

# KIMBERLY FULTON OROZCO

Kimberly Fulton Orozco's work is centered on a deep, intentional move to reconnect with her Kaigani Haida heritage after it was systematically stripped from her grandmother and great grandmother. She is Raven from then Yahgw'laanaas clan and received the name Sáandlaanaay, which, put simply means "first sunrise," referring to a Haida origin story. Kimberly works as an artist, photography producer and writer in Atlanta, Georgia. She holds a BFA in Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking from Georgia State University, and she is an MFA Studio Arts student at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Kimberly's abstract artwork addresses the transmission of culture and culture as collateral for assimilation in relationship to the development of personal identity. She has studied Northwest Coast Art Theory under Jackson Polys and Northwest Coast design under David R. Boxley, Robert Mills, and Steve Brown. In 2020, Kimberly worked as the primary researcher and producer for the photo essay "Inspiring Awe in Alaska" for Smithsonian Magazine.

### **Selected Exhibitions**

2023 Salmon Culture, Anchorage Museum, Anchorage, AK

Summer Invitational, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta, GA

Native Women's Art: Drawn from the Spirits of Ancestors Within, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau, AK

Empowering Art: Indigenous Creativity and Activism From America's Northwest Coast,

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, England

Artfields, Lake City, South Carolina

2022 Salmon Culture, Pratt Museum, Homer, AK, curated by Anna Hoover, Erin Gingrich, Rochelle Adams, Drew Michael, Nadia Jackinsky Sethi, and Ilgavak Peter Williams

The Deeply Rooted, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL, curated by Sundas Abduli Hadi

2021 Crash Juried Exhibit, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, Jurors Dr. Cynthia Hawkins, Jamaal Barber

Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, Juror Theo Tyson

# **Collections**

Gochman Family Collection
Sainsbury Center for Visual Arts Permanent Collection

## Writer/Producer

2020 "Inspiring Awe in Alaska," Smithsonian Magazine, January/February 2021 Issue

#### Curator

2021 Indigenous Abstraction: A Legacy for the Next Seven Generations, Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, Co-curator

Doppelgänger, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, Co-curator with Jiha Moon

# **Residencies & Awards**

2023 United States Mint, Artistic Infusion Program
 White Columns Artist Registry
 2022 Virtual Artist Residency with Art Bridges Foundation, Anchorage Museum, Anchorage, AK
 Welch Undergraduate Award, Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design
 2021 Celebration 2022 Design Contest Winner, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau, AK
 Communication Arts, Award of Excellence, "Inspiring Awe In Alaska" (producer), published by
 Smithsonian Magazine