

PATRICIA KENNY

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ARTIST PROFILE

Patricia Kenny is an Ottawa-based interdisciplinary artist whose practice encompasses photography, painting, installation, performance, textiles and digital media. Her work explores women's experiences through themes of embodiment, memory, vulnerability, resilience, transformation and agency. Drawing on lived experience, historical events and current news, her practice considers how individual stories intersect with broader social and cultural narratives. Through feminist and mothering perspectives, she explores the complex relationships between strength and vulnerability, identity and experience, agency and power imbalance.

EDUCATION

- 2025** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Summa Cum Laude, University of Ottawa (UofO)
- 2017** Fine Arts Diploma, Ottawa School of Art (OSA)
- 2009** Creative Arts Certificate, Algonquin College
- 1982** Faculty of Fine Arts, Visual Arts, second-year level achieved, York University

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025** Artengine Media Prize, Junior Fellowship, one year term, Arts Court, Ottawa
- 2025** Faculty of Arts Plaque, Award for Highest Standing, Bachelor of Fine Arts Program, (UofO)
- 2025** Louise Perry Scholarship, Photographic Arts Award, University of Ottawa
- 2025** DARC Video Award for art and academic achievement, Digital Arts Resource Centre
- 2024** Merit Scholarships, winter and fall terms, University of Ottawa
- 2023** Merit Scholarships, winter and fall terms, University of Ottawa
- 2022** Merit Scholarship, fall term, University of Ottawa
- 2018** Juror's Choice, painting "Sanctuary," Arteast Juried Awards, Ottawa
- 2018** Second Place, Other Media and Mixed Media, "Sanctuary," Arteast Juried Awards, Ottawa
- 2017** Corrie Gibson Memorial Studio Scholarship, Ottawa School of Art
- 2016** Ted Marshall Memorial Award, Ottawa School of Art
- 2016** Ottawa Art Association Fine Arts Award, Ottawa School of Art
- 2014** Lee Matasi Memorial Scholarship, Ottawa School of Art

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023** *Bound to Unravel*, John M. Parrott Gallery, Belleville, Ontario
- 2021** *Bound to Unravel*, Preston Square, second-floor Ottawa School of Art Gallery Space, Ottawa
- 2019** *Wilderness Within*, Blackburn Hamlet Library, Arteast Ottawa
- 2018** *Rebirth*, Atrium Gallery, Ben Franklin Place, City of Ottawa
- 2018** *States of Flux*, La Fab Arts Centre Gallery, Chelsea, Quebec
- 2017** *Pulse*, Lee Matasi Gallery, Ottawa School of Art, Downtown Campus, Ottawa
- 2017** *Awakening*, Ottawa School of Art Exhibition Space, Primecorp, 275 Bank Street, Ottawa
- 2017** *Pulse*, Minto Suites, Ottawa School of Art Exhibition Space, Lyon Street, Ottawa
- 2016** *Transformed by Fire*, Lorraine "Fritzi" Yale Gallery, Wellington Street West, Ottawa
- 2016** *Once Upon a Time*, Minto Suites, Ottawa School of Art Exhibition Space, Lyon Street, Ottawa
- 2015** *Transitions*, Ottawa School of Art Exhibition Space, Primecorp, 275 Bank Street, Ottawa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Studio Space Ottawa Open Studio Exhibition*, interdisciplinary installation, *Ophelia Emerging/Becoming*
2026 *You-Rendered*, interactive installation, collaboration by TouchDesigner Club, Pique Festival Event, Artengine
2026 *Cartes Blanches*, interdisciplinary performance, *Unpacked: What We Carry*, with Kelsey Cross, Gatineau, QC
2025 *Upstairs Residency Exhibition*, interdisciplinary installation, *Weighted Blanket*, collaborator Kelsey Cross
2025 *Bloom*, Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduation Exhibition, multimedia installation, *Synthetic Nature* (UofO)
2025 *University of Ottawa Open House*, augmented-reality installation, *The Space Between* (UofO)
2023 *Doors Open at Enriched Bread Artists (EBA)*, video installation, *A Body Remembers*, Ottawa
2022 *EBA 30: Celebrating Three Decades of Creativity*, Enriched Bread Artists, Ottawa
2022 *Climate Change – Passion to Action*, Lalande + Doyle Space, curator Petra Halkes, Shenkman Arts Centre
2021 *It Hasn't Been the Same Without You*, Enriched Bread Artists Open Studio Exhibition, Ottawa
2021 *OSA Fine Arts Alumni Exhibition*, Ottawa School of Art Orleans Gallery, Shenkman Arts Centre
2020 *Reality Revisited*, Enriched Bread Artists Virtual Open House Exhibition, Ottawa
2020 *Eclectic Visions*, Foyer Gallery, Virtual Focus Exhibition, Ottawa
2019 *Twelve + One Women in Colour*, Preston Square, curated by Lucia De Marinis, Ottawa
2019 *OSA Fine Arts Diploma Alumni Exhibition*, OSA Orleans Gallery, Shenkman Arts Centre, Orleans
2019 *More Mosaic*, Arteast Group Exhibition, Promenade, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa
2019 *OSA 140 Celebration Exhibition*, OSA Orleans Campus Gallery, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa
2019 *Arteast Ottawa Award Winners of 2018*, Promenade, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa (Juried)
2018 *Arteast Ottawa Juried Awards Exhibition*, St. Laurent Complex, Ottawa (Juried)
2018 *Mosaic*, Arteast Ottawa Exhibition, Trinity Gallery, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa (Juried)
2017 *Transformations*, duo exhibition with Marc Gagne, Arts Ottawa, Shenkman Arts Centre
2017 *Surfaces*, Nectar Gallery, New Edinburgh Community and Arts Centre, Ottawa
2017 *ArtQuake*, *Stupeurs et Tremblements*, Stellick and Lee Matasi Galleries, Ottawa School of Art Graduation
2017 *Integrated Processes Print Exhibition*, Ottawa School of Art, Downtown Campus
2016 *Awards Recipient Exhibitions*, Ottawa School of Art Gallery, spring and fall, (Juried)
2016 *Mix it Up*, Ottawa Mixed Media Artists exhibition, D'OMMA Gallery, Nepean Sportsplex
2016 *Sixth International Miniature Print Biennale Exhibition*, Stellick Gallery, Ottawa School of Art
2016 *Between the Lines*, Ottawa Mixed Media Artists, The Black Squirrel, Ottawa
2015 *Far and Wide*, Ottawa Mixed Media Artists, The Green Door, Ottawa, (Juried)
2015 *Yes You Can*, D'OMMA Gallery, Ottawa Mixed Media Artists, Nepean Sportsplex (Juried)
2015 *Unforeseen*, duo exhibition with Timothy Michael Duke, Atomic Rooster, Ottawa
2015 *Year of the Goat*, print exhibition, Proof Studio Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto
2014 *Awards Recipient Exhibition*, Ottawa School of Art, Downtown Campus, Ottawa (Juried)

ARTIST TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2026 *Object Project*, Possible Worlds, *Upstairs* Book launch and Poetry Zine, Friend of a Friend Collective
2024 *Bound to Unravel*, artist talk, The Artists of Stonebridge, Kanata Centre
2024 *Choice*, multimedia installation, demonstration and artist talk, Artengine, Arts Court, Ottawa
2023 *Siren Song*, multimedia installation with Ana Solana and Helena Granger, presented at University of Ottawa
2021 *Bound to Unravel*, artist talk, Ottawa Mixed Media Artists, Ottawa
2019 *Experience as a Raw Material*, artist talk, Ottawa Art Association, Heron Road, Ottawa
2019 *Shape of Water*, salon style group project and presentation, Research in Art Project Room, Ottawa
2018 *Experience as a Raw Material*, artist talk, Ottawa Mixed Media Artists, Stafford Road, Ottawa
2018 *States of Flux*, artist talk, La Fab Gallery, Chelsea, Quebec

RESIDENCIES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026–27 Into the Fold, Mother Artist Program, program facilitated by artist/author Lesly Deschler Canossi
2025 *Upstairs, Centretown Residency*, participant with 28 artists; organizers Madeleine Merritt, Mia Guertin, Ottawa
2025 *Stoneboat Arts Centre Residency*, visual documentation, *Echoes of Extraction* by Maren Elliott, Lanark, ON
2020 Arts Ottawa Mentorship Program, participant, Ottawa

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ARTS ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE

2026–present Studio Space Ottawa Collective, Kaladar Avenue, Ottawa
2025–present Friend of a Friend Collective, one of the founding members, Ottawa
2024–present TouchDesigner Club, investigates technology and art, Artengine, Artscourt, Ottawa
2022–2026 Board Director, Ottawa School of Art Board, Nominating Committee
2020–2023 Enriched Bread Artists Collective, member and administrator
2018–2020 Foyer Gallery, member of artist-run gallery
2010–2016 Ottawa Mixed Media Artists, Board Positions held: President, Vice-President

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITION HISTORY

2023–27 Somerset West Community Health Centre, art rental, curated by Enriched Bread Artists, Ottawa
2021–23 Doors Open Annual Events, Enriched Bread Artist Collective, participated annually, Ottawa
2018–19 Foyer Gallery member exhibitions, recurring bimonthly exhibitions

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESS

2026 *Upstairs*, book created and published by Friend of a Friend Collective; includes Weighted Blanket installation photos and text, book launched at Object Project curated by Possible Worlds, Ottawa.
2025 *Bloom*, Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduation Exhibition Catalogue, University of Ottawa, June 2025.
2023 Evans, Jack. “Parrott Gallery welcomes inspiring artist shows.” *The Intelligencer*, August 10, 2023.
<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/parrott-gallery-welcomes-inspiring-artist-shows>
2023 Kerr, Wendy Rayson. “Summer Update for the Parrott Art Gallery.” *The Intelligencer*, August 3, 2023.
<https://www.intelligencer.ca/opinion/columnists/summer-update-for-the-parrott-art-gallery>
2021 Korp, Maureen. “New art exhibitions along Bank Street and Preston Street.” *OSCAR*, April 2021, pp. 32–33. Covers Bound to Unravel.
2020 Saxberg, Lynn. “Enriched Bread Artists takes its open house online.” *Ottawa Citizen*, October 7, 2020. Includes photograph of *Contemplating Roots*.
2020 “Reality Revisited – Enriched Bread Artists Annual Open Studio goes viral.” *Ottawa Life Magazine*, October 14, 2020. Includes *Contemplating Roots*, *She’s a Force* and *Holding it Together*.
2017 ArtQuake, *Stupeurs et Tremblements*, Ottawa School of Art graduation catalogue, June 2017.
2016 Ottawa School of Art, *Sixth International Miniature Print Biennale Exhibition catalogue*, p. 35, March 2016.
2016 DeLaire, Megan. Metroland article on *Transformed by Fire* exhibition at Fritz Gallery, November, 2016.
2016 DeLaire, Megan. “Artist documents healing process.” *Metro News*, November 23, 2016.