

KAYLA POLAN

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EDUCATION

- 2018 - 2020 Masters of Fine Art Candidate, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada
- 2012 - 2016 Bachelor of Fine Art, Distinction, Major Drawing & Painting, OCAD University, Toronto, Canada
- 2014 - 2015 Florence Off-Campus Studies Program, OCAD University, Florence, Italy

AWARDS

- 2019 Kieth and Win Shantz International Research Scholarship, Kieth and Win Shantz & University of Waterloo
- 2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Joseph-Armand Bombardier Graduate Scholarship (CGS-M), University of Waterloo
- 2018 President's Graduate Scholarship, University of Waterloo
- 2018 Untapped Emerging Artist Award, The Artist Project
- 2017 Emerging Artist Residency Award, Spark Box Studio
- 2016 Anne Adler Kagan Award, OCAD University
- 2014 Aboveground Art Supplies Scholarship, OCAD University
- 2014 Sandy McQueen Memorial Scholarship, OCAD University
- 2013 Melville P. White Scholarship, OCAD University

EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Le Petit Dejeuner, The Artery Gallery, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 2018 Mental Health, White House Studio Project, Curated by Lauren Fournier, Toronto, ON
- 2018 LA Summer Artist Residency Open Studio, OTIS College of Art & Design, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2018 Odourant, Screening and Residency Open Studio, Struts and Faucet New Media Centre, Sackville, NB
- 2018 Hart House Review Launch, Screening of *Bruise/Heal*, Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Romance for Two: Key To My Heart or Unlockable Shackles?, Akin Vitrine Gallery, Solo Show, Toronto, ON
- 2017 X, Y & Zed, Featured Exhibition of *Nuit Blanche*, Glory Hole Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Fermenting Feminism, Critical Distance Centre For Curators, Curated by Lauren Fournier, Toronto, ON
- 2017 YYZ Lab Residency Open House, YYZ Artist's Outlet, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Works For Change, Screening & Exhibition of "This Art Works" by the Madeleine Collective, Featured Artist in Episode 1, The Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Vacancy, Bunker2 Contemporary Art Container, Featured Exhibition at *Nuit Rose Festival*, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Embodied Resistance, Feminist Art Conference, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Political Candy, The Pendulum Project, Studio 223A, Toronto, ON
- 2016 This Is Not For You, 170 Spadina, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Feminist Art Conference Residency Open Studio Exhibition, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto, ON
- 2016 GradEx, 101st Annual Graduate Exhibition, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Festival of the Body, Annual Figure Exhibition, OCAD University Great Hall, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Love Me Do, Yellow House Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Ryan Gander Nomadic Resident Student Exhibition, OCAD University Ada Slaight Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2015 40, i nuovo 20 (Forties Are the New Twenties), OCAD University Great Hall, Toronto, ON
- 2015 *Nuit Rose: A Festival of Queer Art and Performance*, The 519, Toronto, ON
- 2015 Prospettiva, OCAD University Studio, Florence, Italy
- 2015 B.Y.O.B (Bring Your Own Beamer), Angie's Pub, Florence, Italy
- 2015 Art Clash, California State University International Program, Florence, Italy

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2018 Struts and Faucet Gallery and Media Arts Centre, Sackville, NB
- 2017 Emerging Artist Award Residency, Spark Box Studio, Picton, ON
- 2016-17 YYZ LAB Artist Residency, YYZ Artist's Outlet, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Feminist Art Conference Residency, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Nomadic Residency with Ryan Gander, OCAD University, Toronto, ON

ART FAIRS & AUCTIONS

- 2018 The Artist Project, Better Living Centre Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON
- 2017 2/e Edition Art Book Fair, Represented by Bunker 2, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2016 GALs's Third Annual Auction, Girls Art League, Xspace Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Art Attack!, Buddies In Bad Times Theatre, Toronto, ON

TALKS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 2018 Mental Health, Artist Talk & Panel Discussion, Artist's Health Alliance, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Feminism, A Label Slapped on Consumer Goods, Artist Talk, Struts & Faucet Media Arts Centre, Sackville, NB
- 2017 Tools, Toys and Tricks of The Trade: Redefining the Domestic Sphere, Artist Talk & Panel Discussion, Feminist Art Conference, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2016 We Are What We Fear: On WW2 Germany and the Systematic Oppression of Identity, Artist Talk, Erin Finley, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2014 Research As Practice, Artist Talk, Erin Finley, OCAD University, Toronto, ON

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 01/2019 - 04/2019 Teaching Assistant, Installation Art, Department of Fine Arts, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 09/2018 - Present Gallery Assistant, Ivan Jurakic, University of Waterloo Art Gallery (UWAG), Waterloo, ON
- 09/2018 - Present 4th Year Undergraduate Student, Graduate Mentor, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 09/2018 - 12/2018 Teaching Assistant, Figure & Anatomy, Department of Fine Arts, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 10/2017 - 11/2017 Class Assistant, Project Lead on Yorkville Village Arts Festival, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 03/2017 - 07/2017 In-House Graphic Designer, Blitz Print Lab, Toronto, ON
- 12/2016 - 02/2018 Gallery Programming Committee Member, Lakeshore Arts, Etobicoke, ON
- 09/2016 Artist Assistant, Rebecca Belmore, Nuit Blanche, Art Gallery Of Ontario, Toronto, ON
- 06/2016 - 07/2018 Artist Assistant, Jennie Suddick, MFA, Toronto, ON
- 06/2016 - 08/2016 Museum Attendant, Crazy Dames Exhibition, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON
- 06/2016 Event Planning & Community Outreach, Feminist Art Conference, Toronto, ON

PUBLICATIONS & PRESS

- Hart House Review, Canadian Literary Journal. Hart House, University of Toronto. 8 April 2018. Print.
- Canadian Art. "Must-Sees This Week: September 14 to 20, 2017." 14 September 2017. Web.
- CBC Arts. "Artist Asks the Important Questions" 13 September 2017. Web.
- Unframed NY. "Interview with Kayla Polan" 14 August 2017. Web.
- Format Magazine. "20 Contemporary Painters With Gallery-Worthy Portfolios." 5 July 2017. Web.
- CBC Arts. "This Art Works! Doctors Against Intolerance and Normalizing BDSM with Sculptures." 5 July 2017. Web.
- Madeleine Co. "This Art Works! How To Make A Doctors Note Against Intolerance and Normalize BDSM." CBC TV. Web.
- The Drake Blog. "Studio Visit With Akin Artist Kayla Polan." 12 June 2017. Web.
- Discount Magazine Issue II. "Food Edition." 4 May 2017. Print.
- Milkweed Zine Issue III. "Privacy and Visibility." 17 March 2017. Print.
- Dirty Laundry. "50 Shades of Kayla Polan." 25 January 2017. Web.
- Off the Wall Artists. "Off the Wall With Kayla Polan." Vimeo. 8 December 2016. Web.
- Madeleine Co. "Art Works! Real Artists. Real Impact." Vimeo. Pilot Episode. 3 October 2016. Web.
- OCAD University, Seek Forward, Drawing & Painting Fourth Year Catalogue. Toronto, ON. May 2016. Print.