Michel Gignac CV

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Education

2012 Bachelor of Fine Arts with Distinction (Sculpture), Alberta University of the Arts, Calgary.

Selected Solo Exhibitions (as of September, 2012)

2024/25 "Trailing" (*City of Calgary public art commission)* in collaboration with Alia Shahab, Anchorage Museum, Alaska, USA

2023 "Trailing" (*City of Calgary public art commission)* in collaboration with Alia Shahab &
"Neighbourly", Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon.

2021 "Trailing" (*City of Calgary public art commission)* in collaboration with Alia Shahab. cSPACE King Edward, Calgary, Alberta

2017 "Neighbourly", Available Light Film Festival, YAC Community Gallery, Whitehorse.

2016 "Bells & Airplanes", AKA Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

2015 "Bells & Airplanes", Focus Gallery, Arts Underground. Whitehorse, Yukon.

2012 "Fall For Me", Marion Nicoll Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

Selected Group Exhibitions (as of September, 2012)

2024 "Neighbourly/Le voisinage", Les alentours, Centre culturel franco-manitobain, Winnipeg, Manitoba
"Wild Shelter" Theatre in the Bush, Whitehorse, Yukon

2023 "Lotus" Theatre in the Bush, Whitehorse, Yukon
"Frozen Entertainment" (s)hiver Arts Festival, Dawson City, Yukon

2022 "Basket Case" Theatre in the Bush, Whitehorse, Yukon

2021 "Contained" Grease Fest, Whitehorse, Yukon
"Contained" Theatre in the Bush, Whitehorse, Yukon

2020 "Trailing" (*Prototype for City of Calgary public art commission)* in collaboration with Alia Shahab. *Planetary*, Contemporary Calgary, Alberta

2019 "Everything is Broken" Theatre in the Bush, Whitehorse, Yukon
"Going Somewhere./?" (s)hiver Arts Festival, Dawson City, Yukon

2018 "Pile", Comportement humain/Human Behaviour, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon

2017 "Le plus clair de son temps/The Time Being", Performance, Mackenzie King Estate, Gatineau, Québec.
"Le plus clair de son temps", Performance, Centre culturel franco-manitobain, Winnipeg.
"Fenêtre/Window", Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon

2016 "Landscrape" Whitehorse Nuit Blanche, Yukon.
"Rideau de fumée/Smoke Screen", La nocturne, Whitehorse, Yukon.
"Misplaced" & "Pristine Building", Folk Fest, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

2015 "Ghost Carwash" in collaboration with Alia Shahab, Wreck City's Demo Tape, Calgary, AB
"The Time Being" Performance, Theater in the Bush, Whitehorse, Yukon.

2014 "Plastic Island" in collaboration with Nightmultimedia, Figment, Governor's Island, New York City, New York.

"Tissue Tan Lines" & "Two by Four", Seasonal (dis)order, Edge Gallery, Whitehorse

2012 "Longing for Interference", Stage Festival, TNG's John Snow House, Calgary.

Snow Carving

2024 "Loathing Captivity" Snow Carving Showcase, Yukon Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse.

"A Chance Encounter" Yukon Arts Centre Commission, Whitehorse.

2023 "Cock Fight" Snow Carving Showcase, Yukon Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse.

"Peeled Away" Yukon Arts Centre Commission, Whitehorse.

2022 "Unzipped" Snow Carving Showcase, Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse.

"Scream" Snow Carving Showcase, Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse.

"Bad Day" Yukon Arts Centre Commission, Whitehorse.

"Bridge Through Time" Tourism Yukon Commission, Sima Mount, Whitehorse, Yukon

2021 "Rough Waters" Snow Carving Showcase, Sourdough Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse.

"Breaching Humpback Whale" Yukon Arts Centre Commission, Whitehorse.

2020 "Black Hole" Snowking's Winter Festival, International Snow Carving Showcase, Yellowknife, NWT

2019 "Loaded" SnowDay Festival, International Snow Carving Comp, Thunder Bay, Ontario

2018 "Pizza on Car, Mushrooms on Top" International Snow Carving Showcase, Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse.

Commissions

2021 "Tous ensemble", Public Art in CSSC Mercier highschool, Whitehorse

2019 "Through the Thought Process" Mural in collaboration with Gorellaume, Northlight Innovation Hub, Whitehorse.

"Shared Effort" Mural in collaboration with Gorellaume, Yukon University, Whitehorse.

Awards & Honours

Yukon Advanced Artist Award (A) Level – October 2021

Canada Council Grant, Concept to Realization – August 2020

Yukon Touring Artist Fund – December 2019

Yukon Advanced Artist Award (B) Level – April 2019

International SnowDay Snow Carving Competition Peer-Jury Prize, Thunder Bay – February 2019

Yukon Advanced Artist Award (B) Level – October 2016

Yukon Cultural Quest Creation Fund – 2015

Yukon Advanced Artist Award (B) Level – April 2015

Residencies & Mentorships

Arctic Circle Retreat, Eagle Plains Yukon – September/October 2024

Blacksmith Mentorship with Alyx Jones, Whitehorse – July 2020 through January 2021

Lumel Glass Studios Residency, Whitehorse – February 2020

Collider Residency, Calgary – November 2019/January 2020

Yukon Film Society Artist Residency, Whitehorse – Summer 2015

Professional Experience

Art Preparator	Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon 2019-Present
Site Mentor & Workshop Facilitator	YuKonstruct, Whitehorse. 2017-Present
Snow Carving Mentor	Yukon Literacy Coalition, Dawson City, Yukon January 29 through February 9, 2023
Arts in Education	Yukon Education, Whitehorse. 2016-18
Artistic Process Demonstrations	*Arts in the Park*, Whitehorse, Yukon One week in summer 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
Artist Talk	*Gallery 22*, Whitehorse, Yukon June 28, 2014

Professional Development

Board Member (Director)	Friends of the Yukon Permanent Art Collection (Jury for the acquisition of new works to the Yukon Permanent Art Collection) November 2020 - February 2023
Board of Jurors	Advanced Artist Award, Whitehorse, YT November, 2022
Board of Jurors	Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT, September, 2021
Board of Jurors	Advanced Artist Award, Whitehorse, YT November, 2018
Youth Art Instructor	Jeux de la francophonie-canadienne (Francophone Canada Games), Moncton, New Brunswick July 11th through 15th, 2017
Panel Discussion	Demo Tape, Wreck City, Calgary Alberta. June 20th, 2015

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