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Public Art and Installations

LightHouse - Immersive Video Installation
School of Design, George Brown College
2026

The Home I Never Knew - Video Installation
Congress, George Brown College
2025

Artscape Daniels Launchpad Lobby Exhibition
2024 - 2025

Future Ways of Living Gallery
2024

Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2024

Light Source - Art Installation
Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2022 and 2023

Memories - Art Installation
East End Arts
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2022

Fear of Passion - Art Installation
Toronto Center for the Arts
Visual Artist, Curator and Designer
2016

Transitions - Mural
Coxwell TTC Barns Wall, Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale in collaboration with East End Arts
2015

Between the Line - Art Installation
Centennial College, Ashtonbee Campus
Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale in collaboration with No. 9 Contemporary Art and the Environment and Pan Am Path
2015

The PrideHouse That Kids Built - Art Installation
Harbourfront Centre, Artist Mentee in collaboration with Pan Am/Parapan Am Games
2015

Publications and Design

Brand Design Consultant
Frameworks&Co
May 2026 - Present

Social Media Manager
School of Design
August 2025 - May 2026

Applied Arts Awards Winter 2025
Featured Award winner for four design categories.

O2 Planning and Design Inc.
Graphic Designer, Brand Designer and Engagement Intern
May - August 2025

IN Store - Design Studio
Graphic Designer and Project Manager
January - May 2025

GBC International Student Department
Communication Assistant and Graphic Designer
June 2024 - May 2025

GBC Diversity Calendar
Featured Artist
2024 - 2025

Yoonyen Magazine - Issue 1
Featured Artist
2024

Green Teacher Magazine
Motion Graphic and Graphic Designer
May 2021 - June 2022
June 2023 - May 2025

Applied Arts Magazine
Featured Artist
2017

Historias de Toronto - Published Book
Graphic Designer and Illustrator
2016

Scholarships, Awards and Recognitions

Valedictorian Class of 2026, Honours and Dean's Honours
Chosen among 1,000+ students to represent the School of Design and the School of Media and Performing Arts

RGD Branding Awards 2025
Integrated Award – Brand Identity [New Brand]

Applied Arts Awards 2025
Design [Series], Promotional Design [Series], Entire Design Program [Campaign], Entire Promotional Design Program [Campaign]

Wayfinding & Exhibition Design Committee
School of Design Award
2025 and 2026

Francis Mak Scholarship
School of Design Award
2025 and 2026

Art Wall - George Brown College
Featured Artist to exhibit at 130 QQE building
2024

George Brown College-Wide Award
Student Association Arts & Design Second Year Student Award
2024

Dean's Honour List for Academic Excellence
George Brown College, School of Design
2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

Big Picture Conference - Vancouver
Guest Artist
2023

Storyteller In-Depth Podcast (Episode 5)
Story Arts Centre
Invited Guest
2023

Marilyn Scott Academic Achievement
Scholarship
2016

Brad Chapman and Family Communications, Media and Design
Scholarship
2016

Colleges and Institutes Canada - Art Showcase
Finalist Artist showcasing artwork at Château Laurier, Ottawa
2015

Art Exhibitions

The Home I Never Knew - Solo Exhibition

Bloor/Gladstone Toronto Public Library
Visual Artist and Curator
2024

Sunlight - Solo Exhibition

Yorkville, Toronto Public Library
Visual Artist and Curator
2023

art in the park - Art Fair

Memorial Park, Stouffville
Visual Artist
2023

Sundown - Solo Exhibition

Online, Visual Artist
2022

Storytelling Video Series - Solo Exhibition

Online, Video Editor, Visual Artist and Writer
2021

Grit & Glide - Group Show

Online, Centennial College
Invited Visual Artist
2020

4x4 - Group Exhibition

Hashtag Gallery
Visual Artist
2019

Tiny Art - Group Exhibition

GuildWorks Art Gallery
Visual Artist
2019

Shadows - Solo Exhibition

Runnymede, Toronto Public Library
Curator, Visual Artist and Strategist
2016

Tiny Art - Group Exhibition

CineCycle Gallery
Visual Artist
2016

Communications, Media and Design - Group Exhibition

Visual Artist
2016

Fragments - Group Exhibition

Toronto Center for the Arts
Project Coordinator, Curator and Artist
2016

The Ramp - Solo Exhibition

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Featured Visual Artist
2015 and 2016

Cursory - Group Exhibition

Toronto Centre for the Arts
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015 - 2016

Pause, Don't Pause - Group Exhibition

Artscape Youngplace
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015

Verge - Group Exhibition

Urban Gallery
Curator, Visual Artist and Project Manager
2015

CCSIA - Group Exhibition

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Visual Artist
2015

Education

Honours Bachelor of Brand Design

George Brown College, School of Design
2023 - 2026 (Advanced Standing) Valedictorian
with Honours and Dean's Honours

French - FSL Program

Virtual, Halton District School Board
2023 - 2024

Life Drawing for the Illustrator

George Brown College, School of Design
2016

Post Graduate Diploma of Fine Arts Studio

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2016

Licentiate Degree in Arts

Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV)
Caracas, Venezuela
2012 - 2013 (Partial Studies)

French

Alliance Française, Caracas
2011 - 2013

Skena - School of Theatre and Performing Arts

Caracas, Venezuela
2008 - 2013

Shortlists and Contributions

Shadows - Art Research

Visual Artist and Researcher
2017 - Present

RBC Emerging Artist Network Program

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery
Selected Artist
2022 - Present

Unionnale - Public Art Installation

Shortlisted Artist, City of Toronto
2025

Fine Arts Studio Program - Artist Speaker

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2022 and 2025

apexart-Art Gallery, New York City

Artist Juror for upcoming exhibitions
2022 - 2024

Artist Mentor for Fine Arts Studio Students

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2023

481 University - Public Art Installation

Shortlisted Artist, BRAD GOLDEN + Co PUBLIC
ART CONSULTING, Toronto
2021

Program Advisor for Fine Arts Studio

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2021 - 2023

Graduate Advisory for Centennial College

Story Arts Centre
2021 - 2023

Visual Artist Instructor

City of Toronto for students all ages
2021 - 2023

One for Sorrow VR Experience

Beaver Hall Art Gallery
Artist Volunteer
2023

Volunteer

Year End Show-Wayfinding Committee (Lead)

George Brown, School of Design
2024, 2025, 2026

RGD-Student Committee, Events

2023 - 2024

Adobe Creative Retreat Toronto

2024

TIFF-Toronto International Film Festival

2014, 2022 and 2023