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Education

Master of Museum Studies | Iberoamericana University, Mexico City. 1992-94
Post-Graduate in Contemporary Textile Art | Akademia Sztuk Pięknych im. Władysława Strzemińskiego of Fine Arts, Poland (1989-91)
Bachelors of Art in Graphic Design | Anahuac University, Mexico City (1984-88)
Diploma in History of Art | Centro de Artes SIAC. AC. Mexico City (1988)

Work Experience

Instructor, Studio Director, and Founder | Oakville Arts Studio Inc. (2008 - 2020)
Curator | Oak Heights Art Gallery (2008 - 2021)
Professor and Program Coordinator | Faculty of Design and Architecture, Post-Graduate Textile Design; Anahuac University, Mexico City (1988 - 2001)
Docent and Researcher | Textile Museum of Canada (2005 - 2015)
Community Engagement Coordinator and Workshop Leader | Canadian Tapestry and Texture Centre, Not-for-Profit Organization (2015- to date)
Founder and Director | Textil Creativo. Mexico City (1990-2001)

Solo Exhibitions (and upcoming)

2024 *Time: photography and tapestry juxtaposing TIME. The Periphery*, **Warkworth, ON**
2023 *A second on the Lens, a lifetime on the Loom. Art Gallery of Northumberland*, **Cobourg, ON**
2021 Oak Heights Art Gallery, Warkworth, ON
2013 *Form and Surface*: Lee Chin Gallery | Burlington Art Centre, ON
2012 Featured Artist, Gallery Lion Brand Yarn, **NY, USA**
2011 *Textures from the Forest* | Burlington Art Centre. F.R.Perry Gallery. **Burlington, ON**
2003 *Fibre Art: The Art of Tapestry* | ISTHMUS School of Design and Architecture, **Panama City**
1997 *YQUITQUI- ICXTLI* | La Cortesana Art Gallery. Morelos State University. **Cuernavaca, Mexico**
1996 *Woven Images* | Embassy of Venezuela. Mexico City
1995 *Onirica Textil* | National Museum of Revolution. **Mexico City**
1995 *Onirica Textil* | ENEP Acatlan University. **Mexico City**
1992 *Ixchel: Fibre Art*. Colegio de Contadores Públicos de México. **México City**.
1991 *Tapestry Exhibit* | TextilCreativo, Culture House. **Mexico**.
1991 *Contemporary Fibre Art. Hall I* | UNESCO Building. **Paris, France**
1990 *Ixchel: Colour in Time* | Mezzanine Gallery, Executive Building, PEMEX. **México City**.
1990 *México in Poland* | Szkoła Sztuk Plastycznych. **Łódź, Poland**
1989 *Pre-Columbian Art in Batik* | Dom Kultury. **Łódź, Poland**
1988 *Ixchel and her Tapestries*. Touring Exhibition. **Mexico**
1985 *To the Beat of the Loom* | Culture House. **Mexico City**
1983 *Harmony in the Shape* | Culture House Reyes Heroles. **Mexico City**
1981 *Creative Textile* | Samuel Menache Gallery. **Mexico City**
1979 *Painting Exhibition* | Culture House. Mexico City

Group Exhibitions and upcoming

2023 *Nature explorations and Earth Etchings* | MA Musee D'art de Rouyn-Noranda, QB

2021 From Lausanne to Beijing Fibre Art Biennale, Excellence Award | Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Tsinghua University and the China National Arts and Crafts Society
2020-21 TTI INTERFACE Tapestry Exhibition, Travelling Exhibit through **United Kingdom** and Canada
2020 Woven By Hand: Contemporary Canadian Tapestries Exposition La Magie des Fils; Tapisseries Canadiennes Contemporaines | Maison du Citoyen, and Centre d'art de la Sarre. **Gatineau, QC**
2019 Premiere International Large Scale Tapestry Exhibit QEP CCC main Gallery. **Oakville, ON**
2019 International Travelling Exhibit | American Tapestry Alliance. USA
2017 ART VISIONS Exposition Internationale ;art contemporain | Cours Des Arts. **Brunstatt, France**
2015 TEXTILE ICONS AND THE NEW EDGE, One year Travelling Exhibit through 11 Museums in USA | (Opening) Muskegon Museum of Art. Michigan, USA
2013 Triennial of Contemporary Textile Art | Textile Museum of Kamienna Góra. **Łódź, Poland**
2013 When Thirteen Moons Entwine, Moon Rain Centre Outaouais. | International Textile Encounter. **Gatineau, QC**
2012 World of Threads Festival: Quiet Zone | QEP CCC ; De Rerum Nature | Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre; Memento Mori | The Gallery at Sheridan College. **Toronto, Canada**
2012 Gathering Weavers | Mississippi Valley Textile Museum. **Almonte, ON**
2011 Mexico-Canada: Contemporary Textile Art | Anahuac University. **Mexico City**
2011 Art at the University | Universidad Anahuac. **Mexico City**
2010 Newcomers Art Exhibit | Town Hall. Oakville, ON
2010 Tapestry and Painting | Visual Arts Centre. **Mississauga, ON**
2010 200th Anniversary of Mexican Independence | Mexican Consulate in **Ottawa, ON**
2009 Illuminated Threads. Tapestry Exhibition | City Hall, **Poltimore, QC**.
2009 ArtWorks Oakville, Halton Regional Offices. **Oakville, ON**
2007 World of Threads Festival. International Textile Forum | Common Thread, Towne Square Gallery ; Gilded Threads, Oakville Town Hall ; Nine Lives National Exhibition. Timothy's Coffee Shop ; Threads that Bind, Sheridan College. The Salon of the Common Thread. Hanna McLeod Building ; Kaleidoscope, Royal LePage Offices, Town Square Gallery Exhibition. **Oakville, ON**
2007 Illuminated Threads - Embracing Universe | UNAM Gallery. **Gatineau, QC**.
2007 Tapestry Exhibition, Harmony Group | Gloucester Gallery. **Ottawa, ON**
2005 World of Threads Festival | Sheridan College, **Oakville, ON**.
2000 ArtWorks Oakville. ON.
1996 Hidden Universe | Universidad Iberoamericana. **Mexico City**.
1992 First National Encounter of Young Art. National Institute of Fine Arts, Mexico
1998 Mexico-Polonia : Contemporary Miniature Textiles | Museo Rufino Tamayo, **Mexico City**.
1986 I Biennale of Textile Art. Juried Show | National Museum of Modern Art. **Mexico**.
1983 It's Own Theme | Unicornio Blanco Cultural Centre. **Mexico City**.
1983 Veracruz: Plástica y Color | Instituto Veracruzano de Cultura. **México**
1983 Instituto Allende de Cultura. **Guanajuato, Mexico**.
1979 Painting Exhibition | Town Hall. **Mexico City**.

Lectures

The Hunt of the Unicorn. Cloisters, MET, NY | History of Tapestry. Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre, Oakville, ON | History of Tapestry, Burlington Handweavers Guild. Burlington Art Centre, ON | Tapestry:

Tradition Vs. Innovation, Museo Textil de Oaxaca, Mexico | Pre-Columbian Natural Dyes, Burlington Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Burlington, ON | Lecturer, Etobicoke Guild of Handweavers and Spinners. ON | Lecturer : Textile Museum of Canada. Toronto, ON | Lecturer : Mexican Consulate Women's Group. Toronto, ON | 5 Counties Seminar. Regional OHS. Lecturer & Workshop leader. Georgetown, ON | Lecturer: Clanmore Montessori School. Oakville, ON | Lecturer : Handweavers and Spinners Guild. London Guild of Embroiderers | Lecturer : Oakville Art Group. Oakville, ON | Lecturer : Burlington Arts Centre. Guild of Handweavers and Spinners of Burlington. ON | 2WASOON. Keynote Speaker. Canadore College, North Bay, ON | Lecturer : PROBUS Mississauga Group. ON | Lecturer and workshop leader : St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Oakville, ON | Tapestry Workshop Leader, McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Kleinburg, ON | Textile Art for Architectural Spaces : School of Architecture of Latin America, ISTHMUS. Panama City, Panama

Professional Involvements and Awards

Award of Excellence: From Lausanne to Beijing Fibre Art Biennale (2021) | 2020 International Symposium Natural Dyes in North America, Selected- ROM/Ryerson Art Exhibition | Selected Artist for World Tapestry Now, ATA | Nominated for the 24th and 26 annual RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards | Weaving the Future Grant, 2018, American Tapestry Alliance, USA | Selected Juror. Burlington Handweavers Annual juried show Gems | CCA Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant | OAC Ontario Arts Council Grant : Mid-Career Visual Artist | Nominee 100 Mexicans Abroad, Artistic Career Recognition, 2015. Madrid, Spain | Selected Artwork for the VI International Biennial of Contemporary Textile Art. AIR Selected Mexican Artist for the 200 Celebration of Independence; Mexican Consulate. Ottawa, ON | Award Winner (Visual Arts Category). Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON | Finalist (Visual Arts Category). Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON | Best in Show Award; World of Threads Festival. Oakville, ON | Best in Show Award; Sheridan College; World of Threads Festival. Oakville, ON | 3rd Place, National Competition of Fabric Design | Juried Show Small Format Textiles: Mexico-Poland; Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City

Memberships

Northumberland Hispanic Cultural & Heritage Club - Secretary
Oakville Handweavers and Spinners Guild - President
British Tapestry Group - Member
Handweavers Guild of America - Member
FASS Network (Fibre Arts Shares Space) Founder
World of Threads Festival - Past Co-Chair
Canadian Tapestry Network
Steering Committee, Oakville, ON - Member and Publicity Coordinator
Canadian Tapestry Network, BC - Member
Guild of Canadian Weavers - Member
Oakville Arts Council – Member