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LEAH SWENSON

EDUCATION

BFA: Photography and Video Art, 2013
Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
Summa cum laude

Undergraduate Studies: Photography, 2009-2010
Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle, WA

EXHIBITIONS

2019

- *Locus of Self*, NEXT Gallery, Denver, CO (Two-person show)
- *Invictus*, Global Livingston Institute, Entusi, Uganda
- *Art of the State 2019*, Arvada Center, Arvada, CO (Jurors Joy Armstrong, Daisy McGowan, Collin Parson)
- *39th Annual Group Show*, Pirate: Contemporary Art, Lakewood, CO

2018

- *Meander Lines*, Pirate: Contemporary Art, Lakewood, CO (Solo show)
- *SYNChronicity*, SYNC Gallery, Denver, CO (Juror Doug Kacena)
- *Rimae*, NEXT Gallery, Lakewood, CO (Solo show)
- *Pink Palace*, NEXT Gallery, Lakewood, CO (Juror Andrew Novick)

2017

- *Big Bad Bettie Press's Bookshelf at Redline*, Pop-up at Redline, Denver, CO

2016

- *Pantographs*, NEXT Gallery, Denver, CO (Solo show)
- *Sketch-O-Rama*, New Bohemian Gallery, Brainerd, MN

2015

- *Vide Infra*, NEXT Gallery, Denver, CO (Solo show)
- *New Blood*, NEXT Gallery, Denver, CO
- *Mail Modeling*, Buffalo Exchange, Boulder, CO

2014

- *Correspondence*, Franklin Arts Center, Brainerd, MN
- *Persistence*, Red Door Art Gallery, Wahpeton, ND
- *Entity*, Hinterland Art Space, Denver, CO (Two-person show)
- *Utopia/Distopia*, The Athena Project, Denver, CO (Curator Janice Schindler)
- *The Macro in the Micro*, NEXT Gallery, Denver, CO (Juror Derrick Velasquez)

2013

- *Habitat*, Franklin Arts Center, Brainerd, MN (Curator Martin Nelson)
- *My City*, Federal University of the State of Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil
- *Bunny to Bridges*, Eve-N-Odd Gallery, St. Petersburg, FL
- *Memory*, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- *RMCAD BFA Exhibition*, Philip J. Steele Gallery, Denver, CO
- *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*, The Scrap Exchange, Durham, NC
- *RMCAD 50th Annual Student Exhibition*, Philip J. Steele Gallery, Denver, CO (Juror Petra Sertic)
- *STOCK*, Hinterland Art Space, Denver, CO
- *The Big Picture*, Artwork Network, Denver, CO (Curator Mark Sink)
- *Instant Lunch*, EPIC Gallery, Denver, CO

2012

- *Zac Efron is the New Keanu Reeves*, RMCAD Alumni Gallery, Denver, CO
- *Correct Me if I'm Wrong*, Mary Harris Auditorium, Denver, CO

2011

- *The Big Picture*, Illiterate Gallery, Denver, CO (Curator Mark Sink)
- *The Fashion Show*, Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle, WA
- *Roll Call*, Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle, WA
- *New Perspectives*, University House Wallingford, Seattle, WA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Artnauts Art Collective –

Member Artist

January 2019-Present

Pirate: Contemporary Art –

Associate Member

January 2018-Present

NEXT Gallery –

Associate Member and Artist Mentor

September 2017-Present

Colorado Photographic Arts Center –

Exhibition Committee Member

November 2014-June 2015

Planning, curating, + developing exhibitions and lecture series programming

Editor in Chief and Social Media Manager

February 2013-November 2013

Editing, finding/producing content for, and organizing photography blog

Grant Writing Internship

February 2013-October 2013

Grant research and writing, administrative assistance

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains –

Refugee and Asylee Cultural Mentor Program Volunteer

June 2017-Present

Provide support and friendship to newly arrived refugees/asylees, assist with English, financial literacy, and cultural transitions

Colorado Talking Book Library –

Recording Studio Volunteer

August 2012-October 2013

Reviewing audio recordings for quality, audio editing, training new volunteers

Kids' Photography Week –

Instructor at Denver Art Museum

September 2013-October 2013

Lesson development and delivery for Kids Photo Week class at Denver Art Museum

ArtStir Denver –

Volunteer for Barter Collective

May 2015

Engaging the public with an interactive performance art project for The Barter Collective