spotlight: Ursula Johnson: Elmiel](#) Sean Flinn, October 2010