Lizz Aston

EDUCATION

2018 Bachelor of Design, Industrial Design – OCAD University

2009 Diploma, Crafts & Design, Textiles – Sheridan Technical Institute

2002 Fashion Techniques & Design – George Brown College

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2020 Exoteric Design: Material as Mentor, JJ Space, DesignTO Festival, Toronto

ART FAIRS

,	
2023	The Artist Project, After Image – Featured Curated Exhibition, Toronto
2021	Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, with La Guilde, Toronto
2020	Art Miami, with Caviar20, Miami, FL. USA
2020	Art Toronto, with Caviar20, Toronto
2019	Art Toronto, with Caviar20, Toronto
2019	Seattle Art Fair, with Caviar20, Seattle, WA. USA
2019	Art on Paper, with Caviar20, NYC, NY. USA
2019	Art Palm Springs, with Caviar20, Palm Springs, CA. USA
2016	Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
2013	Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
2010	Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
2010	The Artist Project - Untapped Emerging Artist Exhibition, Toronto

SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS

2024	Solo Exhibition of new works, La Guilde, Montreal, Quebec (upcoming)
2018	Solo Exhibition of new works – Curated by Lukus Toane, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto
2017	Surface, Space, Shadow Repeat! Centre Materia, Quebec City, Quebec
2014	Transform, Distort, Warp, Explode! A Survey of Work by Lizz Aston, Peel Gallery, Museum &
	Archives, Brampton
2014	Coalesce, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche – Special Project, Sponsored by H&M Canada and the City of
	Toronto
2013	Studies in Interlacement, Junction Design Crawl – Installation at Gerhard, Toronto
2012	Rooftop Flag Installation, Lillstreet Arts Centre, Chicago, Illinois. USA
2012	Exploding Lace View, Junction Design Crawl – Installation at Radar Media Co. Toronto
2012	Flagpole (a meta-conversation) – Curated by Stuart Keeler. Jarvis and Wellesley, Toronto
2010	Multiple Coincidences, York Quay Gallery, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023	The Craft(y) Revival: Community and Knowledge Sharing in Textile Based Craft, Curated by Paige
	Lauren Stephen, OCADU Graduate Gallery, Toronto
2022	Toronto 20: A Celebration of Caviar 20's Favourite Local Artists Past & Present, Caviar 20, Toronto
2021	Second Floor Lobby Installation – Curated by Lee Petrie, Gladstone House, Toronto
2021	Chromatik, La Guilde, Montreal, Quebec

2019	Xpace Zine and Maker Fair, Xpace Gallery, Toronto
2019	Lizz Aston: Selects, with Caviar20, online exhibition
2018	Forty-Four, Bill Boyle Artport Gallery, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2018	Come Up To My Room 2018, the Gladstone Hotel, Toronto
2017	Side Streets Installation - City of Craft 2017, The Theatre Centre, Toronto
2017	Fête – Sheridan Crafts & Design 50 th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition, Living Arts Centre Mississauga
2017	Crafted – Curated by Shannon Anderson, New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Oakville
2017	Xpace Cultural Centre Fundraiser Exhibition, Xpace Cultural Centre, Toronto
2017	GradEx 102, OCAD University's 102 nd Graduate Exhibition, OCAD University, Toronto
2017	Layers - Women Artists of Our City, A Partial Gallery Pop-up Exhibition, Toronto
2017	DX Socials: Tryptech, Design Exchange, Toronto
2017	IDS 2017, Partial Gallery, Booth 2242 – Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto
2016	Theatre of Disjunctions – Curated by Tak Pham, OCAD University, Toronto
2016	On Materials, Humber Galleries – North Space Gallery, Humber College, Toronto
2016	Near To Far – JJ Studio, DesignTO Festival, Toronto
2016	Do West Design – Installation at L'Ouvrier, DesignTO Festival, Toronto
2015	Fiber Optic / Radiant Light, Katharine Mulherin, NO FOUNDATION, Toronto
2015	Lace Mirrors – JJ Studio Opening Reception & Exhibition, Toronto
2015	Stretch/Mirror, Installation at Harbinger Ideas, Toronto
2015	Exchange: PAMA Artists Select, Peel Art Gallery, Museum & Archives, Brampton
2015	Come Up To My Room – Gladstone Hotel, DesignTO Festival, Toronto
2014	"Don't Touch" Red Head Gallery, 401 Richmond, Toronto
2014	Legacy: David Somers and PAMA's Works on Paper Collection, Peel Art Gallery, Museum &
	Archives, Brampton
2014	Design for Living, Craft Ontario Shop, Toronto
2014	Studious, York Quay Gallery, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2013	Exploding Lace View – Distort #1, AGO Art Rental + Sales Gallery, Toronto
2013	In The Loop, The Living Arts Centre Gallery, Mississauga
2013	Something Old Something New, Cheongju International Craft Biennial, Cheongju, South Korea
2013	24 th Annual International Juried Exhibition, Viridian Artists Gallery – Curated by Elisabeth
	Sussman (Whitney Museum of American Art), New York City, NY. USA
2013	Fiberart International 2013, Society for Contemporary Craft & Pittsburgh Centre for the Arts,
	touring exhibition Pittsburgh, PA., San Jose, CA., Myrtle Beach, SC., and Lowell, MA. USA
2013	Workplace Affairs—Curated by LeuWebb Projects, East of Keele Space, DesignTO Festival, Toronto
2013	Do West Design – Installation at ML Lumber, DesignTO Festival, Toronto
2012	Interlace, Deconstruct, the Spaces in Between, Telephone Booth Gallery, Toronto
2012	De Rerum Natura, World of Threads Festival, Joshua Creek Heritage Arts Centre, Oakville
2012	Fibreworks 2012, Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, ON
2012	IIDEX/NeoCon, Canada's National Design Expo & Conference, Toronto
2012	Radiant Dark: Devil is in the details, MADE Design, DesignTO Festival, Toronto
2012	LOOK out, York Quay Gallery, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2011	Household Notions, Telephone Booth Gallery, Toronto
2011	Heir/loom, Studio Beluga, Montreal, Quebec
2011	Studio Remix, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto
2011	Love Lace - International Lace Award, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, Australia
2011	Earthly Inspiration: The Process and Expression of Craft, Pearson International Airport, Toronto

2011	In Plain View, Telephone Booth Gallery, Toronto
2010	Love and Money – Curated by Tara Bursey, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto
2010	Fresh, Local, Craft! Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto
2009	City of Craft – Installation Series, The Theatre Centre, Toronto
2009	2 x 6, York Quay Gallery, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
PUBLICATIONS	
2018	Stanton, Andra F. Dimensional Cloth: Sculpture by Contemporary Textile Artists. USA: Schiffer
	Publishing Ltd, 2018. Print.
2014	Bekker, Ellen, ed. Textile Art Around the World. Netherlands: Textile-Link, 2014. Print.
2013	Fiberart International: Exhibition of Contemporary Fiber Art: Pittsburgh: Fiberarts Guild of
	Pittsburgh, 2013. Print
2011	Ward, Lindie, ed. Love Lace: Powerhouse Museum International Lace Award. Sydney:
	Powerhouse Publishing, 2011. Print.
SELECTED PRES	
2020	"Art: La Guilde" Magazine Line. Issue No 03. Hiver 2020: 30-33. Print
2017	Sandals, Leah, "Craft Artists Concerned about Ontario Crisis." Canadian Art, 18 Dec. 2017,
	canadianart.ca/news/craft-ontario-in-crisis/.
2017	Desloges, Josianne. "Magnifier le Miniscule." <i>Le Soleil</i> , 3 June. 2017. Web.
2016	Sandals, Leah. "Paper Hearts: In the Studio with Lizz Aston." Canadian Art, 26 Apr. 2016. Web.
2016	"One Artist, One Minute: 1:1 EPISODE 07." <i>Akimbo.ca</i> . Ed. Brian Cauley. Akimbo TV, 1 Apr. 2016.
2015	Web.
2015	"Excellence in Fibers: A Juried Exhibition in Print" Fiber Art Now Magazine. Vol 5. No 2 Winter
2015	2015: 10. Print.
2015	Van Dyke, Trudy. "Lizz Aston: Challenging Assumptions" <i>Fiber Art Now Magazine</i> . Vol 5. No 1. Fall 2015: 24-27 Print.
2015	Magarrey, Paige. "Intricately Cut Lace Mirrors Make Bold Statement" <i>The Globe and Mail.</i> 3 Sept.
2015	2015. Print.
2015	Ng, Yi Xang & Pang, Wenshan, ed. "What to Look Forward to In 2015: Buildings, Trends, Art &
2013	Designs to Look Out for In the New Year." Home & Décor Magazine Malaysia. January 2015: 81-
	95. Print.
2014	"Under the Radar" Studio Magazine, Vol. 9 No. 1: Spring/Summer 2014: 1, 58 Print.
2013	Foye, Noelle. "Big Paper" Fiber Art Now Magazine Spring 2013: 18-21 Print.
2013	Lewis, Joe. "Emergence: Seeing Through the Surface with Lizz Aston" A Needle Pulling Thread
	Magazine Spring 2013: 90-93 Print.
2012	Bate, Gareth. "Ten Up-and-Coming Canadian Fibre Artists to Watch" Fibre Focus Magazine Spring
	2012: 13-17 Print.
2012	Sardone, Andrew. "Jean Willoughby & Lizz Aston" NOW Magazine Jan. 26 – 2 Jan. 2012. Print.
2012	Hickman, Angela. Interview: "Playing with fire: new exhibit highlights delicate embroidery that is
	like 'drawing with thread'." <i>The National Post</i> 24 Jan. 2012. Print.
2011	Vaughn, R. M. "The Exhibitionist" Rev. of <i>Household Notions, Telephone Booth Gallery. The Globe</i>
	and Mail. 16 Dec. 2011. Print.
2011	"Canadian Perspectives, Interview: David Kaye" Surface Design Journal Fall 2011: 21-25. Print.

Miller, M. F. "Fibre and Fire: Artist Lizz Aston." Uppercase Magazine 1 Oct. 2011: 82-24. Print.

2011	"Slice: Servings of hot happenings in craft" Studio Magazine, Vol. 5 No. 2: Spring/Summer 2011.
	7. Print.
2010	Vaughn, R. M. "The Exhibitionist" Rev. of <i>Multiple Coincidence, Harbourfront Centre. The Globe and Mail</i> 20 Aug. 2010. Print.
2010	Sandals, Leah. "Hipster Fairytails" Rev. of Multiple Coincidence, Harbourfront Centre. The National Post 17 July. 2010. Print.

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2009 –2012 Harbourfront Centre, Artist-in-Residence - Textile Studio

GRANTS

2021	Ontario Arts Council – Arts Response Initiative: Project Grants for Individuals
2020	Toronto Arts Council – TOArtist COVID-19 Response Fund
2020	Ontario Arts Council – Exhibition Assistance Grant
2013	Ontario Arts Council– Craft Projects Creation & Development Grant
2013	Toronto Arts Council – Level 1 Artists Grant
2012	Ontario Arts Council – Exhibition Assistance Grant
2011	Canada Council Travel Grant
2010	Toronto Arts Council – Level 1 Artists Grant
2010	Ontario Arts Council – Exhibition Assistance Grant

AWARDS

2017	OCAD University Awards & Medals – Honorable Mention, Industrial Design
2015	Mississauga Arts Council – Established Visual Artist Award
2014	Craft Ontario Award for Excellence
2013	Ontario Crafts Council – Undergraduate Scholarship
2013	Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – Best of Fiber
2013	Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, FI2013 – Outstanding Use of Traditional Materials
2013	Lillstreet Arts Centre, Rooftop Flag Project – Best in Show
2012	RBC Emerging Artists Studio Setup Award
2011	Ontario Crafts Council – Kingcrafts/Lady Flavelle Scholarship
2010	Ontario Crafts Council – Mary Robertson Textile Scholarship
2010	The Artists Project – Untapped Emerging Artist Competition

COMMISSIONS

2024	Google, 65 King St. East, Toronto, ON.
2024	The Postmark Hotel, Newmarket, ON.
2021	General Catalyst, Cambridge, MA. USA
2021	Emery Flats, Woburn, MA. USA
2020	Harvard Kennedy School – JFK JR. Forum Space, the Institute of Politics, Cambridge, MA. USA
2020	The Overlook at St. Gabriel's, Brighton, MA. USA
2018	345 Harrison Apartments, Boston, MA. USA
2016	Holt Renfrew, Square One Mall, Mississauga, Ontario
2016	Trinity Financial - One Canal Street, Boston, MA. USA
2015	InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL. USA
2014	OpenText, Toronto, ON. Canada
2012	Lululemon Athletica, Perimeter Mall, Atlanta, GA. USA

COLLECTIONS

2024	Global Affairs Canada Visual Arts Collection (VAC)
2016	Humber Galleries and Collections, Humber College
2015	Global Affairs Canada Visual Arts Collection (VAC)

2014 Works on Paper Collection, Peel Art Gallery, Museum & Archives (PAMA)

2011 The Donovan Collection, University of Toronto

ADVISING & JURIES

2023-Present	Textile Studio Advisor, Harbourfront Centre–Craft & Design Artist-in-Residence Program, Toronto
2020-2021	Industrial Design Alumni Program Advisory Committee, OCAD University, Toronto
2015-2018	Xpace Cultural Centre, Exhibition Programming Committee
2015-2018	Xpace Cultural Centre, Hiring Committees
2017	OCADU Center for Emerging Artists & Designers (CEAD), Career Launchers Award Jury
2010-2012	Harbourfront Centre Artist-in-Residence Jury, Crafts & Design Program (Textiles)

WORK & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023-Present	Sessional Instructor, Faculty of Design (Textiles), OCAD University
2019-Present	Sessional Instructor, Crafts & Design (Textiles), Sheridan College
2018	Insights & Design Consultant, Intern – Doblin, a Deloitte Business
2018	Design Consultant, Intern – Green Change
2016-2018	Executive Director of Operations – OCAD Student Union
2015-2016	Student Services Commissioner – OCAD Student Union
2012-2015	Gallery Attendant – Harbourfront Centre, Architecture Gallery & York Quay Gallery
2012	BMO ReDesign 2012, Textile Museum of Canada Fundraiser, Toronto, Ontario
2010	In-Store Silk Screen Printing, Tommy Hilfiger, Toronto, Ontario
2009	Sheridan College, Studio work placement with artist Jeannie Thib

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

2019-Present	InDesign Presentation Board, Graphic Design & Thesis Publication Workshops, Sheridan College
2023 & 2024	Flower Pounding on Cloth, Public Drop-in Workshop – Toronto Flower Market
2023 & 2024	Flower Pounding on Cloth – Contemporary Textile Studio Coop
2023	Flower Pounding on Cloth – Independent Workshops, in-person and online
2020	(Cancelled—Covid) Foraging Walk, Animating Toronto Arts – Arts in the Parks Grant with STEPS
	Initiative, Toronto Arts Council
2020	(Cancelled—Covid) Sculptural Papermaking & Costume Design Workshops, Cawthra Park S.S.
2020	(Cancelled—Covid) Natural Pigment & Paint-Making Workshops, SoCA University of Windsor
2014	Polychromatic Screenprinting workshop, Peel Gallery, Museum & Archives, Brampton
2009-2012	Harbourfront Centre, Instructor - Craft Studio Courses and Workshops, Toronto, Ontario