



SONNY ASSU

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Biography

Born 1975 in Richmond, Canada; lives and works in Ligwilda'xw territory (Campbell River, BC.).

Education

2002 Emily Carr University

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2016** Home Coming - Campbell River Art Gallery, Campbell River, BC
1UP - Surrey Art Gallery's Urban Screen, Surrey, BC
- 2015** Day School- Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC
Continuum - Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- The Value Of What Goes Within - SIGHTINGS 13, Galerie Leonard & Bina Ellen, Montreal, QC
- 2014** Interventions on the Imaginary - FOFA Gallery (York Vitrines), Montreal, QC
- Echoes - Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George, BC
- There Is Hope, If We Rise - Urban Shaman, Winnipeg, MN
- 2013** Sonny Assu: Possession - Oakville Galleries (Centennial Square), Oakville, On
#neveridle - Art Mur, Montreal, QC
- There Is Hope, If We Rise - Gallery Vertigo, Vernon, BC
- 2012** The Happiest Future - Gallery Fukai, Vancouver, BC
- Offcuts - The Langham Cultural Centre, Kaslo, BC
- 2011** Silenced - Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Longing - West Vancouver Museum, West Vancouver, BC

Anthropological Intervention - Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver,
BC

2010 Sonny Assu - Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2009 iDrums - Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2007 iPotlatch - Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon, MB

2006 Sonny Assu: As defined by the Indian Act - Belkin Satellite Gallery,
Vancouver, BC

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016 Lost with Alice - Patrick Painter, Santa Monica, CA

Rencontres Improbables (the secret encounters of Kusama
Kalthoum), oqbo, Berlin, De Neon NDN, SAW Gallery, Ottawa, ON

INDIAN ACTS: Truths in the Age of Reconciliation, Katzman
Contemporary, Toronto, ON

Canadian Belonging(s) - The Art Gallery of Mississauga, ON

Culture Shift - Art Mur, Montreal, QC

When Raven Became Spider - Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, SK

Re-mixed: Reconfiguring the Imaginary - Union Gallery, Queen's
University, Kingston ON

- 2015** Into the Wild - Hamilton Artists Inc., Hamilton, ON
- The Rebel Yells - FOFA Gallery, Montreal, QC
- Hip Hop - Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- Indigenous Beauty - Seattle Art Museum. Seattle, WA, USA
- Coming to the Fire, Talking Stick Festival, Vancouver, BC
- 2014** Here & Now: Native Artists Inspired - Burke Museum, Seattle, WA, USA
- Tragedy Plus Time - Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, SK
- 2013** Qui suis-je ? L'identité autochtone au 21e siècle - Maison des Jésuites de Sillery, Quebec, QC
- Ghost Dance - Ryerson Image Centre, Toronto, ON
- Sakahàn: International Indigenous Art - National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
- The Violent Bear It Away - Biola University Art Gallery, La Mirada, CA, USA
- Artist Poster Show - Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC Gallery Show Of New Artist - Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, USA
- 2012** Carrying on "Irregardless"- Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art - Vancouver, BC
- Material Wealth: Revealing Landscape - Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON
- Ebb and Flow - Naniamo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC
- Throw Down - Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, BC
- A Stake in the Ground: Contemporary Native Art Manifestation - Art Mur, Montreal, QC

- 2011** Shore, Forest and Beyond: Art From the Audain Collection -Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- (Be)longing - Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA, USA
- 2010** Exhibit E - Rennie Collection at Wing Sang, Vancouver, BC
- Alternorthern - The LAB. San Francisco, CA, USA
- Seattle City Light Portable Works: Part III - Seattle Municipal Tower Gallery - Seattle, WA, USA
- 2009** Continuum: Vision and Creativity on the Northwest Coast - Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art - Vancouver, BC
- Blue Like an Orange - Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa, ON How Soon Is Now? - Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- Pop Goes the World - The Red Shift Gallery, Saskatoon, SK
- 2008** INFLUENCE - Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC World Histories - Des Moines Art Center. Des Moines, IA, USA Comic Relief - National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
- 2007** SAM at 75 - Seattle Art Museum. Seattle, WA, USA
- 2006** Past to Present - Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2005** Evolution (Alumni Exhibition) - Emily Carr University, Vancouver, BC
- 2003** Thinking Textile - Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC

Touring Exhibitions

- 2015-16** **The fifth World (Canada)**
Kitchner-Waterloo Art Gallery; Mendel Art Gallery
- 2014** **Storytelling**
Ottawa School of Art, Ottawa; Art Mur
- 2012-2014** **Beat Nation: Art, Hip-Hop and Aboriginal Culture (Canada)**
Musee d'art contemporain de Montreal; Kamloops Art Gallery;
Mackenzie Art Gallery; Dalhousie Art Gallery and Saint Mary's
University Art Gallery; The Power Plant, Toronto; Vancouver Art
Gallery
- 2013** **Stocked – contemporary Art from the Grocery Aisles (USA)**
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ; Ulrich
Museum of Art
- 2011-15** **Decolonize Me**
Tom Thompson Art Gallery; The Reach Gallery; Thunderbay Art
Gallery; Foreman Art Gallery; Ottawa Art Gallery; The Robert
McLaughlin Gallery
- 2011-12** **Don't Stop Me Now (Canada)**
National Gallery of Canada; Esplanade Arts Heritage Centre
- 2009** **Beat Nation**
Grunt Gallery; Galerie SAW Gallery
- 2005-08** **Changing Hands: Art Without Reservation, 2 (USA)**
Tucson Museum of Art; Anchorage Gallery; Grunt Gallery
- 2004-05** **Futuristic Regalla (Canada)**
Campbell River Art Gallery; Alternator Gallery; Grunt Gallery

Public Art Projects

- 2014** Reconciliation – Commissioned Public Art (Temporary) for the City of Vancouver
- 2013** Tag – Commissioned Public Art Work for Omni Development and the City of Vancouver
- 2012** Kingsway Trail – Commissioned Public Art Work for the city of Vancouver Public Art Program

Grants and Awards

Sobey Art Award Long list, BC and Yukon Region – 2012, 2013 and 2015

Canada Council for the Arts; Production Grant – 2007 and 2012

Canada Council for the Arts; Travel Grant – 2015

British Columbia Achievement Foundation; Award of Excellence in First nations Art – 2011

British Columbia Arts Council; Production Grant – 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2010

Emily Carr University; Emily award, Distinguished Alumni Award – 2007

First Peoples' Cultural Foundation; Emerging Individual Alumni Award – 2007

First People's Cultural Foundation; Emerging Individual Artists Grant - 2003

The Vancouver Foundation; Visual Arts Development Awards (VADA) – 2003