

LAÏLA MESTARI

(b. 1992, Morocco / I. Canada)

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 2023 **Master of Fine Arts (MFA)** – *With FRQSC and Joan Livingston Merit Scholarships*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), IL, USA
- 2017 **Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)** – *With great distinction*
Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Cousine* (upcoming)
L'Œil de Poisson, Quebec City, Canada
- 2024 *Portraits et contenants* (upcoming)
Patel Brown, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 *Fragments, retours, amas*
Galerie 3, Quebec City, Canada
- 2022 *Sam&Angèle*
L'Écart, Rouyn-Noranda, Canada
- 2022 *Monabamaqueb*
Galerie Galerie, Web installation, Montreal based organisation, Canada
- 2020 *fille-de-foin* (curated by Julie Andrée T.)
Le LOBE, Chicoutimi, Canada
- 2019 *main sur coude à*
VU, Quebec City, Canada
- 2019 *Cette émotion ultime*
La Centrale Galerie Powerhouse, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *RME, FRS, UTC, FCB*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023-2024 *Coming into Sight: recent Art Bank Acquisitions*
Âjagemô Space, Ottawa, Canada
- 2023 *User's Manuel for an Invisible Home*
SKOL Art Center, Montreal, Canada
- 2023 *Identités*
Projet Casa, Montreal, Canada
- 2023 *Graduate Exhibition One*
SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2022 *UCLA New Wight Biennial: Between the Self and its True Home*
University of California in Los Angeles, USA
- 2022 *Do You Know Why the Waves Break?* (curated by Jaclyn Quaresma)
Bachir/Yerex Presentation Space, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 *Luminarts Visual Arts Fellowship finalists*
John David Mooney Foundation, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2022 *Art Volt Collection*
House of the Montreal Art Council, Canada
- 2021 *La mémoire et le temps* (curated by Noémie Chevalier)
Art Mûr Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Première impression: finalists for the Albert-Dumouchel Award*
Arprim, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Concordia's Graduating Students Exhibition*
VAV and FOFA Galleries, Montreal, Canada

ART FAIRS

- 2023 **Art Toronto**, Canada
- 2023 **FAAQ (Foire en arts actuels de Québec)**, Québec City, Canada
- 2023 **Plural Contemporary Art Fair**, Montreal, Canada

SELECTED GRANTS, NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

- 2023 *Explore and Create Art Grant*
Canada Council for the Arts
- 2022 *Luminarts Visual Arts Fellowship finalist*
Luminarts Cultural Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *Explore and Create Art Grant*
Canada Council for the Arts
- 2021 *FRQSC Research Scholarship (Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et Culture)*
Government of Quebec, Canada
- 2021 *Joan Livingstone Fiber and Material Studies Merit Scholarship (100% tuition)*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA
- 2020 *Research and Creation Support Program*
Vidéographe, Montreal, Canada
- 2020 *Professional Development for Artists Grant*
Canada Council for the Arts, Canada
- 2017 Nomination: *Valedictorian of the Faculty of Fine Arts*
Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Research, Creation and Exploration Grant*
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec
- 2017 *Irene F. Whittome Prize in Studio Arts: To an outstanding graduating student in Studio Arts*
Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Sarah Leaney Award in Ceramics and Fibres*
Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Albert-Dumouchel Award finalist*
Arprim, Montreal, Canada
- 2016 *Ada Lovelace Award*
Studio XX, Montreal, Canada

SELECTED COVERAGE AND ARTICLES

- 2023 Christina Hajjar, « Petal by Petal : Feminin Desire as a Conduit for Home », *C Magazine*, Codes
- 2023 Yuyao Hou, « Laïla Mestari, The Narrated Self & Interwoven Existence », *The MPI Media*
- 2022 Didier Morelli, « Mishmash Maghreb-Québec », *Galerie Galerie*
- 2022 Olivier Du Ruisseau, « Du « pur bonheur » à la Galerie 3 », *Le Devoir*.
- 2022 Sevia Pellissier, « Chronique sur l'exposition Fragments, retours, amas », *L'Aéropatial*
- 2020 Julie Andrée T., « Regard sur la résidence de Laïla Mestari : À propos d'une œuvre de passage », *Le Lobe*
- 2019 Bernard Lamarche, « Rituels », *VU*
- 2019 Josiane Déloge, « Chromogenic Cumudgeons et Laïla Mestari : tableaux en confettis chez VU », *Le Soleil*.

RESIDENCIES

- 2023 *Jano Lapin Studios*, Montreal, Canada
- 2021 *Annexe-A*, Rouyn-Noranda, Canada
- 2020 *Le LOBE*, Chicoutimi, Canada
- 2020 *Centre SAGAMIE*, Alma, Canada
- 2020 *LA SERRE*, Monument-National, Montreal, Canada
- 2019 *Collectif le Récif*, Trois-Pistoles, Canada
- 2017 *VU PHOTO*, Quebec, Canada
- 2017 *PINEA-LINEA DE COSTA A.I.R.*, Rota, Spain

COLLECTIONS

Permanent Collection of the National Museum of Fine Arts of Quebec
CPOA Collection of the National Museum of Fine Arts of Quebec
Canada Council Art Bank
Hydro-Québec Collection
Art Volt Collection
Desjardins Collection
Vithèque
Private collections