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Education

2004-2005 MA Fine Art, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

1984-1988 Honours A.O.C.A., The Ontario College of Art, Canada

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Gallery Exhibitions

2020 *MATERIAL SYNTHESIS*, DiffractiveMedia.Space, White Page Gallery, Albert University, New York, U.S.A.

2019 La Collezione Queer, Ospizio Giovani Artisti, Rome, Italy

2018 *Aggregate Animated Shorts*, Oakland, California, U.S.A.

2018 *Futile*, Aggregate Space Gallery, Oakland, California, U.S.A.

2016 in/future, Art Spin, Ontario Place, Canada

2015 *Le Silo*, Galerie Colbert à L'Inha, Paris, France

2015 *Filmideo*, Index Arts Center, New Jersey, U.S.A.

2015 *K-Town*, Ryerson Art Space, Canada

2015 *No Tears for the Creatures of the Night*, The Center for Sex and Culture, San Francisco, U.S.A.

2014 *A Bright & Guilty Place Part II*, PayneShurvell Gallery at the Hospital

Club, London, UK

- 2014 *Draw the Line*, PayneShurvell Gallery, London, UK, (Solo Exhibition)
- 2013 *Fly by Night*, Nuit Blanche, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
- 2013 *K-Town*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 *Art Spin Exhibition*, Metropolis Factory Warehouse, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 *K-Town*, Galerie Trois Points, Montréal and Nuit Blanche, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 *Rebels Rule*, Art Gallery of York University, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 *Rojo*, Galeria Omar Alonso, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- 2011 *Art Now*, Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 *K-Town*, Nuit Blanche at Angell Gallery, X-Space Gallery in Toronto and Ed Gallery in Guelph, Canada
- 2011 *Diana World Tour*, Lomography Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 *Art Spin Exhibition*, Gallery 99, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 *A Bright and Guilty Place*, Payne Shurvell Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 *Video ArtBox*, The Artist Project, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 *Art Spin Exhibition*, Median Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
- 2007 *Massive Art Party* (Curated by Michelle Jacques), AGO, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 *Flow*, Truck Gallery & CSIF, Calgary, Canada
- 2006 *Queer Takes Film Series*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, USA
- 2005 *Goldsmiths Degree Show*, London, UK
- 2004 *Where I End and You Begin*, Art Gallery of York University, Toronto, Canada

2002 *XXX Testimonial*, Mercer Union, Toronto, Canada

Art Fairs

2011 *art:gwangju*, PayneShurvell Gallery, Gwangju, Korea

2011 *London Art Fair*, PayneShurvell Gallery, London, UK

Selected Festival Screenings

2021 Black Maria Film Festival, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Toronto Queer Film Festival, Toronto, Canada

Festival Des Images Aux Mots de Toulouse, France

Film Maudit 2.0, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Homo Humour (tour) curated by Lee Campbell, Southend-on-Sea, UK

2020 Canadian Diversity Film Festival, Toronto, Canada

New Media Fest 2020, gender identity: The LGBT Film Collection, Germany

Alternate Cinema: Ann Arbor Film Festival Animation Shorts, New York, U.S.A.

Sydney Underground Film Festival, Australia

The International Social Change Film Festival (Finalist), Chicago, U.S.A.

Material Synthesis, @DiffractiveMedia.Space a White Page Gallery, New York, U.S.A. (online)

Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Series, No. 4: Pride Month, Hoboken Museum, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Seoul International Extreme-Short Film Festival, Korea (online)

Excellent Suits, Filmhuis Cavia, Amsterdam, Holland (presented by Images Festival)

New Media Fest 2020, The First Corona Festival (online), Germany

The Black Maria Virtual Film Festival (Finalist), New Jersey, U.S.A.

Qaleidoscope, Queer Film on Tour across Canada Part II

- Galerie SAW Gallery, Ottawa
- Centre Never Apart, Montreal
- Struts Gallery, Sackville
- Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's, Newfoundland
- The Output-Video Pool Media Arts Centre, Winnipeg

39th Annual Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival (Finalist), New Jersey, U.S.A.

North Dakota Human Rights Arts Festival (North Dakota tour), U.S.A.

- Plains Art Museum, Fargo
- Bismarck Downtown Artist Cooperative, Bismarck
- Taube Museum of Art, Minot

Miami Independent Film Festival, Florida, U.S.A.

2019

Qaleidoscope, Queer Film on Tour, Canada

- Open Space, Victoria, BC
- Northern United Place, Yellowknife, NWT
- Latitude 53, Edmonton, Alberta
- Paved Arts, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, ON

The Florida Experimental Film/Video Festival, Tampa, U.S.A.

6th International Holocaust Conference, Riga, Latvia;

2018

Montréal World Festival, Canada

Ann Arbor Film Festival, Michigan, U.S.A.

Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, Canada

Social Justice Film Festival, Seattle, U.S.A.

A Virtual Memorial 2018, Museo La Neomudejar, Spain

Still Not Over It, ICI Berlin, Germany

The One Minute Artist Moving Image Festival, North Wales, UK

Reelout Festival, Kingston, Canada

transArt.2: The River, Kolkata, India

Toronto Urban Film Festival presents at the CITE Exhibition,
Toronto, Canada

2017 Wrik Mead: Local Hero (retrospective), Pleasure Dome, Toronto,
Canada

CFMDC50 Anniversary screening: CFMDC Local Heroes
Retrospective, Toronto, Canada

Toronto Queer Film Festival, Toronto, Canada

Blue Magpie Experimental Film Series, Film Center at National
Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Hackney Showroom, Shorts Random Programme Title Generator,
London, UK

Volksbuehne Berlin curated by Giulio Bursi, Germany

2016 Black Maria Film Festival, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Ann Arbor Film Festival, New York, U.S.A.

International Film Festival Koleksi, Ukraine

Canada International Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada

Stockholm Experimental and Animation Film Festival, Sweden

Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers, Paris, France

10th Annual Carnival of e-Creativity, Shillong, India

CologneOFF 2016 USA, In the Name of TRUTH: Time, Peace and Humanity, Los Angeles, USA

Videopride, Festival La Culta, Madrid, Spain

Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival, U.S.A.

Fringe! Queer Film and Arts Fest, London, UK

The International Equality Festival, Kiev, Ukraine

2015 FILE Electronic Language International Festival, Game+Anima, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

artvideoKOELN, Cologne, Germany

The Montevideo Festival of New Cinema, Uruguay

NowOrNever International Film Festival, Bilbao, Spain

Athens ANIMFEST, Athens, Greece

Top Shorts 2015, Israel

Seattle Transmedia & Independent Film Festival, U.S.A.

Festival do Minuto, São Paulo, Brazil

Festival Parachute Zero Act II, Paris, France

Rome Cinema DOC, Rome, Italy

Miami Independent Film Festival, U.S.A.

Seoul International Extreme-Short Image & Film Festival, South Korea

Perv Queerotic Film Festival, Melbourne, Australia

Locomoción Experimental Animation Fest, Mexico City, Mexico

Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Canada

Miniature Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada

LumaLuma, La Cornuaille, FRANCE

Inside Out, Toronto, Canada

North Carolina Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Durham, U.S.A.

meta-queerfest/short film & animation festival, Minsk, Belaruse

Seattle Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, U.S.A.

Feminist and Queer International Film Festival - Romania,
Bucharest

20th LesGaiCineMad Film Festival, Madrid, Spain

2014 Sydney Underground Film Festival, Australia

Toronto Urban Film Festival, Canada

1st International Festival of Artistic Film Lublin, Poland

THE SCITY*S IN FLAME, curated by Don Pyle, Toronto Public
Library, Canada

(S8) 5th Mostra De Cinema Periferico, Spain

2013 CologneOFF 2013-ArtFilmClub, Guwahati, India

Contemporary Art Center, Tbilisi, Georgia

MUDAFEST, Madeira, Portugal

2012 New Toronto Works presented by Pleasure Dome, Canada

Mostra de Cinema Periferico a Coruna, Spain

Fonlad Digital Art Festival, Coimbra, Portugal

CologneOFF 2012- Generation Loss Festival, Manila, Philippines

CeC-Carnival of e-Creativity, Satta, India

The 6th Bangkok Experimental Film Festival, Thailand

- Ionian International Digital Film Festival Levkas, Greece
- A Virtual Memorial Commemorative Interventions, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Festival Internacional de Video Arte, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Montréal Underground Film Festival, Canada
- Fairy Tales Queer Film Festival, Calgary, Alberta
- 2011 Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, B.C. Canada
- 21st Semana del Cine Experimental de Madrid, Spain
- CologneOFF 2011-Shams - The Sunflower Beirut, Lebanon
- ExTeresa Arte Actual, Mexico City
- BuSho - Budapest International Shortfilm Festival, Hungary
- Waterpieces Contemporary Art & Videoart Festival, Riga, Latvia
- Close Up Vallarta, Mexico; Spokane GLBT Film Festival, U.S.A.
- ReelOut, Kingston, Canada
- 2010 Montréal World Festival, Canada
- 2009 The International Guerrilla Video Festival, Dublin, Ireland
- Internationales Videofestival Bochum, Germany
- Montréal Underground Film Festival, Canada
- 19th Madrid Experimental Cinema Week, Spain
- New Toronto Works Show, Pleasure Dome, Toronto, Canada
- Cupido 25th Anniversary Screening, Oslo, Norway
- The Rendez-vous du Cinéma Québécois, Montréal, Canada

- Cinemental presents Animated Shorts, Boston, U.S.A.
- Toronto Animated Image Society, Canada
- International Festival of Queer Animation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 24 Torino GLBT Film Festival, Italy
- TAIS Animated Showcase, Toronto, Canada
- 2008 The Montréal World Festival, Canada
- Sydney Underground Film Festival, Australia
- Antimatter Underground Film Festival, Victoria, Canada
- Montréal Underground Film Festival, Canada
- Cineworks: World AIDS Day 2008, Vancouver, Canada
- Surrealism in Film presented by The Calgary Society of Independent Film, Canada
- 3rd International Festival of Erotic Animation, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and Sao Paolo, Brazil
- Seattle Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, U.S.A.
- Iris – International Festival of LGBT Animation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2006 European Media Arts, Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
- Contemporary Swiss Film Festival, Switzerland
- 15th Festival du Film en Seine-Saint-Denis, France
- When We Were Young: Early Films from the Queer Avant-Garde, Pleasure Dome, Canada Reelout, Kingston, Canada
- Tampa International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, U.S.A.
- 2005 International Festival of Cinema and Technology (Touring Festival), New York, Orlando, Los Angeles, U.S.A. and Sydney, Australia

24th Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden

the edges film festival, Victoria, BC, Canada

The Centre For Art Tapes, Classical/Digital Programme, Halifax, Canada

Images Festival, Toronto, Canada

OMSK, Tour Exhibition, Toronto, Canada, Buffalo and New York City, U.S.A.

Lower West Side Film Festival, New York, U.S.A.

Currents in Animation: Music, Metamorphosis, Infernal Visions, Toronto, Canada

2004

Toronto International Film Festival, Canada

Vancouver International Film Festival, Canada

8th Schermi d'Amore Festival, Verona, Italy

Commonwealth International Film Festival, Manchester, UK

London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, UK

XHX, Marseille, France; Comine di Verone, Verona Italy

Izmir International Short Film Festival, Turkey

Subversions-New Work/ New Media, Toronto, Canada

OMSKXMAS, London, UK

2003

Berlin International Film Festival, Germany

Toronto International Film Festival, Canada

The Commonwealth International Film Festival, Manchester, UK

Montréal World Festival, Canada

Worldwide Short Film Festival, Toronto, Canada

Ann Arbor Film Festival, Michigan, U.S.A.

Buenos Aires Film Festival, Argentina

Images Festival, Toronto, Canada

Experimental Conference, University of Lancashire, UK

17th Festival Internazionale di Cinema Gaylesbico, Italy

CFMDC Retrospective, Madrid, Spain

Braquage, Paris, France

Collectif Jeune Cinéma, Paris, France

2002 LIFT, Celluloid: Celebrating 20 Years of Independent Filmmaking,
Tour across Canada

Images Festival, Toronto, Canada

London Lesbian & Gay Festival, UK

16th Festival Internazionale di Cinema Gaylesbico, Italy

Mix Mexico, Mexico

Outfest, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

New Toronto Works, Pleasure Dome, Canada

Pacific Cinemateque, Vancouver, Canada

Canadian Film Institute, Ottawa, Canada

2001 International Human Rights Festival, Nuremburg, Germany

Toronto Worldwide Short Film Festival, Canada

Antimatter Film Festival, British Columbia, Canada

Celluloid: Mix, New York, U.S.A.

Barcelona Lesbian & Gay Festival, Spain

15th Festival Internazionale di Cinema Gaylesbico, Italy

Outfest, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Queer City Cinema Tour, Canada

Image and Nation, Montréal, Canada

Celluloid, Lyon, France

London Lesbian & Gay Festival, UK

San Francisco Cinemateque, U.S.A.

Celloid, Lyon, France

2000

Images, Toronto, Canada

Dublin Lesbian & Gay Festival, Ireland

London Lesbian & Gay Festival, UK

Outfest, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Image & Nation, Montréal, Canada

Millennium Film Workshop, New York, U.S.A.

Ottawa Lesbian & Gay Festival, Canada

Los Angeles Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, U.S.A.

14th Festival; Mix Mexico, Mexico

Internazionale di Cinema Gaylesbico, Italy

New Festival, New York, U.S.A.

Cinema Lux, Caen, France

Oslo Lesbian & Gay Festival, Norway

Mix Festival, New York, U.S.A.

Miami Lesbian & Gay Festival, U.S.A.

Broadcast

- 2015 DeleteTV, LA36, Los Angeles, U.S.A. (*summer 1975*)
- 2015 DeleteTV, OKTO, Austria (*summer 1975*)
- 2008 Propeller TV, UK (*Filth, grotesque, Manipulator, prick, frostbite*)
- 2006 Moviola, Canada (*Cupid*)
- 2003 Independent Film Network, Canada (*Cupid*)
- 2002 Zed TV, CBC, Canada (*Warm*)
- 2001 Pride Vision TV, Canada, (*closet case, frostbite, Cupid, Hoolboom and guise*)
- 2000 Bravo!, Canada, (*Hoolboom*)

Collections

- 2016 Shoah Film Collection, The New Museum of Networked Art (Camp)
- 2011 Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, Canada (*Homogenius 4*)
- 2008 University of Toronto, Canada (Works DVD)
- 2008 Humber College, Canada (Works DVD)
- 2008 University of Regina, Canada (Works DVD)
- 2005 Oberlin College Library, Ohio, U.S.A. (*Grotesque*)
- 2002 Queens University, Kingston, Canada (*Deviate, Fruit Machine, Closet Case*)

Awards

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| 2021 | Director's Choice Award, Black Maria Film Festival (Broken Relationship) |
| 2016 | Seed Research Grant |
| 2016 | Jury Award, Ann Arbor Film Festival, (<i>summer 1975</i>) |
| 2016 | Director's Choice Award, Black Maria Film Festival, (=) |
| 2014 | Honorable Mention, Toronto Urban Film Festival, (<i>1975 Kiss</i>) |
| 2014 | The Ontario Arts Council, Media Arts |
| 2013 | The Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance |
| 2013 | The Ontario Arts Council, Media Arts |
| 2011 | The Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance |
| 2008 | The Canada Council for the Arts, Media Arts |
| 2008 | Ontario Arts Council, Media Arts |
| 2007 | Toronto Arts Council, Media Arts |
| 2005 | Ontario Arts Council, Artists' Film and Video |
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| 2002 | Toronto Arts Council, Media Arts |
| 2001 | Ontario Arts Council, Artists' Film and Video |
| 2000 | The Canada Council, Media Arts |

Jury/Curator

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| 2019-2020 | CROS Awards Jury, OCAD University |
| 2014-2020 | <i>The Festival of the Body</i> , OCAD University |
| 2018 | Photography Awards Jury, OCAD University |

- 2016 *OCAD Student Pride Exhibition*, OCAD University
- 2015 The Canada Council for the Arts, Media Arts
- 2014 *Bending the Horizon*, OCAD University
- 2013 *The Figure Show*, OCAD University
- 2007 Ontario Arts Council, Grants, grants to emerging artists
- 2006 Inside Out Film & Video Festival

Other Contributions

- 2016 AAFF DVD Volume 9, Award Winning and Select Short Films from the 54th Ann Arbor Film Festival (*summer 1975*)
- 2016 VUCAVU, an online video streaming and research platform in Canada
- 2015 MediaQueer.ca, Queer Data Base, Canada
- 2012 Maddi Piller, *Animation Self-Portraits/Autoportraits Animés*, animated loop for DVD compilation: *Animanundi Gallery*, Gallery, Brasil, *Ottawa International Animation Festival*, Canada; *Carbon Arc*, Halifax, Canada; *Sommets du Cinéma d'Animation*, Montréal, Canada; *GIRAF*, Calgary, Canada
- 2008 *SUFF 2008 Films DVD*, compilation DVD produced by the Sydney Underground Film Festival
- 2007 OMSKBOOK, OMSK collective, independent production, London, UK

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Warren, Steve. *At FLEX, lower your avant-garde and experiment*, Tampa Bay Times, February 7, 2019

Aggregate Space First 50, Oakland, Aggregate Space Gallery, 2018

Rapley, Daniel. *Unlimited Imprint: dark*, <http://www.unlimitedimprint.net>, September 6, 2019 20th, 2018

Wheeler, Brad. *The hottest tickets in town: Five things to do in Toronto*, The Globe and Mail, February 22, 2017

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Armand, Diego. *IN/FUTURE QUEER HIGHLIGHTS*, YOHO: Gay Toronto Right Now, September 2016

Porter, Christopher. *Say Qua?! New DVD Features the Best Shorts From 2016's Ann Arbor Film Festival*, PULP, December 26, 2016

Jackman, Michael. *Outside the frame*, Detroit MetroTimes, March 09, 2016

Torres Sifón, Sara. *LESGAICINEMAD 2015, abre espacio al videoarte*, Plataforma de Arte contemporaneo, November 3, 2015

Skinner, Justin. *Toronto Urban Film Festival offers entertainment to those using the TTC*, InsideToronto.com, September 9, 2014

Walker, Johnnie. *Subway Cinema*, Xtra Toronto, September 4, 2014

Anderson, Jason. *Projections: Going to the film festival? No, not that one*, The Toronto Star, August 28, 2014

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Addison, Abigail. *Top Animations of 2013*, The Mind's Lost Continent (blog), January 2, 2013

Robinson, Paul. *Wrik Mead Interview*, Artlyst, October 11, 2013

Robinson, Paul. *Our Pick of the latest Emerging Art*, Artlyst September 13, 2013

Sternberg, Barbara. *Wrik Mead*, CDNartists, <https://vimeo.com/57284721>, January 5, 2013

Bowness, Gordon. *The Great Canadian Kiss-Off*, Special Gallery, In Toronto, Issue 26, 2012

Margaret Singh, Meera and Painter, Luke. *K-TOWN: Five karaoke videos by artists*, Magenta Magazine Online, Fall 2011, Vol 2, No. 4, 2011

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Day, Dennis. *YYZTV and the Promise of Television*, essay for YYZ Gallery 30th Anniversary, 2009

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