

## SHANNA STRAUSS

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### EDUCATION

2014 - Masters of Social Work with Honors, McGill University - Montreal, Quebec

2003 - BFA with Distinction, Painting and Drawing, California College of Arts - San Francisco, California

### SELECTED SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

2023 - *SANA(A)* - Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, Hyattsville, Maryland

2020 - *We Are Wary, We Are Weary* - La Centrale Gallerie Powerhouse, Montreal Quebec

2019 - *Shanna Strauss: Selected Works* - TOHU - Montreal, Quebec

2017 - *Jiggen Yuy Soppi: Changemakers* - Galerie Ethiopiques - Saint Louis, Senegal

2016 - *Howl Arts Festival* - Cajibi - Montreal, Quebec

2015 - *Remembering: A sister Project* - Destiny Arts Center - Oakland, California

2015 - *The Floating Homeland* - Maison Parent-Roback - Montreal, Quebec

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2023 - *Art Toronto: Contemporary Art Fair* - Toronto, Ontario

2023 - *Honouring Canada's Black Artists* - Senate of Canada - Ottawa, Ontario

2023 - *The de Young Open* - de Young Museum - San Francisco, California

2023 - *En(gendered) Agency* - LH Horton Gallery - Stockton, California

2023 - *Making and Community* - Cobalt Gallery - Fort Bragg, California

2023 - *Print Austin: The Contemporary Print* - Austin, Texas

2022 - *Art Toronto: Contemporary Art Fair* - Toronto, Ontario

2022 - *35 by 35* - Arts Benicia Gallery - Benicia, California

2022 - *Papier Contemporary Art Fair* - Montreal, Quebec

2022 - *Sculptures and Small Objects* - TONE Gallery - Memphis, Tennessee

2022 - *Who am I/ Who I am* - Ellephant Gallery - Montreal, Quebec

2022 - *West Coast Print Fair* - Kala Art Institute - Berkeley, California

2021 - *Sea of Fertility* - Kala Art Institute - Berkeley, California

2021 - *AFlux Biennale: Monde Bossale* - Art Mûr - Montreal, Quebec

2021 - *Relations: Diaspora and Painting* - Esker Foundation - Calgary, Alberta

2021 - *Résurgences: Reclaiming my space* - Centre D'Exposition LethBridge - Saint-Laurent, Quebec

2021 - *Communal Attachments: Creating in the Absence of Each Other* - Place des Arts - Montreal

2020 - *Relations: Diaspora and Painting* - Phi Foundation for Contemporary Art - Montreal, Quebec

2020 - *Women Pathmakers* - Euphrat Museum of Art - Cupertino, California

2019 - *Emboldened, Embodied* - Thacher Gallery - San Francisco, California

2019 - *Reclaiming My Space* - Warren G. Flowers Gallery - Montreal, Quebec

2019 - *Multiples* - Atelier Circulaire - Montreal, Quebec

2018 - *Here We Are Here: Black Canadian Contemporary Art* - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - Montreal

2018 - *When She Rises* - SPARC Gallery - Los Angeles, California

2018 - *Obvious Magic: This Womanist Imaginary*, Ashara Ekundayo Gallery - Oakland, California

2017 - *The Black Woman is God: Divine Revolution*, SOMArts Gallery - San Francisco, California

## **PUBLIC ART**

- 2022 - *Free our Mamas!* public installation. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2022- *Our Legacy* - Utility Box Art Project - El Cerrito, California  
2021 - *Sobreviviremos: A Portrait of Yolanda Lopez* - Assistant muralist to Jessica Sabogal - San Francisco, California  
2021 - *Où en sont les femmes* - Outdoor installation - St Roch Recreation Center, Quebec City, Quebec  
2019 - *Difference is Power* Mural - Collaboration with Jessica Sabogal - University of California, San Francisco, California  
2018 - Public art piano - Montreal, Quebec  
2018 - *Protect our Trans Daughters: Mural honoring Chyna Gibson* - Collaboration with Jessica Sabogal - Sacramento, California  
2017 - Mural Honoring Ellen Gabriel and Mary Two Axe Earley for Unceded Voices: Anti-Colonial Street Artists Convergence - Montreal, Quebec

## **AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2021 - Arts Abroad Grant - Canada Arts Council  
2021 - Printmaking Fellowship Award - Kala Art Institute - Oakland, California  
2020 - Prix Powerhouse - La Centrale Galerie Powerhouse - Montreal, Quebec  
2019 - Forward Together Grant (recipient with Jessica Sabogal) - Oakland, CA  
2015 - The Beloved Community Grant - Akonadi Foundation - Oakland, California

## **RESIDENCIES**

- 2024 (June) - Women's Studio Workshop - Awarded Studio Residency Grant - Rosendale, New York  
2023 (September) - In Cahoots - Awarded Studio Residency Grant - Petaluma, California  
2023 (August) - Pyramid Atlantic Art Center - Invitational Publishing Residency - Hyattsville, Maryland  
2021 (September - December) - Crosstown Arts - Awarded Studio Residency Grant - Memphis, Tennessee  
2021 (February) - Place des Arts - Invitational Studio residency - Montreal, Quebec  
2020 (November) - La Centrale - Invitational Studio residency - Montreal, Quebec  
2020 (January - February) - Teaching artist residency with InPath - Mistissini, Cree Nation/Quebec  
2019 (March - April) - Teaching artist residency with Nwe Jinan - Waswanipi, Cree Nation/Quebec  
2018 (September - October) - Teaching Artist Residency with Mikw Chiyâm - Waskaganish, Cree Nation/Quebec  
2017 (November) - Waaw - Studio residency - Saint Louis, Senegal

## **PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

- Uplift her Sacredness* - Euphrat Museum of Art, Cupertino California - Acquired 2019  
*Memory Keepers* - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Quebec - Acquired 2018  
*Heart Melodies* - Black History Round Table, Montreal - Acquired 2015

## **COMMISSIONS**

- 2023 - Album cover - *Donte Sann Yo* - Bel & Quinn  
2022 - *Free Our Mothers* Poster design - People's Paper Co-Op - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2022- Utility Box Art Project - El Cerrito Arts Commission - El Cerrito, California

2019 - *Uplift her Sacredness*, mixed media artwork - De Anza College - Cupertino, California  
2019 - *Difference is Power*, Mural- School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco  
2018 - Public art piano - City of Montreal - Montreal, Quebec  
2018 - Indoor mural for The Women's Resource Center - The University of Arizona - Tucson, Arizona  
2018 - Mural honoring Chyna Gibson - The California Endowment - Sacramento, California  
2017 - Artwork for 'Frames for Life, Liberation and Belonging' Booklet - Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley - Berkeley, California

#### **ARTIST TALKS AND LECTURES**

2022 - Artist talk - California College of Art - San Francisco, California  
2021 - Artist talk - Crosstown Arts -Memphis, Tennessee  
2020 - Artist talk - *Relations: Diaspora and Painting* - Phi Foundation - Montreal, Quebec  
2020 - Panelist - *Neither here nor there, or how to rethink the notion of home* - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - Montreal, Quebec  
2019 - Panelist - *Emboldened, Embodied* - University of San Francisco - San Francisco, California  
2019 - Guest Speaker - MA in Museum Studies Curatorial Practicum class - University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California  
2018 - Panelist - *Unceded Voices* - University of Arizona - Tucson, Arizona  
2017 - Panelist - *While No One Was Looking* - Mainline Gallery, Montreal, Quebec  
2017 - Panelist - *Change Agents of East Africa* - Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

#### **SELECTED PRESS:**

2023: Washington Post  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/art/2023/09/08/art-gallery-shows-dc-area/>  
2023: The San Francisco Standard  
<https://sfstandard.com/2023/09/29/san-francisco-de-young-open-artists-exhibition/>  
East City Art:  
<https://www.eastcityart.com/reviews/sanaa-2/>  
2021 - Galleries West  
<https://www.gallerieswest.ca/magazine/stories/diaspora-and-painting/>  
2020 - Canadian Art, *Chroma*, Fall 2020  
<https://canadianart.ca/features/making-throughlines/>  
2020 - Montreal Gazette:  
<https://montrealgazette.com/entertainment/arts/painting-the-diaspora-phi-foundation-exhibit-celebrates-diversity>  
2020 - Artskop:  
<https://www.artskop.com/artmedia/en/phi-foundation-proposes-poetic-study-of-diasporic-identities/>  
2019 - Radio Canada: <https://ici.artv.ca/blogue/trois-artistes-visuels-afro-quebequois-a-decouvrir/>  
2019 - Science of Caring, UCSF:  
<https://scienceofcaring.ucsf.edu/community/new-mural-celebrates-diverse-heroes-nursing>  
2018 - Sacramento News & Review:  
<https://www.newsreview.com/sacramento/altar-for-chyna-doll/content?oid=26270462>  
2017 – The Eastern Door:  
<http://www.easterndoor.com/2017/08/29/mohawk-change-makers-grace-brand-new-mural/>