MICHELLE LEONE HUISMAN

Photo-based Artist
Lives and works in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

2027 *Vapes & Butts*, Solo Exhibition, Bob Carnie Gallery, Toronto, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Vapes & Butts*, Solo Exhibition, Gallery 881, Vancouver, CA

2023 *CMYK9, Global Pandemic, An Unexpected Collection*, Janaki Larsen Studio, Vancouver, CA

2023 *CMYK9*, Bob Carnie Gallery, Toronto, CA

2023 *An Unexpected Collection*, John Richard Allison Library, Vancouver, CA

2022 *Global Pandemic*, Dal Schindell Gallery, Vancouver, CA

2021 *An Unexpected Collection*, Bob Carnie Gallery, Toronto, CA

2021 *An Unexpected Collection*, Fabrique St. George, Vancouver, CA

GROUP + CURATED EXHIBITIONS

2026 Pink Installation, field & onto, Vancouver, CA

2026 Circulus Artificum, Bob Carnie Gallery, Toronto, CA

2025 *Vapes & Butts* (curated presentation), SPAO, Ottawa, CA

2024 Salon Wall, Gallery 881, Vancouver, CA

2023 Darkroom / Dimroom II, Bob Carnie Gallery, Toronto, CA

2023 Darkroom / Dimroom I, Bob Carnie Gallery, Toronto, CA

2023 World of Photography, FotoNostrum, Barcelona, ES

2023 20th Julia Margaret Cameron Exhibition, FotoNostrum, Barcelona, ES

2022 Xposé, CONTACT Photography Festival / CAPIC, Papermill Gallery, Toronto, CA

2022 18th Julia Margaret Cameron Exhibition, FotoNostrum, Barcelona, ES

2021 Vision of Nature, Light Art Space, Silver City, NM, USA

INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS

2026 National Gallery of Canada, Library and Archives, Ottawa, CA – *Vapes & Butts*, artist book, Livres d'artiste Collection

BOOKS + CATALOGUES

2026 *Vapes & Butts*, artist book, Limited Edition, Self-published, Vancouver, CA

2024/2025 Gratitude: The SPAO Annual – 20th Anniversary edition, SPAO Publishing, Ottawa, CA

2023 The World of Photography, Direction by Julio Hirsch-Hardy. FotoNostrum Publishing, Barcelona, ES

2023 20th Julia Margaret Cameron Awards Catalogue, Direction by Julio Hirsch-Hardy, FotoNostrum Publishing, Barcelona, ES

2022 18th Julia Margaret Cameron Awards Catalogue, Direction by Julio Hirsch-Hardy, FotoNostrum Publishing, Barcelona, ES

PRESS + PUBLISHED

2026 Hilary Fair – Artistic and Ancestral Legacies: Michelle Leone Huisman's "Vapes & Butts" + Irving Penn, Ross Gay and Me. (link not available)

2026 The Commentary – Michelle Leone Huisman

2026 Jay Minter – Michelle Leone Huisman turns waste into art with new exhibition – Vapes & Butts

2026 STIR – At Gallery 881, Vapes & Butts looks at tobacco smoking through an artist's lens

2026 Vancouver Sun – Vapes & Butts: Vancouver exhibit sees smoking waste as works of art

2025 PhotoED Magazine – Memory Issue, Vapes & Butts

2023 Toronto Metropolitan University – Love dogs? Check out this TMU grad's photography exhibit

2023 Young W – CMYK9: Michelle Huisman at Silvershack (Bob Carnie Gallery)

2023 Sesay Arts Magazine – Michelle Leone Huisman's CMYK9: The Finale of a Critically Acclaimed Photography Trilogy

2023 CJRU – From a pandemic dog art show to a film about Thorncliffe Park, Toronto's art culture is booming

2023 On the List – See the Pandemic Through Canine Eyes in Michelle Leone Huisman's CMYK9 Exhibition

2022 CBC News – This Vancouver photographer has turned mask trash into photogenic art

2022 Vancouver Sun – Masks and Mother Nature combine for twofold pandemic statement

2022 CTV Television – Michelle Leone Huisman's Global Pandemic (link not available)

2022 The Province – Masks and Mother Nature combine for twofold pandemic statement

2022 Jay Minter – View Michelle Leone Huisman's Global Pandemic at the Dal Schindell Gallery

2022 Fairchild TV: Urban Life – Global Pandemic 全球大流行攝影展

2022 MiSS 604 – Michelle Leone Huisman Turns Discarded Masks into Global Pandemic Art Exhibition

2022 CityNews – Vancouver artist upcycles tossed, lost face masks to shine light on environment

2022 Global News Television – Turning discarded masks into art

2022 Vita Daily – Face Masks Make Fine Art

2022 Daily Hive – Discarded COVID-19 masks transform into art in new Vancouver exhibit (PHOTOS)

2022 Vancouver Is Awesome – Vancouver photographer turning masks into fine art

2022 The Georgia Straight – Discarded COVID-19 masks become Huisman's art

2022 La Source – Des masques porteurs d'espoir et de gravité

2022 The Commentary – Michelle Leone Huisman

2022 Preview Magazine – Michelle Leone Huisman: Global Pandemic

2022 Radio-Canada – Quand les masques deviennent source d'inspiration pour une photographe de Vancouver

2021 Wandering Autumn Magazine – COVID-19: A Documentation of the Canadian Experience, Issue 5

2021 Global TV – Vancouver photographer creates tribute to frontline workers with broken spoon art

2021 STIR – Broken spoons from the 7pm cheer for health-care workers turn into a new fine-art photography exhibition

2021 The Georgia Straight – Michelle Leone Huisman offers An Unexpected Collection

2021 Canadian Art – Michelle Leone Huisman: An Unexpected Collection

ARTIST TALKS + LECTURES

2026 *Past Processes Present Practices*, Moderator, Artist talk with Bob Carnie and Kim Sinclair, CONTACT Photography Festival, Toronto, CA

2026 Artist Talk, Gallery 881, Vancouver, BC

2025 Guest Lecture, Masterclass: Still Life, SPAO, Ottawa, CA

2023 Artist Talk, John Richard Allison Library, Regent College, Vancouver, CA

2022 Artist Talk, Scotiabank, CONTACT Photography Festival/CAPIC Papermill Gallery, Toronto, CA

2022 Artist Talk, Capture Photography Festival, Dal Schindell Gallery, Vancouver, CA

2021 Artist Talk, Crafted, La Fabrique St. George, Vancouver, CA

EDUCATION + ACHIEVEMENTS

SPAO Residency

Private Training in Palladium & Gum Bichromate Printing with Bob Carnie, Toronto, CA

BFA with Honours, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, CA

Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Continuing Studies in Photographic Arts, Vancouver, CA

Langara College, Continuing Studies in Applied Arts, Vancouver, CA

Vancouver Photo Workshops, Continuing Studies, Vancouver, CA

Julia Margaret Cameron Awards – Honorable Mentions in Alternative Processes, Barcelona, ES

Denis Roussel Award – Work of Merit, International, USA

SKILLS

Photography, 19th-century printing processes including gum bichromate and palladium, cyanotype, macro photography, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Mac-based workflows, interior and set decorating for international commercial productions, budget management; fundraising

FILM, TELEVISION + COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION (ART ON SET)

Apple TV, Disney Plus, Netflix, Crave, Amazon Prime, YouTube, Paramount Plus, Google Play, Hallmark, Vimeo, Roku, Hulu, Hayu, Peacock, Fubo, Fandango, Tubi, Plex, Crunchyroll, Now TV, NBC, ABC, CTV, Global, Telus, Tricon

DONATIONS + FUNDRAISING + ADVOCACY

Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon, Vancouver, CA

Magnum Foundation – Legacy Project, Toronto, CA

Polygon Gallery – Leadership Circle, North Vancouver, CA

Lead Organizer, Pop Up Plaza Mural at 21st Avenue & Main Street, Vancouver, CA

Lead Organizer, Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Mural, Vancouver, CA

Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society, Board Member, Vancouver, CA

Vancouver Foundation – Community Action Table Committee Member (Central Vancouver)