

bailey macabre

I am a transdisciplinary visual artist, driven by a passion for exploration, continually pushing the boundaries of my practice across diverse mediums. My work encompasses textiles, sculpture, beadwork, installation, cyanotype, acrylic painting, and embroidery, with a commitment to expanding these abilities and discovering new avenues of expression.

My practice is deeply rooted in an Indigiqueer, disabled, and neurodivergent perspective, infused with an aesthetic of Indigenous futurism. I explore interconnections between land, people, language, and culture while reflecting the complexities of my identity, revealing how these elements converge in meaningful ways. I engage these identities to challenge and redefine spaces within the art world, striving to Indigenize disability and queer narratives and introduce a disability lens to Indigenous and queer communities.

In 2022, I was the recipient of the Geoff McMurchy Artist Development Grant and Mentorship through Kickstart Disability, and since then I have attended an Early Career Artist Residency at The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, the Too Two-Spirited For You Winter Institute at Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art in Winnipeg, have been accepted onto the Urban Design Roster for the City of Nanaimo, have had two solo exhibitions, and been involved in several group exhibitions, most recently at Visions Textile Museum in San Diego, California.

Through my art, I explore Indigenous joy, grief, intergenerational trauma, queer liberation, activism, and the transformative power of creativity. My goal is to illuminate the resilience, connection, and joy within Indigenous, disabled, and queer communities, inviting audiences to engage with the intersections of identity that shape my work.

Arts and Cultural Training and Learning

- Mar 2022 - Dec 2023** Mentorship - Jenna Reid - Kickstart Disability Arts, Vancouver BC
- Mar 2023 - Nov 2023** Mentorship and Training - Response - The Polygon, North Vancouver, BC
- Jan 2024 - Jun 2024** Mentorship - Michelle Sound - Visual Artist, Vancouver BC
- Feb 2025** Two Day Raku Workshop - Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff AB

Solo Exhibitions

2024

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Group Exhibitions

2026

The Cyanotype, Visions Museum of Textile Arts, San Diego CA

2025

yahkikiw (they push forward in growth), Luminous Paths - City of Nanaimo, Nanaimo BC

Eighteen Ways to Count Time, Banff Center for Arts and Creativity, Banff AB

2024

Response: All Woven Together, Polygon Gallery, North Vancouver BC, curated by Serena Steel
2023

Gutters are Elastic, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC, curated by Jesse Birch
2022

a shoal of ever sick fess, open space gallery, Victoria BC, curated by Whess Harman

Curatorial Experience

2026 (upcoming)

Of Ghosts, Goblins, and the Supernatural, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC, co-curated with Jesse Birch

2023

Curatorial Essay - ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ [wiskwêpitâkan] – sacred bundle, Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver BC

Artists and Community Collaboration Activities

2025 - Present

Unsettling the Lens Indigenous Film Series - in partnership with the National Film Board, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC, curator and creator

2024

Curator and Contributor, Red Paper, Vancouver BC, co-created with Cole Pauls

Arts and Cultural Work Experience

2026-2028

Artist, Urban Design Roster 2026-28 - City of Nanaimo, Nanaimo BC

2023 - Present

Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC

2024

Director of Indigenous Programming, Vancouver Comic Arts Festival, Vancouver BC

Related Professional Experience

2020 - Present

Created artworks for a large number of organizations and publications: Yellowhead Institute (Toronto, ON), Room Magazine (Vancouver, BC), Augur Magazine (Toronto, ON), carte blanche magazine (Montreal, QC), The Capilano Review (Vancouver, BC), The Walrus (Toronto, ON), Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank (Nanaimo, BC), The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (Victoria, BC), Arsenal Pulp Press (Vancouver, BC), HarperCollins Publishing (New York, NY), Native American Youth and Family Centre (Portland, OR), Science World (Vancouver, BC), Moose Hide Campaign (Victoria, BC), The Discourse (Nanaimo, BC), Seeding Sovereignty (New Mexico, NM), Manitoba Harm Reduction Network (Winnipeg, MB), Union of BC Indian Chiefs (Vancouver, BC), Medicine Wheel Publishing (Victoria, BC) and grunt gallery (Vancouver, BC)

Residencies

2026

Too Two-Spirited For You: Unsettling Two-Spirit/Indigiqueer Art in Canada, Plug In Institute, Winnipeg MB

2025

Artist in Residence: Early Career, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff AB

Data Makers Residency, Creative Coast, Vancouver Island BC

Artist Talks and Presentations

2026

Speaker, Artist Talk - BC Museum Association IBPOC Network, Victoria, BC

*Speaker, Artist Panel - *Queers at the Table*, McGill University, Montreal, QC*

Speaker, Artist Talk - The Old School House Arts Centre, Qualicum Beach, BC

2025

Moderator, Artist Talk - Michelle Sound and Eliot White-Hill, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC

Speaker, Artist Talk - Data Makers Residency - Creative Coast, Vancouver Island, BC

2024

*Speaker, Artist Talk - *Response: All Woven Together*, Polygon Gallery, North Vancouver, BC*

*Speaker, Artist Talk - ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ *pâkicihew (she has swollen hands)*, The View Gallery, Nanaimo, BC*

*Moderator/Curator, Artist Talk - *Land Acknowledgement Comic Artist Spotlight*, Vancouver, BC*

*Moderator/Curator, Artist Talk - *Queer Intersections and Comics Panel*, Vancouver BC*

*Moderator/Curator, Artist Talk - *Undermining Heteronormativity: Queering the Comic Arts Panel*, Vancouver BC*

*Moderator, Artist Talk - *Jim Terry and Gord Hill in Conversation*, Vancouver BC*

*Moderator/Curator, Artist Talk - *Indiginerds*, Vancouver BC*

2023

*Speaker, *Decolonizing Your Art Practice*, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC*

*Speaker, Artist Talk - ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ *pâkicihew (she has swollen hands)*, Vancouver Island Public Library, Nanaimo BC*

*Speaker, Artist Talk - *Land Acknowledgement Comic Artist Spotlight*, Vancouver BC*

*Speaker, Artist Talk - *Gutters are Elastic*, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC*

*Speaker, Artist Talk - *Minnow: The girl who became part fish* book launch, Victoria BC*

2022

*Poet, *On Edge Reading Series*, Emily Carr University, Vancouver BC*

Awards, Community Recognition, and Grants

2025

*Explore and Create - *Research and Creation*, Canada Council for the Arts, Ottawa ON*

*Individual Arts Grant: *Visual Artist*, BC Arts Council, Vancouver BC*

2024

*Explore and Create - *Research and Creation*, Canada Council for the Arts, Ottawa ON*

Arts & Culture Award, Women of Influence, Nanaimo BC

2022-2024

Geoff McMurchy Artist Development Grant and Mentorship, Kickstart Disability, Vancouver BC

2022

Arts Vitality Micro Grant, First People's Cultural Council

Teaching and Mentorships

2026

Teacher, Zine Making Workshop, BC Museums Association IBPOC Network, Victoria, BC

*Teacher, *Fragment & Form: Visual Storytelling Through Zines*, grunt gallery, Vancouver, BC*

2025

*Teacher, *Queering Your Stories Zine Making Workshop*, BC Museums Association, Victoria, BC*

2024

Arts Educator - ARTS430, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo BC

2023

*Mentor, *Dazzle Camouflage Youth Art Immersion*, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC*

2022

Educator, Putting Your Art to Work, Cloudscape Comics, Vancouver BC

Assessment and Adjudication

2025

Peer Assessor, BC Arts Council, Vancouver BC

2024

Peer Assessor, BC Arts Council, Vancouver BC

2023

Juror, Adele L^ᵃb·r^Δ·ᵃᵃ·ᵃᵃ Arseneau Youth Workshop Jury, Kickstart Disability, Vancouver BC

Media Coverage

Nov 25 2022 - "Community Care: In conversation with multidisciplinary artist bailey macabre" - an article about my practice and the work I did with The Discourse: [Community care: Art by bailey macabre – The Discourse.](#)

July 14 2023 - "Comic Exhibit at Nanaimo Art Gallery Features Local Indigenous Artist" - an article and interview I did about my exhibition at Nanaimo Art Gallery: [Comic exhibit in Nanaimo Art Gallery features local Indigenous artist — CHLY 101.7FM: Listener Supported in Nanaimo BC.](#)

Oct 26 2023 - "Nanaimo Library Exhibits Artwork Exploring Legacy of Grandmother's Swollen Hands" - an article about my exhibition in collaboration with Nanaimo Arts Council: [Nanaimo library exhibits artwork exploring legacy of grandmother's swollen hands | Nanaimo News Bulletin](#)

Jan 23 2024 - "VIU's View Gallery presents bailey macabre exhibit in collaboration with the Nanaimo Arts Council" - an article about my exhibition at The View: [VIU's View Gallery presents bailey macabre exhibit in collaboration with the Nanaimo Arts Council | Vancouver Island University | Canada](#)

Memberships and Affiliations

Committee Member, Collections Committee, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo BC

Member, ArtsBC, Vancouver BC

Member, Kickstart Disability, Vancouver BC

Member, National Indigenous Media Arts Coalition, Ottawa ON