

MELISSA LEANDRO

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Solo Exhibitions

- 2015 Selected Work. President/Provost office, School of the Art Institute of Chicago IL.
Recuerdos de Un Paseo. Wright Museum of Art. Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin
- 2014 Explosiones Locales. Autotelic Studios, Chicago, IL.
Pequenos Pasos, Intelligentsia, Chicago IL.
New Work-Woman's History Month. Sulzer Regional Library. Chicago IL. {Artist Talk}
- 2012 Rooftop Flag Installation: Winter Artist. Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago IL.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2016 Doc6 Collective. Design and Art series #9. Chicago, IL
International Young Textile Art Triennial. The Central Museum of Textiles in Łódź Poland. {catalogue}
Present Standard, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 [But Three's A Crowd], Efrain Lopez Gallery, Chicago, IL
Mom & Pops. Arts Incubator, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
Visual Arts Exhibition: Luminarts Cultural Foundation. Union League, Chicago, IL.
Dimensions of an Artist. Leroy Neiman Center, School of the Art Institute of Chicago IL.
Leandro & Amaral Snow –New Works. The Franklin, Chicago IL.
Over Under: Lula Walls. Lula Cafe, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Transcending Boundaries: Fiber Artists. Bridgeport Art Center. Chicago, IL. {Chicago Artist Month}
57th Annual Beloit and Vicinity. Wright Museum of Art. Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin {catalogue}
One Foot x One Foot. VP Fiber Arts Club. University of Missouri, Columbia
Small Works. National Association of Women Artists. New York, NY.
“Lilliputians March” Small Works Exhibition. Purdue University Galleries. West Lafayette, Indiana
FLY, Flag Installation. Gallery 400, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
Small works: online exhibition. Todd Art Gallery. Middle Tennessee State University.
- 2013 Group Exhibition. Stairway Studios. Chicago IL. {Featured for Chicago Open Studios}
Art of it ALL. Shy RABBIT Contemporary Arts. Pagosa Springs, Colorado {catalogue}
54th Annual Beloit & Vicinity. Wright Museum of Art, Beloit College. Beloit, Wisconsin {catalogue}
Continue: Recovering after sexual assault. Both sides Gallery. Pilsen, Chicago IL.
International Young Textile Art Triennial. The Central Museum of Textiles in Łódź Poland. {catalogue}
ArtWork6. Sullivan Galleries, 33 South State, 7th floor. Chicago IL.
- 2012 Young Blood: Homecoming. ArtSeen Gallery. Miami, FL.
Weave Maker Pro. The Plains Project Gallery. Chicago IL.
- 2011 Shape, Shift, Substitute. Advanced Fibers. Tom Robinson Gallery. Chicago, IL.
BFA Fall Undergraduate Exhibit. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. IL.
Young Blood- New World School of the Arts. Flagler Art Space. Miami, Florida.
Chain Letter, Golden Parachutes Gallery. Berlin, Germany.
Ingrained: Arraigado. Curated personal art exhibit. Chicago, IL.
- 2010 Art Basel: Natural Selection: Coconut Grove Arts Festival. Art Basel, Miami, Florida
Young Blood- New World School of the Arts. Artseen Gallery. Miami, Florida.
- 2009 Gifted: “I have brought you a small gift”. Mess Hall Space. Chicago, IL.

ArtBash: SAIC. Group Performance, Devout no.4. Betty Rymer. Chicago, IL.

Press

- 2016 Featured Project: Yearbook TextielLab, Textiel Museum, Tilburg, The Netherlands.
“Present Standard” Review, CRITICS' PICKS. ArtForum Magazine.
Good looking: A survey of contemporary Latino art. Cultural Center. {Lori Waxman}. Chicago Tribune.
- 2015 [BUT] THREE’S A CROWD at Efrain Lopez Gallery, Elnuevodia, Puerto Rico
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Mom & Pops Review, Arts Incubator. NewCity Art. Chicago, IL.
Featured Artist, Other Peoples Pixels. {Stacia Yeapanis} Chicago, IL.
Dimensions of an Artist Grant: Feature FNews Magazine. (SAIC). Chicago, IL.
Dimensions of an Artist Exhibition: Video Interview, EXtv. (SAIC). Chicago, IL.
Textile Technology Research Group Presentations: Shapiro Center Symposium. (SAIC). Chicago, IL.
Beyond the Wall: LULA CAFÉ, Rabbit Hole Magazine. {Kate Sierzputowski} Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Featured Artist, Make Space. {Lynnette Miranda} New York, New York City, NY.
Featured Artist, ArtCrush Magazine. {Brandon Johnson} New York City, NY.
- 2012 Featured Artist, WeaverMaker Pro: New Woven Works. Make Space. {Lynnette Miranda} Chicago, IL.

Awards and Grants

- 2015 World Less Traveled Grant, The school of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL.
Visual Arts Nominee- Luminarts Cultural Foundation, Union League Club, Chicago, IL.
TextielLab Artist Project Recipient- Textiel Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands.
Ox-Bow Merit Scholarship, The school of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL.
Dimensions of an Artist Grant, Student Government, The school of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL.
Roger Brown House- Resident Artist, The school of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Eager Grant Recipient- Shapiro Center, The school of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL.
ACRE Artist Residency
- 2012 Wingate Fellowship Nominee
- 2011 Ox-bow Summer Work Scholarship, The school of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL.
- 2008-11 SAIC Support Grant, SAIC Recognition Scholarship, Elizabeth Skinner Scholarship, Merit Grant

Education

- 2015 Oxbow School of the Arts. Summer Program: Free Clay. Saugatuck, MI.
- 2014 MFA Candidate, Fiber & Material Studies. School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). IL.
- 2013 Advance Sewing Course, (Three 8-week sessions). Singer Factory Distributor. Chicago IL.
- 2012 BFA, Emphasis in Fiber Material Studies. School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). IL.
- 2011 Oxbow School of the Arts. Summer Program: Papermaking. Saugatuck, MI.
- 2008 Miami Dade Collage, New World School of the Arts. Dual enrollment in Visual Arts

Bio

MELISSA LEANDRO (b. 1989, Miami, FL) Leandro currently an MFA candidate in the Fiber & Material Studies department at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, BFA, 2012, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Leandro attended ACRE, Roger Brown House residency, TextielLab, The Netherlands. Her work has been exhibited at Chicago Cultural Center, Efrain Lopez Gallery, the Bridgeport Art Center, Arts Incubator, University of Chicago, Plaines Project, The Franklin, Gallery 400, Doc6, Lula Café, Intelligentsia Café, Flex Space (SAIC), Autotelic Studios, Both Sides Gallery, Union League Chicago, Lillstreet Art Center, Sulzer Regional Library Chicago, Wright Museum of Art, Beloit, WI, Fiber Arts Club, University of Missouri, Purdue University Galleries, West Lafayette, IN, N.A.W.A., New York, NY, ArtSeen Gallery & Flagler Art Space, Miami FL, Shy Rabbit Contemporary Art, Colorado, Middle Tennessee State University, Central Museum of Textiles, Lodz, Poland, Golden Parachutes Gallery, Berlin. Awards: Travel Grant (SAIC), Eager Grant (SAIC), Oxbow Merit Scholarship, Dimensions of Artist Grant (SAIC). Director: Fiber Material Studies Department (SAIC)