

COUZYN VAN HEUVELEN

(B. 1987, Iqaluit, NU; Inuk)

Couzyn van Heuvelen is a Canadian Inuk sculptor and installation artist originally from Iqaluit, NU. 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.

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, including the inaugural exhibition *INUA* at WAG-Qaumajuq (2020), the touring exhibition ᐱᑦᑕᑦᑕᑦ ᑕᑕᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ *Among All These Tundras* (2018–19), and *Arctic/Amazon: Networks of Global Indigeneity* at the Power Plant (2022). He has also been the subject of two nationally touring solo exhibitions, *BAIT* (2019-21) and *CAMP* (2023-26). Van Heuvelen has received many major scholarships and awards. Chosen as the Sheridan College Temporary Contemporary Artist in Residence, van Heuvelen's *Nitsiit* installation was featured in the Creativity Commons of Sheridan's Hazel McCallion Campus in Mississauga. In 2018, he was longlisted for the Sobey Art Award. Van Heuvelen is currently represented by Fazakas Gallery in Vancouver, BC.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2026** Couzyn van Heuvelen: *CAMP*, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON
- 2025** Couzyn van Heuvelen: *CAMP*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener, ON,
- 2024** Couzyn van Heuvelen: *CAMP*, College Art Gallery, USask Art Galleries, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
Couzyn van Heuvelen: *CAMP*, YAC Main Gallery, Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, YT
- 2023** Couzyn van Heuvelen: *CAMP*, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, ON, curated by Erin Szikora and Leila Timmins
- 2021** *BAIT*, Owens Art Gallery, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB
- 2020** *BAIT*, grunt gallery, Vancouver, BC
BAIT, SBC Gallery of Contemporary Art, Montreal, AC
- 2019** *BAIT*, Artspace, Vancouver, BC
- 2018** *Casting Hooks*, XIT-RM Project Space, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON
- 2017** *Nitsiit* Installation, 2017-2018 Temporary/Contemporary Project, presented in collaboration with the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Sheridan College, Mississauga, ON
- 2015** *Qajaaqjuaq*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS. MFA thesis exhibition.
- 2011** *Mimesis*, Eleanor Winters Art Gallery, Toronto, ON. Solo exhibition.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026** *Lure*, The Gallery at Evergreen Arts, Coquitlam, BC
- 2025** *Winter Count: Embracing the Cold*, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa ON

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

Non-Academic Work Experience

- 2012** Artist Assistant to BGL; BGL collective
2011 Artist Assistant to Laura Moore; Contract Faculty, York University

Recognitions

- 2023** Kenojuak Ashevak Memorial Award, Longlist, Inuit Art Foundation, Toronto ON
2021 Kenojuak Ashevak Memorial Award, Shortlist, Inuit Art Foundation, Toronto ON
2018 Sobey Art Award, Longlist, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa ON
2015 Starfish Student Art Awards, NSCAD University. April 2015. Amount: 1,000
Building Brighter Futures Scholarship. Indspire. March 2015. Amount: 2,600
2014 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. SSHRC. May 2014. Amount: 17,500
Building Brighter Futures Scholarship. Indspire. March 2014. Amount: 6,400
2013 Harrison McCain Scholarship in Memory of Marion McCain, NSCAD University. September 2013
Amount: 16,000
Graduate Fellowship Award, NSCAD University. September 2013. Amount: 3,000
2011 The Louis Odette Sculpture Award, York University. September 2011. Amount: 1,000
2010 WirelessWave York University Student Scholarship. York University. January 2010. Amount:
2,500