

## MELISSA LEANDRO

American, b. 1989  
Lives and works in Chicago, IL

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Prairie Dive*, ANDREW RAFACZ, Chicago, IL  
*Jungle Room*, The University Club of Chicago, IL  
*Dream Weaver*, Union League Club of Chicago, IL
- 2019 *The Patio*, Ignition Project Space, Chicago, IL  
*5 Minute Drift*, Rockford University Gallery, Rockford, IL
- 2018 *Selected Work*, Gensler Architecture Firm, Chicago, IL  
*AfterGlow*, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL  
*trop-i-cal*, Efrain Lopez Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Selected Work*, President Office, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Recuerdos de Un Paseo*, Wright Museum of Art, Beloit College, Beloit, WI
- 2014 *Explosiones Locales*, Autotelic Studios, Chicago, IL  
*New Work-Woman's History Month*, Sulzer Regional Library, Chicago, IL

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *LatinXAmerican*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Wish You Were Here*, ANDREW RAFACZ, Online
- 2019 *Remember where you are*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
*Entrelazar*, Arts of Life Inc., Circle Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
*SOFT*, Chicago Print Makers Collaborative, Chicago, IL  
*Kantoor*, Degroot Fine Art, Chicago, IL  
*Threaded*, MCC Art Gallery, Mesa, AZ  
*Art of the Neighborhood*, EQ Office and Franklin Lobby, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL  
*Time Share*, Monaco Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
*Nibble*, Ignition Project Space, Chicago, IL  
*The Poetics of Relation*, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Through Her Eye*, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
*By Way of the Matrix*, Praxis Fiber Workshop, Cleveland, OH  
*The Event of the Thread*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Ground Floor*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Network of Escape*, Tile Blush Gallery, Miami, FL  
*Under Construction*, The Metropolitan Capital, Chicago, IL  
*Expansive Threads*, Latino Arts Inc, Milwaukee, WI

- 88th Members Exhibition*, Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *The Unsolicited Sideshow*, Chicago Architectural Biennial, Chicago Athletic Association, Chicago, IL  
*Preview 7*, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL  
*Topographical Drift*, ANDREW RAFACZ, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Que Pasa USA*, La Esquina Gallery, Kansas city, MO  
*New Work*, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL  
*The Annual*, Paddle8, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL  
*Design and Art series #9*, Doc6 Collective, Chicago, IL  
*International Young Textile Art Triennial*, The Central Museum of Textiles, Łódź, Poland  
*Present Standard*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *[But Three's A Crowd]*, Efrain Lopez Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Mom & Pops. Arts Incubator*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Visual Arts Exhibition: Luminarts Cultural Foundation*, Union League, Chicago, IL  
*Dimensions of an Artist*, Leroy Neiman Center, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Leandro & Amaral Snow –New Works*, The Franklin, Chicago, IL  
*Over Under: Lula Walls*, Lula Cafe, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Transcending Boundaries: Fiber Artists*, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*57th Annual Beloit and Vicinity*, Wright Museum of Art, Beloit College, Beloit, WI  
*One Foot x One Foot*, VP Fiber Arts Club, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO  
*Small Works*, National Association of Women Artists, New York, NY  
*Lilliputians March: Small Works Exhibition*, University Galleries, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
*FLY*, Flag Installation, Gallery 400, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Small Works*, Todd Art Gallery, Middle Tennessee State University, Online
- 2013 *Group Exhibition*, Stairway Studios, Chicago, IL  
*Art of it ALL*, Shy RABBIT Contemporary Arts, Pagosa Springs, CO  
*54th Annual Beloit & Vicinity*, Wright Museum of Art, Beloit College, Beloit, WI  
*Continue: Recovering after sexual assault*, Both sides Gallery, Pilsen, Chicago IL  
*International Young Textile Art Triennial*, The Central Museum of Textiles, Łódź, Poland  
*ArtWork6*, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Young Blood: Homecoming*, ArtSeen Gallery, Miami, FL  
*Weave Maker Pro*, The Plains Project Gallery, Chicago, IL

## **FAIRS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- 2021 *Frieze New York*, FRIEZE Viewing Room, ANDREW RAFACZ, Online
- 2020 *Frieze New York*, FRIEZE Viewing Room, ANDREW RAFACZ, Online (solo)
- 2017 *UNTITLED*, ART Fair, ANDREW RAFACZ, Miami, FL

## ARTIST TALKS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 Artist Talk, Joan Mitchell Lecture Series, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, Weaving Guild of North Shore, Chicago, IL
- 2020 Artist Talk, The University Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Artist Unveiling, Downers Grove Public Library, Downers Grove, IL  
*Remember Where You Are*, Panel Discussion, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Radio Interview, Contratiempo Publication, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Podcast Interview, Archives + Futures, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Queer Theory in Contemporary Design*, Panel Discussion: Vacilon Coleman, Chicago Athletic Association, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, After School Matters, Chicago, IL  
*Passing and Crossing*, Panel Discussion, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2016 Residency Presentation, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, Stitch Course, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Conversation on "use", "usefulness", "uselessness"*, Panel Discussion, Shapiro Spring Symposium, LeRoy Neiman Center, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Responsive Material, Cultural Magnitudes, Cosmic Imagery*, Textile Technology Research Presentation: Shapiro Center Symposium, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, Intro Fibers Course, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Artist Talk, Intro Fibers Course, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Artist Talk, Woman's History Month, Sulzer Regional Library, Chicago, IL

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 *Shared Loneliness*, Pen Incest Publication, Gallery 062, Chicago, IL
- 2016 MFA Edition, No.129 issue, *New American Paintings*, Open Studio Press, Boston, MA  
Yearbook TextielLab, Textiel Museum, Tilburg, The Netherlands

## RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

- 2021 The Pritzker Pucker Family Foundation Chicago Artadia Awardee, Artadia, Brooklyn, NY.  
Windgate-Lamar Fellowship and Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2020 Craft Fellowship Recipient, Illinois Arts Council
- 2019 Master Artist in Residence, The Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
Artist in Residence, The Ragdale Foundation, Lake Forest, IL

- 2018 Visiting Artist, The Jacquard Center Workshop, Hendersonville, NC  
Fountain Head Fellowship, Finalist, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2017 Project Grant, Luminarts Foundation, The Union League Club of Chicago  
Toby Devon Lewis Fellowship, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Luminarts Fellowship, The Union League Club of Chicago  
BOLT Artists Residency, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL  
Artist in Residence, The Weaving Mill, Chicago, IL
- 2015 World Less Traveled Grant, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Visual Arts Nominee, Luminarts Cultural Foundation, Union League Club of Chicago  
TextielLab Artist Project Recipient, Textiel Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands  
Ox-Bow Merit Scholarship, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Dimensions of an Artist Grant, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Artist in Residence, Roger Brown House, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Eager Grant Recipient, Shapiro Center, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Artist in Residence, ACRE Residency
- 2012 Wingate Fellowship Nominee, Center for Craft
- 2011 Ox-bow Summer Work Scholarship, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

## **EDUCATION**

- 2017 M.F.A, Fiber and Material Studies, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Oxbow School of the Arts, Summer Program: Free Clay, Saugatuck, MI
- 2013 Advance Sewing Course, Singer Factory Distributor, Chicago, IL
- 2012 B.F.A, Emphasis in Fiber Material Studies, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Oxbow School of the Arts, Summer Program: Papermaking, Saugatuck, MI
- 2008 New World School of the Arts, Miami Dade College, Miami, FL

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **2021**

MacMillan, Kyle. "DePaul Art Museum continues Latinx initiative with galleries-wide exhibition," Chicago Sun Times, Jan. 4, 2021

### **2020**

Waxman, Lori. "Four Fantastic art shows to catch before they're gone," Chicago Tribune, Jan. 22, 2020.

"Julie Rodrigues Widholm Joins Frieze New York 2020," Frieze, Jan. 15, 2020.

### **2019**

Cardoza, Kerry. "Fall Art Preview 2019: Spotlight on Latin America," New City Magazine, Sept. 10,

2019.

Freeman, Rusty. "Time Share and Warm Welcome," Volume 33 No. 6, *New Art Examiner*, July/August, 2019.

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Guerrero, Esmeralda M., "Los tejidos de Melissa Leandro," *Contratiempo*, July 15, 2019.

### 2018

Toale, Erin. "Break out Artist of the Year," *New City Magazine*, April 26, 2018.

Morgan, Laura, "Cultural Influences Inspire Melissa Leandro's Works," *Chicago Style Makers Profile*, *Luxe Magazine*, June 28, 2018.

Hawbaker, KT. "Welcome to Melissa Leandro's Miami," *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 25, 2018.

"Top Five Weekend Picks 1/25-1/31/," *Bad at Sports*, January 25, 2018.

### 2016

Spicker, Natalie. "Melissa Leandro Constructs Narratives of Hybridity Through Experimental Textiles," *Informality and Charlotte Street Foundation*, Nov. 11, 2016.

Quiles, Daniel. "Present Standard" Review, *CRITICS' PICKS*, *ArtForum Magazine*, Jan. 2016.

Waxman, Lori. "Good looking: A survey of contemporary Latino art," *Cultural Center, Chicago Tribune*, Feb. 24, 2016.

### 2015

Sostre Vicario, Karinna D., "Joven puertorriqueño se abre paso en la escena del arte en Chicago," *El Nuevo Dia*, Aug. 30, 2015.

"[BUT] THREE'S A CROWD at Efrain Lopez Gallery," *Art Viewer*, Oct. 13, 2015.

Reichert, Elliot. "Review: Mom & Pops: Family Business in Art and Life/Arts Incubator," *NewCity Art*, Sept. 2, 2015.

Yeapanis, Stacia. "OtherPeoplesPixels Interviews Melissa Leandro," *OtherPeoplesPixels*, July 23, 2015.

Calvo, Paula. "5 Questions: Melissa Leandro," *FNews Magazine*, April 20, 2015.

Dimensions of an Artist Exhibition: Video Interview, *EXtv. (SAIC)*, Chicago, IL

Textile Technology Research Group Presentations: Shapiro Center Symposium, (SAIC), Chicago, IL

Sierzputowski, Kate. "Beyond the Wall: LULA CAFÉ," *Rabbit Hole Magazine*, 2015.

### 2014

Miranda, Lynnette. "Melissa Leandro," *Make Space*, 2014.

Johnson, Brandon. "Melissa Leandro," *ArtCrush Magazine*, New York, NY.

### 2012

Miranda, Lynette. "Weavings by Melissa Leandro," *Make Space*, July 20, 2012.