



FAZAKAS GALLERY

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COUZYN VAN HEUVELEN

Artist Bio

Couzyn van Heuvelen (b.1987) is a Canadian Inuk sculptor and installation artist. Born in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and now based in Southern Ontario, van Heuvelen's artistic practice explores Inuit culture and identity, new and old technologies, and personal narratives. While rooted in the history and traditions of Inuit art, the work strays from established Inuit art making methods and explores a range of fabrication processes. His work fuses Inuit art history and traditions with contemporary materials and technologies, as seen in his recent series *Fishing Lures*, which includes materials like silver and brass as well as muskox horn and baleen.

Van Heuvelen received his BFA from York University in Toronto, ON, and his MFA from NSCADU in Halifax, NS. His work has been included in several group exhibitions across Canada. In September 2017 van Heuvelen created a public art installation at the Southway Inn in Ottawa, ON, as part of the *Lost Stories Project*. Van Heuvelen has received many major scholarships and awards. Chosen as the Sheridan College Temporary Contemporary Artist in Residence, van Heuvelen's *Nitsiit* (2017) was featured in the Creativity Commons of Sheridan's Hazel McCallion Campus in Mississauga. In April, he was longlisted for the 2018 Sobey Art Award.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2018
 - Fazakas Gallery Booth, Art Toronto | Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto ON
 - Nitsiit Installation, 2017-2018 Temporary/Contemporary Project, presented in collaboration with the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Sheridan College, Mississauga ON
 - Casting Hooks, XIT-RM Project Space, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga ON
 - INSURGENCE/RESURGENCE, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg MB
- 2017
 - Great North, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2015
 - Qajaaqjuaq, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax NS. MFA thesis exhibition.
- 2014
 - Progress In Work, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax NS
 - Fresh Paint/New Construction, Art Mûr, Montreal QC. Juried exhibition.
- 2013
 - Daily Jumble, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax NS
 - First Impressions, Port Loggia Gallery, Halifax NS. Juried exhibition.
- 2012
 - Emerging Artists Summer Exhibit, Gallery 1313, Toronto ON. Juried exhibition.



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- ERI 5, Eyelevel Gallery, Halifax NS
- 2011
- Findings/Treasures, Las Caux Gallery, Toronto ON. Two Person exhibition.
- Parallax, Phi Kappa Pi Fraternity House, Toronto ON. Group exhibition.
- Moulting, Propeller Centre for the Visual Arts, Toronto ON. Juried exhibition.
- Mimesis, Eleanor Winters Art Gallery, Toronto ON. Solo exhibition.
- We Are Here To., Twist Gallery, Toronto ON. Juried exhibition.
- YOU. US., Gladstone Hotel, 2nd Floor Gallery, Toronto ON. Group exhibition.
- 2010
- The Nature of Things, Eleanor Winters Art Gallery, Toronto ON. Group exhibition.
- Summer Ashes, 103A Harrison St, Toronto ON. Group exhibition.
- Spaghetti Junction, DeLeon White, Toronto ON. Group exhibition.
- 24-Hour Workshop Showcase, Special Projects Gallery, Toronto ON. Group exhibition.

EDUCATION

- 2013-2015
- Master of Fine Arts, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax NS
- 2006-2011
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Spec. Hons. Visual Arts, York University, Toronto ON

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015
- Research Assistant to Foundations Department, NSCAD University. January-April
- 2014
- Sessional Instructor, New Technologies in Sculpture, NSCAD University. Sept-Dec
- Teaching Assistant to David B. Smith, Introductory Sculpture, NSCAD University. January-April
- 2013
- Teaching Assistant to Thierry Delva, Introductory Sculpture, NSCAD University. Sept-Dec
- 2012
- Research Assistant to Michael Longford; Associate Professor, Digital Media Program Associate Dean, York University, June 2012-February 2013
- Research Assistant to Kevin Yates; Associate Professor, York University, February-June

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2012
- Artist Assistant to BGL; BGL collective, April-May.
- 2011
- Artist Assistant to Laura Moore; Contract Faculty, York University, January-May.



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RECOGNITIONS

2018 Sobey Art Award Longlist

Starfish Student Art Awards, NSCAD University. April 2015. Amount: 1000

Building Brighter Futures Scholarship. Indspire. March 2015. Amount: 2600

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. SSHRC. May 2014.
Amount: 17,500

Building Brighter Futures Scholarship. Indspire. March 2014. Amount: 6400

Harrison McCain Scholarship in Memory of Marion McCain, NSCAD University. September 2013. Amount: 16,000

Graduate Fellowship Award, NSCAD University. September 2013. Amount: 3000

The Louis Odette Sculpture Award, York University. September 2011. Amount: 1000

WirelessWave York University Student Scholarship. York University. January 2010. Amount: 2500