

KABLUSIAK

b. 1993 Somba K'e/Yellowknife, NWT
Lives and works in Mohkinstsis/Calgary, AB

EDUCATION

JULY 2017 - JULY 2018

Indigenous Curatorial Research Practicum, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, AB

MAY 2016

Bachelor of Fine Art, Alberta University of the Arts, Calgary

APRIL 2013

Fine Art Diploma, MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS | POST MAY 2016

SOLO

2020

Piliutiyara (saltwater taffy), Gallery TPW in collaboration with Critical Distance, Toronto ON
Ublaak tikiyuak, artspeak, Vancouver BC
akunnirun kuupak, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary AB

2019

Qiniqtuaq, Esker Foundation Project Space, Calgary AB
akunnirun kuupak, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton AB

2018

Introduction exhibition, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary AB

2017

Mourn, OPEN SPACES: Windows to a View, Calgary AB

2016

Calm Down, It Never Ends, Stride Gallery +15 Window Space, Calgary AB

GROUP

2020

Art Toronto, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary AB
Yoko Ono: Growing Freedom feat. Water Event 1971/2020, Contemporary Calgary, AB
10 years later, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary AB
Permanent installation at *Wandering Island*, Elbow Island, Calgary AB

2019

Art Toronto, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Toronto ON
Among All These Tundras, Esker Foundation, Calgary AB
Trames narratives/Storylines, Centre d'exposition L'Imagier, Gatineau QC
opapāmācihowak/The Travellers, SAW Gallery, Supermarket Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
Let's Talk About Sex, bb, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston ON

2018

You hold me, as I fumble to emulate your care, TRUCK Contemporary Art, Calgary AB
The Topography of Bodily Sentiments, The New Gallery, Calgary AB
Not the Camera, But the Filing Cabinet: Performative Body Archives in Contemporary Art, Gallery 1C03, Winnipeg MB
Among All These Tundras, Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery, Montreal QC

Sled Dog, Sled Island Visual Art, Calgary AB
Resilience, Mentoring Artists for Women's Art, Various cities across Canada
Only Dog Can Judge Me, Platforms Project, presented by AKA artist-run and
Untitled Art Society, Athens, Greece
NÍCHIWAMISKWÉM, Biennale d'art contemporain autochtone, Montreal QC
FORWARD FACING, Critical Distance Centre for Curators, Toronto ON

2016

The Garden, Femme Wave Festival, Calgary AB
Indigenous Filmmaking in Alberta, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Edmonton AB
AlterNATIVE: Indigenous Media Arts, EMMEDIA, Calgary AB

CURATORIAL

2021

Guest co-curator in collaboration with Heather Igloliorte, Krista Ulujuk Zawadski and asinnajaq, inaugural exhibition of *Qaumajuaq*, Winnipeg MB
Guest co-curator in collaboration with Missy LeBlanc, *Remai Modern*, Saskatoon SK

2020

Show me a good mouser and I'll show you a cat with bad breath, Guest curator, Online programming, Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina SK

2019

Guest co-editor in collaboration with asinnajaq, *SPACETIME*, Spring issue of *Canadian Art*

2018

URBAN NDN Film Night, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, AB
Co-curator in collaboration with Erin Sutherland, *Arrivals*, dc3 Art Projects, Edmonton AB

AWARDS | GRANTS

2020

Research and Creation Canada Council for the Arts Grant
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Award

2019

Sobey Art Award shortlist, Prairies and North

2018

TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Career Award for Alumni
Primary Colours/Couleurs primaires Emerging Artist Award

2017

Alberta Foundation for the Arts Young Artist Prize

RESIDENCIES

2021

Fogo Island Arts Sobey Art Award Residency, NL

2020

Kinship Medicines, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, AB (cancelled due to COVID-19)
Yukon School of Visual Art Winter Artist-in-Residence, Dawson City

2018

TD North / South Artist Exchange, presented by the Canadian Art Foundation, Inuvik NT
Primary Colours/Couleurs primaires, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, AB

SELECTED ARTIST TALKS | PANELS

2020

Virtual artist talk, Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Virtual artist talk, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta

Panelist, Roundtable on Inuit Curatorial Practices, Inuit Futures, Halifax NS

Artist talk, *Curating when you're not a curator*, Inuit Futures, Halifax NS

Artist talk, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax

2019

Panelist, Sobey Art Award Artists' Roundtable, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton

Artist talk, Alberta University of the Arts, Calgary

Artist talk, MacEwan University, Edmonton AB

Artist talk, Esker Foundation, Calgary AB

2018

Panelist, *Inuit Curatorial Practices and Approaches*, presented by the Indigenous Curatorial Collective / Collectif des commissaires autochtones, Halifax NS

Panelist, *Gallery Day Winnipeg: Exhibition Talk*, presented by Canadian Art and the Winnipeg Art Gallery, MB

Panelist, *The Collective: Indigenous Women lead collectives and initiatives*, presented by the Biennale d'art contemporain autochtone, Montreal QC

Panelist, *The Current State of Indigenous Curation in Canada*, co-presented by the Indigenous Curatorial Collective and the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon

2017

Panelist, *Thinking through the Museum: Decolonizing and Indigenizing Arts Institutions in Canada*, Native American Art Studies Association, Tulsa, OK

Panelist, *Alberta Future Leaders Program* presented by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Edmonton AB

Panelist, *From Identity To Practice: Diverse Perspectives of Equity in the Arts* presented by Calgary Congress for Equity & Diversity in the Arts in partnership with Sled Island, AB

COLLECTIONS

Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

Art Gallery of Alberta

Indigenous Art Collection at Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Private collections across Canada

Kablusiak is an Inuvialuk artist and curator based in Mohkinstsis and holds a BFA in Drawing from the Alberta University of the Arts. Awards include the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Young Artist Prize (2017), the Primary Colours Emerging Artist Award (2018), 2019 Shortlist Sobey Award nominee representing the Prairies and the

North and most recently they were awarded the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, 2020 Emerging Artist Arts Award.

A multi-disciplinary artist, they imbue a variety of mediums with their trademark ironic humour to address cultural displacement. The light-hearted nature of their practice extends gestures of empathy and solidarity; these interests invite a reconsideration of the perceptions of contemporary Indigeneity. Kablusiak, along with three Inuit curators, will be creating the inaugural exhibition of the new Inuit Art Centre in 2021. Recent exhibitions include *akunnirun kuupak* at the Art Gallery of Alberta, *Among All These Tundras*, Leonard & Bina Art Gallery, Montreal, and *Qiniqtuaq* at the Esker Foundation, Calgary. Kablusiak's work can be found in the collections of the Indigenous Art Centre, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Art Gallery of Alberta, the Banff Centre for the Arts, and numerous collections across so-called Canada. Kablusiak is represented by Norberg Hall in Mohkínstsis/Calgary, Alberta.