# **Shelley Niro**

### **Education:**

**Telefilm-Featuring Aboriginal Stories Program:** Toronto, Ontario 2010 **Women In Film/GM Acceleration Grant:** Santa Monica, California 2006

Sparkplug Program, Toronto, Banff, 2006

Banff Centre for the Arts: Women in the Director's Chair Workshop, Banff, Alberta, 2003

The University of Western Ontario: London Ontario, MFA, 1997

Ontario College of Art: Toronto: Ontario, Fine Arts Honours, 1990 Cambrian

College: Sudbury, Ontario, Diploma in Performing Arts, 1972

#### **Solo Exhibitions:**

**Indian Summer:** YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario 2017 **1779:** Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, Ontario, 2017 **Action In 20 Minutes:** Centre 3, Hamilton, Ontario 2017

Battlefields Of My Ancestors: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2017

**Contact:** Fort York, Toronto, Ontario 2017 **Contact:** Ryerson Image Center, Toronto, 2017

Battlefields Of My Ancestors: McIntosh Gallery, Western University, London, Ontario,

January 2017

**Buffet:** Aboriginal Curatorial Collective, Whitehorse, Yukon, September 2016

Indian Summer: Norfolk Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario, June 2016

Indian Summer: Glenhyrst Gallery, Brantford, Ontario, September 2015

Riddu Riddu Festival: Samuelsburg, Norway, 2015

Works By Shelley Niro: YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario, 2013

M: Stories of Women: Centre3 Hamilton, Ontario

M: Stories of Women: Urban Shaman, Winnipeg, Manitoba

It Starts With A Vision: Innovation Media Masters: Group of Nine Part 9:

Hamilton, Ontario, June 20, 2012

M: Stories Of Women: Gallery 44, Toronto, Ont. Curated by Sally Frater, 2011 Our Language is Beautiful: The Woodland Centre, Brantford, Ontario, 2011

**Drawings and Photographs of Shelley Niro:** Neto Hatinakwe Onkewhowe, Niagara Falls,

Ontario, 2011

Works of Shelley Niro: YOUME Gallery Hamilton, Ontario, 2010

ON SURFACE: The Print Studio, Hamilton, Ontario, 2009

Almost Fallen: Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, Ontario, 2008

Surrender Nothing Always, YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario, 2008

Outside The Columns, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, 2007

Almost Fallen. Urban Shaman, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 2007.

Shelley Niro Presents, Neto, Niagara Falls, Ontario, 2007

Almost Fallen. OBORO. Montreal, Quebec, 2007

Twas the Night Before Chaos. YOUME Gallery. Hamilton, Ontario, 2007

The Journey. CN Gorman Museum. Davis, California, 2005

**Continuum 12.** National Museum of the American Indian. George Heye Center, New York, New York, 2004

**This Land is Mime Land.** Organized and Circulated by the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, 2004 -2005

**Resting With Warriors**. Evergreen College. Seattle, Washington, 2002

Unbury My Heart. McMaster University. Hamilton, Ontario, 2002

Honey Moccassin. Women's Art Resource. Toronto, Ontario, 2000

Love Me Tender. Sidestreet Gallery. Santa Monica, California, 1999

Taste of Heaven. Photographer's Gallery. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1999

Passages. Neto Hatinakwe Onkewhowe. Buffalo, New York, 1999

**Sense of Self**. London Regional Art and Historical Museum 1993

## **Two Person Exhibitions:**

**Mapping Iroquoia**: (with Jeff Thomas), McIntosh Gallery, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 2010

Crossing Paths: (with Jeff Thomas), Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario, 2010

**Hulleah + Shelley= TROUBLE:** YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario, 2009 **COOPERSTOWN Bienial Exhibition**: (with Katsitsionni Fox), Fenimore

Museum, Cooperstown, New York, 2009

**The Requickening Project**: (with Lori Blondeau), curated by Ryan Rice and Nancy Marie Mitholo. University of Foscari, Venice, Italy, 2007

Native Perspectives: (with George Longfish), Hamilton College, Hamilton, New York

Across Continents: (with Jeff Thomas), Canada House. London, England, 2007

**Red Skin Dreams**: (with Sherwin Bitsui), Venice Biennale, Extra 50, organized by the Indigenous Arts Alliance, Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Affinities**: (with Rebecca Belmore), Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan, 2003 **Cosmic Landscape**: (with Bill Vazan), Museum of Contemporary Photographers. Ottawa, Ontario, 2003

**Memory Keepers**: (with Bernice Vincent), McIntosh Gallery, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 2002

**How the Rest Was Won:** (with Nancy Paterson), McIntosh Gallery, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 1996

## **Selected Group Exhibitions:**

Sovereign Acts 11: Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery, Concordia University, Montreal, 2017 PhotoLab 2: Women Speaking Art: National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario 2017 Changing The Tone: Contemporary American Indian Photographers: Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, California 2016

First Nations Art: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2015

**The Rebel Yells:** FOFA Gallery, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec 2015 **Joi Arcand and Shelley Niro**, AKA Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan 2014

As We See It: Novosibirsk Festival of Photography, Russia 2014-2015

Indigenese: Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, Ontario 2014

In Character: Self Portrait of the Artist as Another: Museum of Contemporary

Canadian Art, Toronto Ontario 2014

On The Trails Of The Iroquois: Martin-Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany 2013

**Sakahan:** National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario 2013 **Origins:** Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2013

Earthly Connections: PlanetIndigenUs: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2012

Changing Hands: Art Without Reservation 3: Museum of Art and Design, New York,

New York 2012

**UNcertain World**: University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario 2012

**Earthly Connections:** Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2012

ART-of-FACT, Hidden Histories: Niagara Artists Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario, 2012

**Back To The Land:** National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, 2012 **Qualia, or the Feel of Steel:** Centre 3, Hamilton, Ontario 2012

The Faraway Nearby, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario 2012

Vantage Point: National Museum of the American Indian, Washington DC 2011

Counting Coup: Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico 2011

Buffalo Arts Studio 20th Anniversary, Buffalo, New York 2011 this

women's work..., The Print Studio, Hamilton, Ontario 2011

Our Language is Beautiful: The Woodland Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2011

It Is What It Is: National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario 2010 Indian Art 2010: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2010 Home/Land Security: University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario 2009

**Speak For The Trees:** Freisen Galllery, Seattle, Washington 2009

Here and There-Seeing New Ground: 514 Arts. Albuquerque, New Mexico 2009

Harbingers of Spring: a rare soundwalk: Cambridge, Ontario 2009 Indigenous Sovereignty: CN Gorman Museum, Davis, California 2009 Indian Art 2009: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario 2009

Steeling the Gaze: Portraits by Aboriginal Artists: National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa,

Ontario 2008

MOTHER'S MOTHER: Urban Shaman, Winnipeg, Manitoba 2008

The Imaginary Line: Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, New York 2008

Indian Art 2007: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario, 2007

Unlimited Boundaries: The Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2007

**1900-2000, A Century of Women and Work:** Workers Art and Heritage Centre, Hamilton, Ontario, 2007

Cultural Contrasts: Iroquois Indian Museum, Howes Cave, New York, New York 2007

Persona, From The Collection: National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, 2006

Nuit Blanche: Toronto, Ontario, New York, 2006

Faking Death: Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, New York 2006

Beyond The Woodland School: McMaster Museum of Art, McMaster University, Hamilton,

Ontario 2006

Indian Art 2006: Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario

Our People, Our Land, Our Images: CN Gorman Museum, University of California, Davis,

California, 2006

Emergence From The Shadows: Canadian Museum of Civilization, Hull, Quebec 1999

AlterNative: Contemporary Photo Compositions: McMichael Canadian Art

Collection, Kleinburg, Ontario, 1995

Native Love: Curated by Ryan Rice, Skaweneti Fragnito, Eric Robertson, Montreal, Quebec

1995

#### **Collections:**

- Rockwell Museum of Western Art, Corning, New York
- Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario
- Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, Ottawa, Ontario
- Washington State University Library, Seattle, Washington
- Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario
- Eiteljorg Museum of Native and Western Art, Indianapolis, Indiana
- **Iroquois Museum**, Howes Cave, New York
- National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, New York, New York
- Portrait Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- Hamilton Golf Club, Ancaster, Ontario
- Art Bank of Canada
- Canadian Museum of History, Hull, Quebec
- Longyear Museum, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York
- McIntosh Gallery, Western University, London, Ontario
- Samisk Kunstmuseum, Roddo Duottar Museat, Norway

# FILMOGRAPHY:

Niagara 2015, 5 min. colour mini DV; Robert's Paintings 2011, 52 min. colour, HD Kissed By Lightning 2009; 90 min. colour, HD; Hunger 2008; 5 min. colour, mini DV The

Flying Head 2008; 3 min. black and white, mini DV; TREE 2007, 5 min. black and white, 35

mm; Rechargin' 2007, 5 min. colour, mini DV; Suite: INDIAN 2005, 60 min. colour, mini

DV, HD cam, 16mm; The Shirt 2003, 5 min. colour, mini DV

Mid-Winter Dreams: 2002, 7 min. mini DV, experimental Overweight With Crooked Teeth

1997, 5 min. colour Pelarosa: 2001, 10 min. mini DV, experimental VHS

Honey Moccasin 1998, 50 min. colour, 16 mm It Starts

With A Whisper 1993, 26 min. 16mm

# Awards:

**Films** 

**Best Feature Film, KISSED BY LIGHTNING** Local Focus 3, Kitchener Ontario 2010 **Milagro Award, KISSED BY LIGHTNING** Santa Fe Film Festival, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2009

**Best Director, Best Actress, HONEY MOCCASIN**, Red Earth Film Festival, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, 1998

**Best Film, HONEY MOCCASIN**, Dreamspeakers Film Festival, Edmonton, Alberta, 1998 Where We Stand, Contemporary Haudenosaunee Artists, New York State Historical Association, 1995

Wind and Glaciers Voices II, It Starts With a Whisper, Lincoln Center, New York, New York, 1994

Walking in Beauty Award, It Starts With a Whisper, Two Rivers Film Festival, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1993

Eiteljorg Fellowship, Eiteljorg Museum of Western Art, Indianapolis, Indiana 2001

Emmanuel Hahn Award, Sculpture, Ontario College of Art, 1990

Drawing, Painting/Sculpture Installation, Fine Arts, Ontario College of Art, 1990

Mrs. W.O. Forsyth Scholarship, Ontario College of Art, 1990

Louis Odette, Sculpture Award, Ontario College of Art, 1990

Reveal Award, Hnatyshyn Foundation 2017 Scotiabank Photography Award 2017 Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts 2017 Honorary Elder, Aboriginal Curatorial Collective 2016 Laureate, Ontario Arts Council Aboriginal Arts Award, 2012