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BIO

Sarah Spencer (b. 1982, Canada) is an emerging artist, broadcaster, and art-educator based in Chicago. After a near 20-year career in the corporate world, Sarah switched her focus to the arts in 2018, when she moved to the US and discovered a textile-based art practice. Sarah also hosts a weekly music radio show highlighting emerging and underrepresented artists, which influences her creative practice.

EXHIBITION HISTORY

2024

Quilt Visions 2024. Curated by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry, Karl Reichert and Sandra Sider. Visions Museum of Textile Art, San Diego, CA. October 19- December 24, 2024.

12th Annual Art Competition. Curated by Candace Hunter and Yvette Kaiser-Smith. Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL. May 17-July 5, 2024.

Face to Face. Site: Art Fluent. April 11, 2024. <https://art-fluent.com/gallery/face-to-face/>

Quiltfest Greenville, SC. Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, SC. April 18-20, 2024.

Quiltcon 2024. Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC. February 22-24, 2024.

2023

Craft: A Force in Contemporary Art. Site: Brooklyn Gallery. November 30-December 30, 2023.

Pop! Curated by Zak Blatt and Marci Rubin. Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL. November 17-December 15, 2023.

Fuzz: Textile x Sound. Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL. November 10-December 1, 2023

Not Your Mother's Quilt, Kavanagh Gallery, St. Charles, IL. October 12- November 15, 2023.

October National, Gallery 510, Decatur, IL. (Best in Show winner) October 6-26, 2023.

Clusterfuck, Kulture Museum, Chicago, IL. September 16, 2023.

No Place to Show, M.G. Nelson Gallery, Springfield, IL. (2nd place, 3D winner) August 9-26, 2023

RE:invention, cognition, incarnation, Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, IL. June 1-6, 2023.

Eyes Wide Open. Curated by Marlon Tobias. Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL. May 18- June 16, 2023.

3rd Annual New Appalachia Exhibition. Vestige Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA. April 19 - May 29, 2023

2022

Quilts and Fibers, Challenging the Boundaries. Menino Arts Center, Hyde Park, MA. November 14, 2022 - January 16, 2023.

PRESS & AWARDS

Best Mixed Media Textiles Artist: Sarah Spencer. LUXlife Magazine. Perfect Gift Awards, 2023.
<https://www.lux-review.com/issues/the-perfect-gift-awards-2023/13/>

Janine Vangool. "The Art of Music." *UPPERCASE Magazine* #56, January, 2023.

"Mixing It Up: Get to Know These One of a Kind Makers" One of a Kind Show, last accessed May 18, 2023,
<https://oneofakindshowchicago.com/spring/attend/blog/mixing-it-up-get-to-know-these-one-of-a-kind-makers-2>

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lillstreet Arts Center

Teaching Artist

April 2021 - PRESENT

As a teaching artist in the Textiles Department, I am responsible for developing a curriculum, and teaching 5- and 10-week courses to students aged 13 and up. I specialize in quilting and garment sewing, and I work with absolute beginners through advanced students.

CHIRP Radio

On-Air DJ

July 2018 - PRESENT

Responsible for curating, engineering and presenting a weekly live radio show in full compliance with Federal Communications Commission standards.

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia – *Bachelor of Arts*

2000–2006 Vancouver, BC, Canada

Bachelor of Arts awarded with an emphasis in English Literature and History.