

JESSICA GABRIEL

ARTIST / PUPPETEER / ART MODEL

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Jessica Gabriel is a visual and performance artist from the Sunshine Coast, BC, currently based in Vancouver, BC. She works as a puppeteer & co-artistic director of Mind of a Snail Puppet Co. (www.mindofasnail.org) Jessica is also an art model and founding member of The ASSEMBLY: an all womxn's clown collective in Vancouver. She performs experimental music/found sounds under the name tay_ploops.

Art Education:

Bachelor of Fine Arts major in painting, U.B.C.	1999-2002
Exchange program L'École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-arts, Paris, France	2001
Shadow Projection Puppetry with Mind of a Snail Puppet Co.	2003-ongoing

Performance Education:

Puppetry Masterclass with Bernd Ogradnik, Presentation House, North Vancouver	2019
Bouffon Intensive with Nathaniel Justiniano of Naked Empire Bouffon	2018
Presence in Performance with Raina von Waldenburg, Vancouver, BC	2017
Expressive Mask with Frank Rader & Axis Theatre, Vancouver, BC	2017
Naked Theater Intensive with Deanna Fleysler, Vancouver, BC	2015-2016
Action Theatre Intensive improvisation & presence with Ruth Zaporah	2014
Fantastic Space Enterprises , Deep Clown with David MacMurray-Smith	2005-2007
Puppetry Mentorship with Hoi Chiu (Hong Kong)	2004-2005

Fine Art Exhibition Record:

Solo Exhibitions-

"Purple Walls"	Wallflower Gallery	Vancouver BC	2012
"Transience"	Café Deux Soleils Gallery	Vancouver BC	2011
"En Route"	Vancouver East Cultural Centre	Vancouver BC	2010
"City Hush, Country Rush"	Sunshine Coast Arts Centre	Sechelt BC	2004
"Hairbrained"	Creekside Salon	Roberts Creek BC	2005

Group Exhibitions-

"Theoretical Thievery"	WOT Gallery	Vancouver BC	2019
"A Snail's Eye View"	Gallery 5	Roberts Creek BC	2007
"Use All your Gumption"	Gumboot Garden	Roberts Creek BC	2005
"F.O.G."	Sunshine Coast Arts Centre	Sechelt BC	2004
"Silver Anniversary"	S.C.A.C.	Sechelt BC	2004

“Gaylord Festival”	Video In	Vancouver BC	2003
“Finger Play”	A.M.E.S. D.I.Y. on the fly	Vancouver BC	2003
“The Great Spectacular”	Fine Arts Gallery	U.B.C.	2002
“Line-up” Grad Show	F.A.G./ Asian Centre	U.B.C.	2002
“Eclectic Collections”	Sunshine Coast Arts Centre	Sechelt BC	2001
“Frequent Stops”	Fine Arts Gallery	U.B.C.	2001
“Wellspring”	Artesia Gallery	Gibsons BC	2001
“Elevés en Echange”	Galerie Gauche E.N.S.B.A.	Paris, France	2000
“Eco-Zoic”	Fine Arts Gallery	U.B.C.	1999

Selected Theatre Awards

with Mind of a Snail:

“ Multiple Organism ” : <i>A surrealist shadow projection comedy about having a body.</i>	
- Winner BEST English Production, Centaur Theatre, Montreal Fringe	2019
- Winner Jessie Richardson Critic’s Choice Innovation Award	2018
- Winner Edgy As F--- Award at Orlando Fringe	2018
- Winner Critic’s Pick, Artistic Risk Award & Pick of the Fringe at Vancouver Fringe	2017
- Winner Cultch-ivating the Fringe Award Presented at the Vancity Culture Lab	2019
“ Curious Contagious ” : <i>A dark comedy about viruses in the body of a unicorn.</i>	
- FIAMS (Festival International des Arts de la Marionette à Saguenay)	2017
-Awarded “ most daring show ” for innovation and risk at London Fringe Festival	2016
- Winner “Patron’s Pick” at Toronto Fringe & “Pick of the Fringe” at Vancouver Fringe	2016
“ Caws & Effect ” : <i>A modern fable about magical crows.</i>	
-Presented at Puppeteers of America Festival , Minneapolis, Minnesota, Summer	2019
-Presented at TIFA (Taiwan International Festival of Arts)(bilingual version)Taipei	2017
-Presented at LIVING THINGS Puppetry Festival, UBCO Kelowna BC	2017
-Presented at (S)hiver Arts Festival , KIAC, Dawson City, Yukon	2017
-Presented by Haida Gawaii Arts Council , Masset, Queen Charlotte, BC	2016
-Presenté à Casteliers Festival International des Marionettes,(bilingual) Montreal	2016
-Presented at rEvolver Festival, UpintheAir Theatre, Vancouver BC	2015
-Presented at Puppets For Peace International Puppet Festival, Victoria, BC	2014
- Winner of “Best of Fest” in six Canadian fringe festivals: Winnipeg (2014), Edmonton (2014), Vancouver (2014), London (2015), Toronto (2015), Saskatoon (2016), .	

Commissioned Works:

“ The Nose Knows ” Commissioned by Telus World of Science	2016
“ Rosehips & Pawprints ” & “ Tea with Chickadee ” Commissioned by VanDusen Gardens and the City of Vancouver	2014-15
“ The Whale’s Back ” Commissioned by the Pacific Rim Whale Festival	2012

“Ursa’s Imaginings” & “WetCoast Winter’s Eve” 2009-11
Commissioned by the **Secret Lantern Society** for Winter Solstice Festival, Granville Island.

“Maiden Mother Crone” 2006-2009
Commissioned by the **Asian New Moon Festival Society**
Yearly Shadow Show based on the moon for Community Festival in Dougall Park, Gibsons, BC

Projection Design :

For **UpintheAir Theatre**, **“A Brief History of Human Extinction”** with writer Jordan Hall.
This was premiered in the fall of 2018 at The Cultch Historic Theatre, Vancouver B.C.

For **Persephone Theatre’s** remount of **“Matchstick”** written by Nathan Howe directed by Kristen Holfeuer. *This production was nominated for **Outstanding Projection Design** at the SATAwards in Saskatoon 2015. The show was also presented by GCTC (Great Canadian Theatre Company) in Ottawa 2016.*

Site Specific Installations:

For Seasonal Celebration at the **Shadbolt Centre** Deer Lake, Burnaby BC 2018

For Family FUSE at the **Vancouver Art Gallery**
“Forest for the Trees” based on the paintings of Emily Carr 2014
“Welcome to Projectorland” based on the CO-MIX works of Art Speigelman 2013
“Look Both Ways” based on the Conceptual photographic works of Ian Wallace 2012

“Mind of a Face” at **Illuminares** Public Dreams Outdoor Festival, Trout Lake, 2012

TREMORS Festival at **The Cultch** with **The Dusty FlowerPot** 2010

Mentorship/ Facilitation :

-Winnipeg Puppetry Collective adult shadow theatre workshop, Winnipeg 2018
-SNAFU Dance Theatre skill development workshop for “Kitt & Jane” Victoria BC 2018
-Puppetry For Theatre Makers adult workshop at Vancouver Fringe 2017
-Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival Still Moon Arts Youth Performance Workshops 2012-2017
-St. Johns Academy Drama Classes, Shadow Puppetry, Vancouver BC 2012-2017
-Sunshine Coast Alternative School Shadow Puppetry + Performance 2004-2015
-Artstarts in Schools Gulf Islands Tour, Shadow Puppetry + Performances 2014
-Navigate Fine Arts School Shadow Workshops, Courtenay BC 2013

- A-Muse Circus Troupe Shadow Workshops, Golden BC	2013
- Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret Puppet Manipulation Workshop, Vancouver BC	2010
- Naturally Austic ANCA Workshop Series, Vancouver, BC	2006
- Ecole du Pacifique Puppet Workshop, Sechelt BC (en français)	2005
- Council of All Beings Mask making Workshop, Roberts Creek BC	2005
- Sunshine Coast Regional District Puppet Club, sock puppet series, Gibsons BC	2005
- Summer Reading Program Puppet Workshop, Madeira Park BC	2004
- Camp EYD Puppet Village, Roberts Creek BC	2004

Shadowjam!

Free community workshop. Facilitated, hosted, improvised storytelling ritual with puppet-making, shadows and sound making :

- Ongoing in hundreds of livingrooms and backyards	2003-present
- UBC Orchard Garden , Vancouver BC	2013
- Puppet-o-rama Festival, Seattle, Washington	2010
- Puppet Rampage Festival, St. Paul, Minnesota	2008
- Puppet Power "Puppetry for Social Change" Conference, Calgary, AB	2007
- Intention Retreat Shadowjam Workshop, Squamish/Sunshine Coast BC	2006-07

Art/Life Modelling Experience:

As an artist, I use the spontaneous aspects of a model session as a means to channel the authentic 'still' form of a given moment.

Shadbolt Centre , Drawing Group, Burnaby BC	2015 - ongoing
Langara College painting and drawing classes, Vancouver BC	2008 - ongoing
Emily Carr Institute painting and drawing classes, Vancouver BC	2008 - ongoing
UBC/ SFU painting and drawing classes, Vancouver/Burnaby BC	2008 - ongoing
Jericho Drawing Group, Vancouver, BC	2017 - ongoing
Maiwa textile art class, Granville Island, BC	2016 + 2019
Richmond Painter's Guild , Minarou Centre, Richmond BC	2014 - ongoing
The Art Institute/ La Salle College Vancouver, BC	2012 - ongoing
The Think Tank Vancouver, BC	2011-13
Maplewood House North Vancouver BC	2011-13
Blim costumed poses, Vancouver BC	2008-13
Sunshine Coast Arts Centre women's painting group in Sechelt BC	2003-06
Artesia Gallery life drawing classes in Lower Gibsons, BC	2004-06
Little Mountain Studios (formerly The Butchershop) in Vancouver, BC	2004
Mary-Jean Brown Studio draped model for art classes in Gibsons, BC	2003-04