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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

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

2004 *Curator* Showcase of Aboriginal Arts and Crafts, Kings College, Halifax NS

2001 *Curator* Aboriginal Youth Art Exhibit, Micmac Friendship Center, Halifax NS

SOLO

2019 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, Cape Breton University Art Gallery, NS ***upcoming***

2018 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, ON ***upcoming***

2018 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, Haida Gwaii Museum, Haida Gwaii, BC ***upcoming***

2018 *The Indian Truckhouse of High Art*, Central Art Garage, Ottawa ON ***upcoming***

2017 *Fine Dine (In Collaboration with Angella Parsons)*, Pavia Art Gallery, Halifax NS

2017 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, The Reach, Abbotsford, BC

2017 *Mi'kmaw Word of the Day 2.0 (In Collaboration with Jordan Bennett)* Eastern Edge, St. John's NFLD

2017 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, Lethbridge University Art Gallery, Lethbridge, AB

2015 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, Grenfell Campus Art Gallery, Cornerbrook, NFLD

2015 *Mi'kwite'tmn*, Confederation Centre Art Gallery, Charlottetown, PEI

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

2014 *Mi'kwite'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

2019 *#callresponse*, TRUCK, Calgary AB ***upcoming***

2018 *#callresponse*, Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, Halifax NS ***upcoming***

2018 *#callresponse*, AKA Artist Run Centre, Saskatoon SK ***upcoming***

2018 *#callresponse*, EFA Project Space, Brooklyn NY ***upcoming***

2018 *#callresponse*, Blackwood Gallery, Mississauga ON ***upcoming***

2017 *Moose Fence*, Sobey Art Award Exhibition, Art Museum of Toronto, Toronto ON

2017 *Toqolukwetijik*, Nocturne Festival: Art at Night, Halifax NS

2017 *Wen Pekisink*, VIVA! Art Action - International Performance Art Biennale, Montreal QC

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2017 *Between My Body and Their Words*, INSURGENCE/RESURGENCE, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg MB

2017 *On Native Land*, Imago Mundi, Venice IT

2017 *(re)al-location: The Festival of Stewards*, LandMarks 2017, Canada

2017 *#callresponse*, SAW Gallery, Ottawa ON

2017 *Making A Mark*, UnSettled, Roundhouse Gallery, Vancouver BC

2017 *The Land Sings (in Collaboration with Eastern Owl)*, In Some Far Place, The Rooms, St. John's NFLD

2016 *#callresponse*, Grunt Gallery, Vancouver BC

2016 *Ikatk* Nocturne Festival: Art at Night, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax NS

2016 *Fine Dine (In Collaboration with Angella Parsons)*, Shaping The Shore, Cape Breton University Art Gallery, Sydney NS

2016 *Ode to Miss Chief Eagle Testickle*, Superimposition, Plug In ICA, Winnipeg MB

2016 *O'pltek Cataloguing Party*, Prismatic Arts Festival, Halifax NS

2016 *Elmiet*, Terroir: A Nova Scotia Survey, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax NS

2016 *L'nuwelti'k*, Between You and Me, Idyllwild Arts Centre, Idyllwild CA

2016 *L'nuwelti'k*, Enviro-Sci Art Platform-Platform Projects at Art Athina, Athens GR

2016 *hide*, I've Only Known My Own MFAH/She Works Flexible, Houston TX

2016 *Ode To Miss Chief Eagle Testickle*, All That You Touch, Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa ON

2016 *Nikamon Ochi Asiky (Ke'tapekiaq Ma'qimikew): The Land Sings (In Collaboration with Cheryl L'Hirondelle)*, FADO Performance Art Festival, Toronto ON

2016 *L'nuwelti'k*, Fifth World, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener-Waterloo ON

2015 *Migration & Basket Weaving Performance*, Custom Made, Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops, BC

2015 *Excavata*, McCain Biennale, Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton NB

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

2015 *L'nuwelti'k*, Fifth World, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, SK

2014 *L'nuwelti'k*, 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

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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'nuweli'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
2009 *Ke Pite'm* Time Will Tell Public Performance Series, Eye Level Gallery, Halifax NS
2008 *The Urban Aboriginal Guide to Halifax NS* Dalhousie University Art Gallery, Halifax NS
2006 *Untitled* (Undergrad Exhibition) Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax NS
2003 *Basket Weaving* Nations In A Circle, Dalhousie Sculpture Court, Halifax NS

RESIDENCIES & INTERNSHIPS

2017 Residency Faculty, *Inherent Design*, Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff AB ***upcoming***
2017 *Residence*, Oboro Centre, Montreal QC
2017 *Visiting Scholar*, NSCAD University, Halifax NS
2016 *Indigenous Digital Visual Arts Residency*, Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff AB
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

2017 Award for Arts Achievement and Excellence, International Council of Fine Arts Deans
2017 Sobey Art Award Shortlist
2016 Nova Scotia Masterworks Award Finalist
2016 Sobey Art Award Longlist
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

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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
2009 Aboriginal Peoples Collaborative Exchange Travel Grant, Canada Council for the Arts
2008 Aboriginal Traditional Visual Art Forms Research Grant, Canada Council for the Arts

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

2018 *madaabii*, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay ON
2017 *(re)al-location: The Festival of Stewards*, Partners In Art for LandMarks2017
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

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Visual Arts News *Artist Profile* Lizzy Hill, Summer 2011

The Coast *Nocturne spotlight: Ursula Johnson: Elmiel* Sean Flinn, October 2010

The Coast *Call and response* Laura Kenins, March 2008