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“As a torrent of bits and bytes reshapes the world around us, I wonder if we are awake or caught in a dream that could become a nightmare. Are we lucid enough to control this emerging technological force, or – for the sake of convenience and amusement – will we happily drown in a sea of bots, apps and lolcats?”

Grants/Awards

Major Artwork Grand Hall, Haines Junction, Yukon, 2018/19
Advanced Artist Award, Yukon Government, 2017/18
Sculptural Project *SubARCCtic V*, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, NWT, 2017
Canada Council for the Arts, Travel Grant, 2017
Tourism Banner Art Competition, Yukon Government, 2017
Arts North of Ordinary, Cover Art Competition, 2016
Yukon Touring Artist Fund, 2011, 2017
Kaarle Hjalmar Lehtinen Fund/ Finnish Institute of Migration, 2008
NWT Arts Council Grant, 2005, 1999, 1996, 1994
Great Northern Arts Festival, Award of Excellence, Photography 1994
Sooter’s National Photo Contest, Canada, First Prize, 1990

Forthcoming Exhibitions

2019 Yukon Art Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon (solo) - will include CARFAC fees
2018 Precious, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon (solo)

Solo Exhibitions

2017 *SubARCCtic V*, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC fees for exhibition)
2016 *Beyond Focus*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon
2014 *Metal-Stone-Clay*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon
2014 *Insidious*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon.
2013 *Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, Gallery 22, Whitehorse, Yukon
2011 *Shift*, Gallery 22, Whitehorse, Yukon
2010 *Eye of the Lens*, Baked Café, Whitehorse, Yukon
2000 - 2002 *Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, Prince of Wales Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT. (and Toured NWT)
1998 *Northern Visions*, Indigo Gallery, Edmonton, AB (and Toured NWT)
1995 *Our Forgotten North*, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT. (Toured NWT)
1994 Public Library, Hay River, NWT
Northern Life Museum, Fort Smith, NWT
1989 Public Library, Maple Ridge, BC

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 Words North Art Exhibition, Dawson Creek, BC
2017 *Circumpolar Duet*, Whitehorse, Yukon
2016 & 2017 Art House, Carcross, Yukon
2016 *Internationalization: through the lens*, Beaumont Studio Galleries, Vancouver, BC
2016 *Words*, Northern Front Studio, Whitehorse, Yukon
2016 & 2015 *Created in the Canyon*, Northern Front Studio, Whitehorse, Yukon (fees paid)
2015 *NWT Arts Council Retrospective*, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT (fees paid)
Paper Rock Scissors, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
Second Look, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
Second Look, Alberta Craft Council gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2013 *Set design/exhibit*, TEDx-Whitehorse, Whitehorse, Yukon
2011 *100th Anniversary of International Women's Day*, Ayr Space Gallery, Ayr, Ontario.
The Gold Show, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
2010 *Scrawl on the Wall*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
2008 Swish Gallery, Dubbo NSW Australia
Retrospect Galleries, Sydney and Byron Bay, Australia
2006 Northern Life Museum, Fort Smith, NWT
2003 Northern Life Museum, Fort Smith, NWT
2001 *Film Fatale*, International Women's Day Exhibit, Iqaluit, Nunavut

Juried Art Festivals, Residencies and Fairs

- Ted Harrision Artist Retreat*, Crag Lake, Yukon, Canada, 2018
The Arctic Circle Residency, Svalbard, Norway, 2018, (Operated by the Farm Inc., New York, USA)
SubARCCtic V, Yellowknife, NT, 2017. (CARFAC fees for residency)
Tissardmine Artist Residency, Morocco, 2016
En Plein Air Festival, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2015, 2014. (fees paid)
Cranberry Fair, Northern Fibres Guild, Whitehorse, Yukon, annually 2011 thru 2016, 2009.
Great Northern Arts Festival, Inuvik, NWT 2013, 2011, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994
Naaka, Hay River Arts Festival, NWT 2007
Nah a Dehe, Open Sky Festival, Fort Simpson, NWT 2006, 2003

Artist Talks

- 2018 Ted Harrison Retreat, Crag Lake, Yukon
Arctic Circle Residency, Svalbard, Norway
Diverbo English Language Program, La Alberca, Spain
2017 Yellowknife Snow Castle, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC fees paid)
SubARCCtic V, Art-build site, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC fees paid)
2014 Yukon Artists at Work, Yukon
1999 Diamond Jenness School, Hay River, NWT (fees paid)
1998 William McDonald School, Yellowknife, NWT (fees paid)
St. Patrick High School, Yellowknife, NWT (fees paid)

Selected Professional Experience

- 2012-present Instructor: Yukon Art Ed-Venture, Yukon-wide.
2010-present Instructor: Artist in the School and City of Whitehorse programs, Yukon-wide.
2016 Featured Artist, JAR workshop weekend and gala event, Haines Junction, YT
Featured Artwork, International Women's Day, London Assembly, City Hall, UK
2012-2013 Executive Director, Yukon Arts Society/Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT
2007 Featured Guest Artist / Workshop Instructor, Naaka, Hay River Arts Festival, NWT
1998 Guest Celebrity, Peter Gzowski Invitational Golf Tournament for Literacy, Hay River, NWT
1997 Author/Speaker. A Celebration of Northern Authors, Yellowknife, NWT
1996 Featured artwork, CBC-TV, Northbeat studio backdrop, Yellowknife, NWT

Selected Publications:

- The Northern Review, Cover Art*, Number 48, expected October 2018, Whitehorse, YT, 2018
Arts North of Ordinary, cover art competition, Whitehorse, YT, 2016/17
Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board, Calendar, Yukon, 2017
Canada's Northwest Territories: a land of diversity, Kromar Printing, MB, 2003.
Our Forgotten North: a glimpse of the subarctic in Canada's north, Coast Color Press, BC, 1997.
Blood-letting: a rite of purification, exhibition catalogue, Swarm Enterprises, AB, 2000.
Northern Vision Quest, perpetual birthday calendar, Northern Visions exhibition, 1998.

Contributor. Photography and writing: Canadian Geographic, UpHere Magazine, NWT Explorer's Guide, The Milepost, Borealis Magazine, Explore Magazine, River Magazine, Butter Fat Magazine (Dairyworld), Okanagan Life Magazine, Horse Racing BC. 1995-2013
Contributor. Stock photography: Gates Foundation, Over Canada: an aerial adventure, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yukon Government, Canada Post Corporation. 1995-2013

Selected Media Coverage:

- 2018 *St. Elias Convention Centre project*, CBC Yukon-radio, Meagan Dueling, May 30, 2018
Artist seeks garbage way north, Svalbard, Norway, Tara McCarthy, CBC-radio, May 31, 2018
- 2017 *Artists combine forces for Circumpolar Duet*, CBC Yukon - radio, Sept. 29, 2017
Yukon tourism banners out for 2017, CKRW 96.1 FM, June 13th, Whitehorse, YT.
Six new Yukon tourism banners, CBC News Yukon, June 13, Whitehorse, YT.
Yukon tourism banners out for 2017, Real Estate + Tourism, Canada, June 12.
- 2016 *The Art of Repurposing*, cover contest feature, Arts North of Ordinary 2016/17, Whitehorse, YT.
Exhibit of inspiring photographs to open today, Whitehorse Star, Sept. 15, Whitehorse, YT.
Interview: Beyond Focus, CBC-radio, A New Day, Sept 15, Whitehorse, YT
- 2014 *Yukon artist offers textured take on the natural world*, Yukon News, Oct. 24, Whitehorse, YT
Interview. *Insidious*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, April 4, Whitehorse, Yukon
The Insidious Computer, What's Up Yukon, April 17, Whitehorse, Yukon

Selected Media Coverage (continued):

- 2013 Interview. *Artist prepares for the Christmas Season*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, December 10, Whitehorse, YT
Spilt to see: artist Leslie Leong shows us her insides, Whitehorse Daily Star, February 1, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Life is in the Blood, What's Up Yukon, January 24, Whitehorse, Yukon.
The Bloody Business of Art, Yukon news, January 18, Whitehorse, Yukon
Interview. *Blood letting*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, January 18, Whitehorse, Yukon
Interview. *Blood letting*, CBC-Radio, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2011 *A Shape-Shifting Artist*, What's Up Yukon, November 24, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Shifting perspectives, Yukon News, November 16, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Visual words get political at Arts Underground, Yukon News, Friday, February 25, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Interview. *One person's trash is another person's art*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, Whitehorse, YT
Interview. *Shift Exhibition*, CKRW/Rush FM, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2010 *Wide-ranging photographer captures both hemispheres*, Yukon News, Sept. 8, Whitehorse, YT.
Lens Like An Eye, What's Up Yukon, August 26, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- 2002 Interview. *Blood letting*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, Yellowknife, NWT
1997 Interview. *Our Forgotten North*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, Yellowknife, NWT
1998 Interview. *Northern Visions Exhibition* CBC-TV: Northbeat, Yellowknife, NWT
Interview, *Festival of the Midnight Sun Documentary Film*, Yellowknife, NWT

Collections:

Private Collection – HRH Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, UK
Permanent Collection - Northern Frontier Visitor Centre, Yellowknife
Permanent Collection - The Beckett School (Music) in Kitchener, Waterloo, Ontario
Permanent Collection - Town of Fort Smith, NWT
Various Private Collections – Canada, US, Australia. UK

Gallery Representation:

Current:

Just Imajan Gallery, Cochrane, Alberta
Yukon Artists At Work, Whitehorse, Yukon
Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
McBride Museum of Yukon History, Whitehorse, Yukon
Down to Earth Gallery, Yellowknife, NWT

Previous:

Kirmse's Curios, Seigny Gallery & Skagway Jewelry Co., Skagway, Alaska
Dancing Moose, Dawson City, Yukon
Pot o' Gold, Whitehorse, Yukon
Swish Gallery & Retrospective Galleries, NSW Australia
Gallery of the Midnight Sun, Yellowknife, NWT

Professional Associations

- 2015– present Board Member/Past Chair /Chair, Yukon Artists at Work, artists' cooperative, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2013–2016 Board Member, Yukon Art Society, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2015 – present Jury member/developer, *reDesign*, reclaimed, post-consumer recycled show, Yukon
- 2013, 2016 Member, BC Craft Council, Vancouver, BC
- 2012 – present Member, Yukon Artists at Work, artists' cooperative, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2009 – present Member, Yukon Art Society, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 1997-2002 Founding Member/Director, The Artists of the South Slave Society, Ft. Smith, NWT
- 1989– present Registered Professional Engineer, British Columbia (EGBC / K. L. Leong)