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Member of Women Photograph Represented with Galerie COA (Montreal)

Laurence Philomene is a non-binary artist from Montreal who creates colourful photographs informed by their lived experiences as a chronically ill transgender person. Their practice celebrates trans existence, and studies identity as a space in constant flux via highly-saturated, cinematic, and vulnerable images.

Clients include Adidas, Airbnb, Apple, CBC, City of Montreal, Courrier International, Fotografiska NY, Massivart, Netflix, Refinery29, Showtime, Teen Vogue, The New Yorker, Vice, Washington Post.

Education & Training

2021 Women Photograph 2021 workshop - online

2020 Women Photograph 2020 workshop - online

2020 Women Photograph mentorship class - Mentee - USA

2019 In House Outer Space - 10 day artist residency - Reykjavik, Iceland

2014 Dawson College - Professional Photography degree - Montreal, Canada

Awards & Distinctions

2022 Explore & Create grant recipient - Canada Arts Council - Canada

2020 The 30 (formerly PDN 30) 2020 Honoree - USA

2020 The Burtinsky Grant - Honourable mention - Canada

2020 Getty Images : Creatives in Quarantine Bursary - Recipient - USA

2019 Lucie Foundation Emerging Artist Scholarship - Recipient - USA

2019 Artsida 9 - Emerging artist award - Canada

2018 Adweek - Creative 100 list - USA

2017 Lucie Foundation Emerging Artist Scholarship - Shortlist - USA

2014 Flickr 20 under 20 - Curator's choice award - US

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2022 Puberty - Fotografiska NY Museum - New York, USA

2022 Puberty - Galerie COA - Montreal, Canada

2020 Les Essentiels - Massivart (public art installation) - Jarry Park - Montreal, Canada

2019 Huldufólk & Puberty - La Cenne - Montreal, Canada

2018 Me vs others - The Letter Bet - Montreal, Canada

2018 No girls / no boys / no nothin - Nosna Gallery - Kracow, Poland

2018 It is what it is (with Starchild Stela) - Xpace Cultural Centre - Toronto, Canada

2017 Non-binary portraits - Curated by Girls - Berlin, Germany

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Selected Group Exhibitions & Collections

- 2023 We, the Self - f³ – freiraum für fotografie, Berlin, Germany
2023 Dreaming of Home - Leslie-Lohman Museum - NYC, USA
2022 NEW QUEER PHOTOGRAPHY - f³ – freiraum für fotografie, Berlin, Germany
2022 The Journal - Foto Wien - Vienna, Austria
2021 In Keeping with Myself - Portrait Gallery of Canada - Ottawa, Canada
2021 Foire papier (contemporary art fair) - Galerie COA - Montreal, Canada
2020 The Journal Photographers Respond to COVID-19 - Photoville - NYC, USA
2020 New Visions (Fotografiska NY x VICE) - Fotografiska Museum NY - NYC, USA
2020 Portrayals of Queer Love - Artsy - USA (online)
2020 Yearning for Comfort, Not Cure - Gallery 1C03, The University of Winnipeg - Winnipeg, Canada
2019 Under the anti lies the body - Slowroom Contemporary - Copenhagen, Denmark
2019 Chromatic festival (10th edition) - Usine C - Montreal, Canada
2018 Possible Selves: queer foto vernaculars - The Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA) - Williamstown, USA
2018 The Vice Magazine 2018 Photo Show - Parasol Projects - New York, USA
2018 Phi Fest - Fabbrica Del Vapore - Milan, Italy
2017 Month of Photography Los Angeles - Lucie Foundation - Los Angeles, USA
2016 We, Other - Pop Montreal - Montreal, Canada
2015 Same - Stream Gallery - New York, USA
2014 Flickr 20under20 - Milk Studios - New York, USA
2014 The Coven presents : Girlhood - La Centrale Galerie Powerhouse - Montreal, Canada

Works held in permanent collections

- 2021 Acquisition “Lava field, Huldufólk” - Musée Pointe-à-Callière Montreal, Canada
2023 Acquisition - works from “Puberty” - Leslie-Lohman Museum - New York, USA
Selected Publications & Interviews
2022 “In their debut book ‘Puberty’, Laurence Philomene journals two years of gender transition” - interview with Marigold Warner for British Journal of Photography - online
2022 “A Photo Memoir That Looks At Two Years Of A Transition” - interview with Pia Peterson for BuzzFeed News - online
2022 “Huldufólk”, Dinette Magazine Issue 22 - print
2022 “LSTW 10th anniversary issue”, cover + works published - print
2021 “In Keeping with Myself” Exhibition Catalogue - Portrait Gallery of Canada - print
2021 “Puberty” - IMA Japan Issue 36, Cover & p. 9-24 - print
2021 “A Nonbinary Artist’s Chronicle of Puberty” - Crispin Long for The New Yorker - online
2021 “Photographer shows the beauty of their transition through vivid self-portraits” - Jacqui Palumbo for CNN - online



2011-2012 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master's Scholarship, Western University
2010-2011 Western Graduate Research Scholarship, Western University
2006 Alberta Foundation for the Arts Project Grant, Visual Arts
2005 Alberta College of Art & Design Board of Governors' Award (Nominated)
Laura Mae Stillings Scholarship, Alberta College of Art & Design
Alberta College of Art & Design Painting A2020 "Women Photograph : Photographers create a visual journal of their lives during the coronavirus pandemic" - Hannah Yoon & Charlotte Schmitz for Washington Post -online
2020 "Laurence Philomene's daily photos on life as a transgender artist take on new resonance in quarantine" - Lise Hosein for CBC Arts - online (video)
2019 Q&A : Laurence Philomene - Jess T. Dugan for Strange Fire - online
2019 "Laurence Philomene and the trans gaze" - June T. Sanders for Humble Arts Foundation - online
2019 "Testosterone and the trans gaze" - Laura Snoad for It's Nice That - online
2018 "The privacy and perception issue" - Editorial + Cover, Vice Magazine - Vol 25 No. 2, p. 12-21 - print
2018 "Photographie : Telles que nous sommes" - Editorial, Courrier International - Hors-Série, Mai-Juin p. 40-46 - print
2018 "It is what it is, Laurence Philomene & Starchild Stela" - Exhibition essay by Maddie Alexander for Xspace Cultural Centre - print
2017 "Non-Binary people as they want to be seen" - Maya Roisin-Slater for Teen Vogue - online
2017 "Representing non-binary bodies with Laurence Philomene" - Tish Weinstock for I-D - online
2017 - "Pictures worth a thousand genders: This photographer's work is a primer on non- binary identities" - Lise Hosein for CBC Arts - online (video)
Selected Books
2022 Puberty - Yoffy Press - USA - first edition of 1,000 - Monograph (solo work)
2020 Boys Boys Boys - TeNeues/Mendo - Germany - first edition of 5,000 - Anthology (works featured)
2020 New Queer Photography: Focus on the margins - Verlag Kettler - Germany - first edition of 1,000 - Anthology (works featured)
2015 Unlocked - ATOPOS - Greece - first edition of 4,000 - Anthology (works featured)
Selected Video Work
2022 Puberty - year in my life vlog - Fotografiska NY Museum - USA
2021 "Peach dream" music video - performed by Sisi Superstar - Canada
2017 Quarantine diaries : Covid Residencies - CBC Arts - Canada
2019 "Save me from myself" music video - performed by Radiant Baby - Canada



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Selected Artist Talks

2022 LA Center of Photo - Online
2021 Women photograph workshop x Adobe - Online
2021 SPAO: Photographic Arts Centre - Online
2019 Cannes Lyons Festival - Cannes, France
2019 Université Sciences Po - Paris, France

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