

## **LOU SHEPPARD**

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**Lou Sheppard** is an interdisciplinary artist from K'jiputuk/Halifax. Sheppard graduated from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 2006 and then studied English and Education at Mount Saint Vincent University. In their recent practice Sheppard uses processes of translation and metaphor to interrogate structures of power in data and language. Their work is evidenced through installation, performance and score and often leads them to collaborate with other artists, including musicians, visual artists and performing artists. Sheppard has exhibited work both in Canada and internationally, and was included in the first Antarctic Biennale and the Antarctic Pavilion in Venice. In 2017 they received the Emerging Atlantic Artist Award and in 2018 they were long listed for the Sobey Art Award. Sheppard is currently Artist in Residence in the Faculty of Education at McGill University.

### **CURRENT**

2018/19 Artist in Residence, P.Lantz DISE, McGill University, PQ

### **UPCOMING RESIDENCIES & EXHIBITIONS**

Feb-March 2019 *Lines of Flight*, (Exhibition) PAVED, Saskatoon, MB

May-June 2019 Artist in Residence, Struts and Faucet, Sackville, NB

May 2019 *Scores 2018/2019*, (Exhibition) Access Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Oct-Dec 2019 Sobey Art Foundation International Residencies Program, ISCP, Brooklyn, NY

### **EDUCATION**

2013 Bachelor of Education in Visual Art, Mount Saint Vincent University

2006 Bachelor of Fine Art, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University

### **RECENT EXHIBITIONS**

2018 *Silent Spring*, in Digital Animalities, John B Aird Gallery, Toronto ON

2018 *Birdsongs of North America*, Art Gallery of York University, Toronto, ON

2018 *Requiem for the Polar Regions*, in Art in the Open, Charlottetown, PEI

2018 *A Strong Desire*, with performance by Leelee Eko Toyosi Davis, Khyber, Halifax NS

2018 *My Fears of Tomorrow are Melting Away*, with Sibyl Montague, Cité des Arts, Paris, FR

2017 *Tide Phase*, in Arts NS Gala, Halifax, NS

2017 *Disrupting Assumptions*, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts, Canning, NS

2017 IOTA part deux, IOTA, Halifax, NS

2017 *Last Chants*, Hermes Gallery, Halifax, NS

2017 *Requiem for the Antarctic Coast*, in Antarctic Pavilion, Venice IT

2017 *Requiem for the Antarctic Coast*, in Antarctic Biennale, Antarctica

### **RECENT RESIDENCIES**

September, 2018 Choreography Across Disciplines (Residency) Banff Centre, Banff AB

June-July 2018 Artist in Residence, (Residency) Doris McCarthy AiR, Toronto, ON

May 2018 Interarts Residency, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts, Ross Creek, NS

April 2018 *A Strong Desire* Residency and Exhibition, Khyber, Halifax, NS

Dec 2017-March 2018, Canada Council International Residency at Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, FR

2017 Emerging Atlantic Artist Residency, Banff Centre, Banff AB

2017 Gonzago Institute, Khyber, Halifax NS

2015 White Rabbit Residency, Economy NS

### **TALKS & LECTURES**

2018 Tracing Old Signs, Doris McCarthy Symposium, University of Toronto, ON

2018 Artist Talk and Publication Launch, Khyber, Halifax

2018 CNMN FORUM, Montreal PQ

2018 Artist Talk, Axeneo7, Gatineau PQ

2018 Artist Talk, Banff Centre, Banff AB  
2018 Artist Talk, Access Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2018 Artist Talk, Open Space, Victoria BC  
2018 Antarctic Biennial Vision Club, Pushkin Museum, Moscow  
2017 Artist Talk, NSCAD, Halifax, NS

### **SELECTED SCREENINGS**

2016 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, Loop Festival, Barcelona, SP  
2011 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI  
2010 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, Parkdale Film and Video Showcase, ON  
2010 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, Inside Out Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, ON  
2010 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, Oberhausen International Short Film Festival, DE  
2010 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, UK  
2010 *For the Lucky and the Strong*, Hamburg Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, DE  
2009 *Here We Are*, Obey Convention IV, Halifax NS  
2008 *Here We Are*, Hamburg International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, DE  
2008 *Here We Are*, Images Festival, Toronto, ON

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

2018 Sobey Art Award Longlist (Atlantic Region) and International Residencies Recipient  
2018 Grants to Individuals, Arts Nova Scotia, NS  
2017 International Residencies Grant, Canada Council for the Arts  
2017 Research and Creation Grant, Canada Council for the Arts  
2017 Travel Grant, Canada Council for the Arts  
2017 Grants to Individuals, Arts Nova Scotia, NS  
2009 Emerging New Media Artist Grant, Ontario Arts Council, ON

### **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

2016-17 Eyelevel, Board of Directors and Programming Committee, Halifax, NS

**VIDEO DISTRIBUTION** Cfmdc.org

### **PUBLICATIONS**

2018 A Strong Desire, with Arielle Twist, Nolan Natasha Pike and Leelee Eko Toyosi Davis, Khyber, NS.  
2018 (upcoming) Tectonic Shift, Guest Essay, Museum of the Flat Earth, Fogo Island, NL

### **RECENT MEDIA**

“In the Studio with Lou Sheppard”

Canadian Art feature video:

By Bryne McLaughlin, Senior Editor, Canadian Art Magazine Published January 30, 2018

<https://canadianart.ca/features/video-in-the-studio-with-lou-sheppard/>

“Spaces Between: Lou Sheppard”

Visual Arts News

By Anna Taylor, Published May 5, 2018

<http://visualartsnews.ca/2018/05/lou-sheppard-spaces-between/>