

MELISSA LEANDRO

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Lives and works in Chicago, IL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Dickson Window Space*, Waubensee Community College, Waubensee, IL
Paradiso, ANDREW RAFACZ, Chicago, IL
- 2021 *Behind the Fields*, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE
- 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

- 2023 *Rekindled Promise*, Pentimenti Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (*forthcoming*)
Blossom, Kent State University Galleries, Kent, OH (*forthcoming*)
Friendship's Death, ANDREW RAFACZ, Chicago, IL (*forthcoming*)
- 2022 *Artadia Booth*, EXPO Art Fair. Chicago, IL.
Alma, *Art and Interiors*, 3636 S. Iron St., Chicago, IL
- 2021 *Frieze Online Viewing Room*, ANDREW RAFACZ, Frieze Art Fair, New York, NY
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 Printmakers 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

- The Poetics of Relation*, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, Chicago, IL
Nibble, Ignition Project Space, 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

- 2023 EXPO CHICAGO, ANDREW RAFACZ, Chicago, IL
Large-scale site-specific commission, Inspire, Chicago, IL
INTERSECT Palm Springs, ANDREW RAFACZ, Palm Springs, CA
- 2021 Frieze New York, FRIEZE Viewing Room, ANDREW RAFACZ, Online
- 2020 Frieze New York, FRIEZE Viewing Room, ANDREW RAFACZ, Online (solo)
- 2017 UNTITLED, ANDREW RAFACZ, Miami, FL

ARTIST TALKS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 Kent State Blossom Art Intensive, Kent State University, School of Art, Kent, OH
Community Care for Digital Looms, Roundtable. Praxis and Practice, A Digital Weaving Conference (*forthcoming*)
- 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 Colemanar, 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

- 2021 What on Your Loom Series, Digital Weaving Norway Newsletter, Tronrud Engineering, Norway
DePaul Art Museum Continues Lantinx Initiative with Galleries-Wide Exhibition, Chicago Sun Times, Chicago, IL
- 2020 Four Fantastic Art Shows to Catch Before They're Gone, Chicago Tribune, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Fall Art Preview 2019: Spotlight on Latin America, NewCity Magazine, Chicago, IL

- Time Share Review, Monaco Gallery, New Art Examiner
 Magazine Cover Image, New City Magazine, Chicago, IL
 Interview with Artist, Article, Contrapiempo Publication, Chicago, IL
- 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

- 2023 Crosstown Arts, Crosstown Arts Contemporary Art Center, Memphis, TN
- 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 MFA, 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 BFA, 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

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- 2020 Waxman, Lori. "Four Fantastic Art Shows to Catch Before They re Gone," Chicago Tribune, January 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," NewCity Magazine, September 10, 2019.
Freeman, Rusty. "Time Share and Warm Welcome," Volume 33 No. 6, New Art Examiner, July/August, 2019.
Magazine Cover Image, NewCity Magazine, Issue May 2019
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- 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, January 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, November 11, 2016.
Quiles, Daniel. "Present Standard" Review, CRITICS' PICKS, ArtForum Magazine, January 2016.
Waxman, Lori. "Good looking: A survey of contemporary Latino art," Cultural Center, Chicago Tribune, February 24, 2016.
- 2015 Sostre Vicario, Karinna D., "Joven puertorrique o se abre paso en la escena del arte en Chicago," El Nuevo Dia, August 30, 2015.
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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)
Textile Technology Research Group Presentations: Shapiro Center Symposium, (SAIC)
Sierzputowski, Kate. "Beyond the Wall: LULA CAFE," Rabbit Hole Magazine, 2015.
- 2014 Miranda, Lynnette. "Melissa Leandro," Make Space, 2014.
Johnson, Brandon. "Melissa Leandro," ArtCrush Magazine, New York, NY.
- 2012 Miranda, Lynnette. Weavings by Melissa Leandro, Make Space, July 20, 2012.