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Bio

Michelle Thevenot (Durell) is a nature-inspired artist from Saskatchewan, Canada. Michelle appreciates and shares nature's gifts with others, something she is infinitely familiar with because of her deep, intuitive connection with the forest.

Michelle grew up in Prince Albert, SK where the proximity to forests, lakes, river, and wild animals imprinted upon her a formative relationship with the wilderness. She is grateful to live an outdoor lifestyle, with her favourite place being the boreal forest - a key force that authentically inspires her.

Her artwork uses natural resources and mixed media (more than one material) which is diverse and ever-changing, much like the natural environment from which she draws inspiration. By interpreting lessons observed in the wilderness and connecting with human experience, her artwork turns towards visual storytelling.

Michelle's artistic career began early on in her middle and high school years when she began participating in exhibitions, creating commissioned artworks, and achieving sales. This emerging artistic practice continued into post-secondary at the University of Saskatchewan where she enrolled in many fine arts classes and specialized in Art Education. Michelle's education was complimented by receiving multiple recognitions, awards, grants, and bursaries in support of her artistic career development.

Paintings and drawings of Saskatchewan landscapes and local wildlife were foundational themes in her early art career. She developed to explore a multi-faceted art practice. Her love for nature trickled into other mediums such as wood carving, chainsaw carving, mixed media sculpture, pyrography, textile arts, natural fur sewing, upcycling salvaged materials, photography, videography, and creative writing. The energy of nature stays a consistent driver behind her diverse modes of expression.

"Variety is the spice of life" and Michelle thrives on the creative freedom of newness. Her strongest motivators are independence, novelty, dimension, emotion, experimentation, the energy found within natural materials, and tactile sensory involvement. Each fluctuation in artistic medium, style, and subject

matter reflects the current atmosphere around her. She opens herself to receive the energy and inspiration as it presents to her and follows what filters into her heart and into the art.

Michelle now resides between the RM of Corman Park, RM of Torch River, and Fishing Lake, Saskatchewan.

Education & Professional Development

2021	Consultation with Julia Krueger, SK Arts Registrar, on strengthening artist applications, phone call June 4 th
2021	Professional Development Course , <i>Artists on the Rise</i> , Jessica Serran, online
2010	Heritage Interpreter , Saskatchewan Tourism & Education Council, Saskatoon, SK
2010	Bachelor of Education with Distinction, Visual Art Major, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
2008-2010	University of Saskatchewan College of Education, Saskatoon, SK
2006-2008	University of Saskatchewan College of Arts & Science, Saskatoon, SK
2005-2006	University of Saskatchewan Remote Campus at Prince Albert Arts Centre/SIAST, Prince Albert, SK
2005	Secondary Diploma with Great Distinction , Carlton Comprehensive High School, Prince Albert, SK
2002-2005	Secondary Education , Carlton Comprehensive High School, Prince Albert, SK
1999-2002	Middle School Education , Riverside Community School, Prince Albert, SK
1992-2002	Elementary School Education , Princess Margaret School, Prince Albert, SK

Exhibitions

2021	Backdoor Gallery Group Exhibition , Prairie Sculptors Association, <i>Great Blue Heron</i> , <i>Survival</i> , and <i>Lady of the Forest</i> sculptures, Saskatoon, SK
2021-Current	Virtual Solo Exhibition , collection of works, self-hosted website www.michellethevenot.com
2021	Fish Tales Gallery Group Exhibition , 16 diamond willow walking sticks & 3 small tree sculptures, Waskesiu, SK

2020-2021	Zak's Home Hardware Group Exhibition , heron & pumpkin sculptures, Hague, SK
2020	Zak's Home Hardware Group Exhibition , howling wolf pup & pumpkin sculptures, Warman, SK
2019	Self-Hosted Solo Exhibition , sculptures & painting, Fishing Lake, SK
2019	Zak's Home Hardware Group Exhibition , beaver sculpture, Hague, SK
2015	FG Market Group Exhibition , collection of paintings and drawings, Osler, SK
2012-Current	Virtual Solo Exhibition , collection of works, www.etsy.com/shop/mtartworks/
2012	Calories Restaurant Solo Exhibition , <i>Home</i> , collection of paintings & drawings, Saskatoon, SK
2012	Esteem for the Home Décor & Gallery Joint Exhibition with Brandi Hofer , multiple paintings, Saskatoon, SK
2010	Planet Beach Spa Solo Exhibition , <i>Purple Flower Tetraptych</i> painting, Saskatoon, SK
2004	Art Gallery of Prince Albert Juried Student Group Exhibition , cowboys on horseback at sunset painting, Prince Albert, SK
2001	Riverside Community School Juried Student Group Exhibition , boy holding turtle painting, Prince Albert, SK

Collections

2021	Enza Buffa Private Collection , <i>Raven Feather 3</i> sculpture, fur textiles arts, Waterdown, ON
2021	Turkey Farmers of Saskatchewan Private Collection , painted 3D-printed model of turkey, Saskatoon, SK
2021	Private Collection , <i>Therapy</i> memorial bench seat, Hudson Bay, SK
2021	CBC Arts Public Collection , January 2020 digital logo design, Toronto, ON
2020-2021	Multiple Private Collections , walking sticks, small sculptures, Canada, USA, Australia
2020	Donna Prosko Private Collection , pumpkin sculptures, Rose Valley, SK

2020	Jacqueline Janzen Private Collection , feather sculpture & fur textile art, Prince Albert, SK
2020	Alex Taylor Private Collection , snowman and pumpkin sculptures, Saskatoon, SK
2020	Marilyn Wipf Private Collection , snowman sculpture, RM of Corman Park, SK
2020	Ian & Christie Braaten , carved wood sign, Warman, SK
2020	Star Blanket First Nation Private Collection , howling wolf sculpture, purchased and gifted by Zak's Home Building Centre, Hague, SK
2020	Dale Myggland Private Collection , <i>Jasper the Bear</i> sculpture, AB
2020	Private Collection , howling coyote sculpture, AB
2019-Current	Multiple Private Collections , natural fur textile arts, Canada, USA
2019	Kenny Tran/Skypark Regina Private Collection , gopher and beaver sculptures, Regina, SK
2019	Graeme & Alexis Smith Private Collection , wolf and beaver sculpture, Regina, SK
2016-Current	Multiple Private Collections , digital artwork prints, online
2015	Derek Scott Private Collection , <i>Blue Door</i> painting, Osler, SK
2013	Kerry O'Leary Private Collection , <i>Aerial Artist 3</i> painting, Carterville, IL, USA
2012	Stacey Isley Private Collection , <i>Whisper Trees</i> painting, Saskatoon, SK
2012	Trisha Lolacher Private Collection , <i>Dusk Ride</i> painting, Fort McMurray, AB
2012	Elizabeth Sliva Private Collection , <i>I'll Be Seeing You</i> painting, Saskatoon, SK
2012	Pamela Harysen Private Collection , <i>Purple Flower Tetraptych</i> painting, Prince Albert, SK
2012	Mike Digout Private Collection , <i>Abstract Square</i> painting, Saskatoon, SK
2011	Adrienne Heskett-Starks Private Collection <i>Water Drops 1</i> painting, Saskatoon, SK
2011	Aileen Mani Private Collection , <i>Strength</i> and <i>Stretch</i> prints, Toronto, ON

2011	Gordon Karaloff Private Collection , <i>Saskatoon Victoria Bridge</i> pastel drawing, Saskatoon, SK
2010	Carrie Klassen Private Collection , <i>Blue Ocean</i> painting, Osler, SK
2010	George & Shirley Durell Private Collection , <i>Forest Bridge</i> painting, Regina, SK
2010	Nancy Spizawka Private Collection , <i>Green Drop</i> painting, Spalding, SK
2009	Colin Wandzura Private Collection , <i>Boy in Field</i> painting, Saskatoon, SK
2009	Bruce & Kathy Grimwood Private Collection , portrait of girl painting, Prince Albert, SK
2005	Fridolf & Margaret Durell Private Collection , landscape painting, Prince Albert, SK
2005	Bruce & Kathy Grimwood Private Collection , landscape painting, Prince Albert, SK

Awards, Grants & Recognition

2021	Letter of Recognition from Kelly Block , Federal Member of Parliament, Carlton Trail-Eagle Creek, Saskatchewan, congratulatory letter on CBC Arts logo design
2021	Microgrant Program , SK Arts, for the purchase of photography/videography equipment to document artistic practice in a professional manner, Saskatchewan
2020	Kutzall Tools , Top 9 Creators of the Year for <i>Viking Ship Figurehead</i> sculpture, Instagram, January 31 2020
2011	Walter & Ruth (Mortenson) Leverton Bursary , University of Saskatchewan College of Education
2009	University of Saskatchewan , bursary
2008	University of Saskatchewan , bursary
2007	University of Saskatchewan , bursary
2005	University of Saskatchewan , entrance scholarship
2003-2005	Carlton Comprehensive High School , honour roll with great distinction

Publications & Interviews

2021	CBC Arts Instagram , featured posts, January 2021
2021	CBC Arts, Q & A, Watch a Chainsaw Artist Carve This Month's CBC Arts Logo Out of Wood , https://www.cbc.ca/arts/watch-a-chainsaw-artist-carve-this-month-s-cbc-arts-logo-out-of-wood-1.5857353
2021	Clark's Crossing Gazette, Osler Artist Gains National Recognition , written by Mackenzie Hientz, January 14 th 2021, Warman, SK
2021	CBC Saskatchewan , TV news & social media feature on CBC Arts logo design, January 5 th
2020	Popular Woodworking , online article <i>Chainsaw Carving for Beginners</i> , https://www.popularwoodworking.com/techniques/chainsaw-carving-for-beginners/

Commissions

2021	Rob Jüing's Metal Art , photography & videography of <i>Addict</i> sculpture, Melfort, SK
2021	Turkey Farmers of Saskatchewan , surface prep, painting, and sealing a 3D-printed model of a turkey, Saskatoon, SK
2021	Rob Jüing's Metal Art , wood relief carving, pyrography, sealing wood planks for <i>Therapy</i> memorial bench, photography, videography, Melfort, SK
2020	CBC Arts , January 2021 logo design, wood sculpture of chickadee on spruce cone captured in photography, delivery of digital files, Toronto, ON
2020	Leeane Atley , custom beaver fur collar, Coquitlam, BC
2020	Amy Roettger , restyle vintage fur coat into vest and hat, Regina, SK
2020	Scott Seilstad , diamond willow walking stick, Archerwill, SK
2020	Chris Venn , beaver fur outer and mink fur lined gauntlet mitts, Oxbow, SK
2020	Glenda Torrie-Smith , diamond willow walking stick, Warman, SK
2020	Zak's Home Hardware , 8 log pumpkin carvings, Hague, SK

2020	Zak's Home Hardware , 17 log pumpkin carvings, Warman, SK
2020	Myles McLean , beaver fur gauntlet mitts, Lac Du Bonnet, MB
2020	Dale Myggland , 5-ft <i>Jasper the Bear</i> log sculpture, AB
2019	Skypark Regina/Kenny Tran , 6-ft gopher log sculpture with corporate logo and barnboard base, Regina, SK
2019	Graeme & Alexsis Smith , wolf and beaver sculpture, Regina, SK
2012	Stacey Isley , <i>Whisper Trees</i> acrylic painting, Saskatoon, SK
2011	Stratus Steel Erectors Inc. , <i>Saskatoon Victoria Bridge</i> pastel drawing, Saskatoon, SK
2011	Stratus Steel Erectors Inc. , custom logo stencil, Saskatoon, SK
2010	Carrie Klassen , <i>Blue Ocean</i> painting, Osler, SK
2005	Fridolf & Margaret Durell , landscape painting, Prince Albert, SK
2005	Bruce & Kathy Grimwood , landscape painting, Prince Albert, SK

Employment & Appointments

2014-Current	Independent Artist , wood sculpture, textile arts, painting, drawing and mixed media, Osler, SK
2012	Private Art Teacher , hired by Jared Cechanowicz, Saskatoon, SK
2012-Current	Notary Public , Province of Saskatchewan
2011-2014	Independent Artist , painting and drawing, Saskatoon, SK
2011-Current	General Manager , Stratus Steel Erectors Inc., Saskatoon, SK
2010	Heritage Interpreter/Program Assistant , Western Development Museum, education department, Saskatoon, SK
2009	Intern Art Teacher , St. Mary's High School, Prince Albert, SK
2009	Intern Art Teacher , St. Michael's Elementary School, Prince Albert, SK

Donations

2020	Russ Kubara , artist consultation in review of his document <i>Chainsaw Carving for Beginners</i> , MB
2020	Saskatchewan Trappers Association , digital design of children's entertainment page for magazine publication, SK
2020	North East Outreach & Support Services , donation of diamond willow walking stick for charity art auction, Melfort, SK
2005	Community Bible Church , creation of theatre backdrop mural, Prince Albert, SK
2001	Saskatchewan Rivers School Division , gifted on behalf of the division to Principal Mel Kelly for career achievements, Prince Albert, SK

Professional Organizations

2021-Current	Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils , listed visual artist
2021-Current	Prairie Sculptor's Association , member
2021-Current	CARFAC Saskatchewan , professional voting member
2020-Current	Saskatchewan Craft Council , professional craftsperson member
2020-Current	Fur Council of Canada , artisanal member
2019-Current	Saskatchewan Trapper's Association , member
2012-Current	Saskatchewan Network for Art Collecting , listed artist
2010-Current	Saskatchewan Teacher's Association , member