

Celia is an abstract artist. She began painting in search of self expression and more profound connection with both life and herself.

Celia loves working in large scale and using the motions of her body to direct her work compositionally and apply her mark making. She often uses found objects or things within reach to her as tools to apply paint. Celia loves using limbs of her body to apply mediums to the canvas as well as other found objects. She finds that her environment and the objects in close proximity to her heavily influence her work.

Although Celia's work is impacted compositionally by her tools, Celia is rarely inspired by tangible objects. She more frequently finds her art being influenced by internal feelings she experiences or emotional connections she holds with other humans. She often refers to her work as a visual journal.

Celia is currently working full time as an artist from her studio in Toronto, Canada

## CV ART

2022- **Arcana** Creative Retreat

2022- **Cry Baby Gallery at Stackt Market** Solo Show - Toronto, ON

2022- **Bilt Rewards** Resident Artist

2022- **Artfare / Lio Projects** Curated Selection

2022- **Arta Gallery** Group Exhibition, Toronto, ON

2021- **Celia Lees x This is Artify** Digital Abstract Art Course

2021- **Joshua Van Leader** Artist Focus

2021 - **LYFSTYL** Celia Lees: Adding Personality to Your Home with Abstract Art

2021 - **Piece with Artist** Artist Diaries

2020 - **Métier Creative/ SIDIA the Brand** Freelance, Illustrated Marketing Material

2018 - **Contrast** Arts and Culture Showcase - Group Exhibition

2018 - **Toronto's Best Dressed Life Event** - Live Illustrator

2018 - **Inkbox** Freelance Live Tattoo Artist

2018 - **Art Battle** Live Artist

2018 - **VRIDE** Freelance, Illustrated Marketing Material

2018 - **Trinity College** for University of Toronto - Annual Art Show Series Display

2017 - **Mass Exodus** for Ryerson University Live Artist

## **FASHION DESIGN**

2018 - **ICFF MODA Design Contest**- 1st Place Award

2018 - **Style Circle** Magazine Publication - Thesis Collection

2018 - **Solstice** Magazine Publication - Thesis Collection

2018 - **Mass Exodus** for Ryerson University - Runway show - Thesis Collection

2018 - **University of Toronto Runway Show and Speaking Panel** - Thesis Collection

2018 - **Glare Art Showcase** - Design Showcase

2018 - **Kaleidoscope** Digital Magazine Publication

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2019- **Acne Studios** - Labeling, Branding and Packaging Assistant - Stockholm, Sweden

2019 - **Acne Studios** - Womenswear Product Development Internship - Stockholm, Sweden

2018 - **Canada Goose** - Product Development and Engineering Internship - Toronto, Canada

2017- **Shop Bonsai** - Growth and Apparel Marketing Strategist - Toronto, Canada

2016 - **Greta Constantine** - Womenswear Design Internship - Toronto, Canada

## **EDUCATION**

2014 - 2018 Bachelor of Design Ryerson University - Toronto Canada

2002 - 2014 Immersive French Education

## **LANGUAGES**

English, French, beginner Spanish