SHUVINAI ASHOONA

Date of Birth:  August 5, 1961

Place of Birth:  Cape Dorset, Nunavut, Canada

EXHIBITIONS:

November 2000  Suvenai Ashoona and Annago Ashevak
Inuit Gallery of Vancouver
Vancouver, British Columbia

June – July 2001  Transitions 2
Indian and Inuit Art Centre
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Montreal, Quebec
(tour)
(illustrated catalogue)

April  Art by Women: An investigation of Inuit Sculpture and
Graphics
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

(annual collection)
(illustrated catalogue)

Women of the Ashoona Family: Inuit Print Retrospective
The Guild Shop
Toronto, Ontario

2005  Oye Canada, VIP Lounge, Canadian Pavilion
Expo205
Aichi, Japan

November 2005  Unique Visions
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

2006 - 2007  Ashoona: Third Wave
Art Gallery of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta

February – April 2006  Drawing Restraint
Saw Gallery
Ottawa, Ontario
(catalogue)
May 2006
Landscape – Contemporary Inuit Drawings
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, British Columbia
(catalogue)

February 2007
Burning Cold: Emerging Artists from Across
The North and South
Yukon Arts Centre
Whitehorse, Yukon

June 2007
Three Cousins
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

May – Sept 2008
Earth and Sky
Stadthimmel Citysky Project
Basel, Switzerland

Sept – Oct 2008
The Basel Project
Shuvenai Ashoona and John Noesthedan
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

Nov – Dec 2008
Breaking Ground:
New Oil Stick Drawings from Cape Dorset
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

February – March, 2009
Kenojuak Ashevak RCA, CC and Shuvenai Ashoona
Inuit Gallery of Vancouver
Vancouver, British Columbia

May – October 1999
Three Women, Three Generations: Drawings by
Pitseolak Ashoona, Napatchie Pootoogook and Suvenai
Ashoona
McMichael Canadian Art Collection
Kleinburg, Ontario
(illustrated catalogue)

June 2009
Extreme Drawing
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, BC

May – Aug 2009
Noise Ghost
Shary Boyle and Shuvenai Ashoona
Justina M. Barnike Gallery
Hart House, Toronto. ON

September - October 2008
Never let the Facts get in the way of the Truth
Western Front
Vancouver, British Columbia

October, 2009
Mixed Media from Cape Dorset
Feheley Fine Arts
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Art Gallery of Ontario
Toronto, Ontario
(Illustrated catalogue)

Gallery Artists
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, British Columbia

June 2011
Dorset Large:
Large Scale drawings from the Kinngait Studios
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario
(Illustrated catalogue)

October 2011
Dorset Annual Print Collection
Gallery d'Art Vincent
Ottawa, Ontario

October – November 2011
Surreal: Eight Artists in the Fantastical Tradition
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, British Columbia

November, 2011
Contemporary North:
Drawings from Cape Dorset
Madrona Gallery
Victoria, British Columbia

Women in Charge
Inuit Contemporary Women Artists
Museo Nazionale Preistorica Etnografica
"Luigi Pigorini"
Rome Italy
(Illustrated catalogue)

February 2012
Dorset Now
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

February - March 2012
Sky Ecchymosis: Part of the Series - Women of the Arctic
La Centrale Galerie Powerhouse
Montreal, Quebec

May- June 2012
The Unexpected
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

June - September 2012
18th Biennale of Sydney: All our Relations
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Sydney, Australia

December 2012 - May 2013
Telling Stories: Inuit Art from Cape Dorset
Toronto
Pearson International Airport (Terminal 1)
Where Do We Come From? What are We? Where are We Going? Identity in Contemporary Cape Dorset Art
McMichael Canadian Art Collection
Kleinburg, Ontario

Oh, Canada: National Dreams
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art
North Adams, Massachusetts

Animal Power: Images in Contemporary Inuit Art
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dorset Seen
Carleton University Art Gallery
Ottawa, Ontario

New Voices from the New North
National Gallery of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

Shuvina Ashoona and John Noestheden: Earth and Sky
National Gallery of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

Sakahan: International Indigenous Art
National Gallery of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
(Illustrated Catalogue)

Toronto International Art Fair
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Toronto, Ontario

Sanaunguabik: Traditions and Transformations in Inuit Art
Enterprise Square Gallery
Edmonton, Alberta

Cape Dorset Prints
Gallery 210
St. Louis, Missouri

Winter Show: Gallery Artists
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, British Columbia
February - March 2014  
North - South Encounter  
Pierre-Francois Ouellette Art Contemporain  
Montreal, Quebec

January 2014  
Cape Dorset: New Generation  
Willock and Sax Gallery- Banff Art Gallery  
Banff, Alberta

January - March 2014  
Views from the North: Original Drawings from Cape Dorset  
Alaska on Madison  
New York, New York

February - March 2014  
North South Encounter  
Pierre - Francois Ouellette Art Contemporain  
Montreal Quebec

March – April 2015  
Over the Top  
Feheley Fine Arts  
Toronto, Ontario

April 2015  
Axeme 07 – Axe/Direction  
Stockholm Supermarket Art Fair  
Stockholm, Sweden

July 2014 - January 2015  
SITElines: New Perspectives on the Art of the Americas (Unsettled Landscapes)  
SITE Santa Fe  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

September – October 2015  
Fifteen Years: Kingait 2000-2015  
Feheley Fine Arts  
Toronto, Ontario

November – December 2015  
Contemporary North II  
Madrona Gallery  
Victoria, British Columbia

November – December 2015  
Universal Cobra: Shuvenai Ashoona and Shary Boyle  
Pierre Francois Ouellette Art Contemporain  
Montreal, Quebec

February – March, 2016  
Cape Dorset and Points South 2  
Theo Gantz Studio  
Beacon, New York

February-April, 2016  
Change Makers  
Art Gallery of Mississauga  
Mississauga, Ontario

August- September, 2016  
Neon NDN: Indigenous Pop Art  
Saw Gallery  
Ottawa, Ontario
November, 2016 - February, 2017  
Astral Bodies  
Mercer Union  
Toronto, Ontario

January - May, 2017  
Earthlings  
Ester Foundation  
Calgary, Alberta

December, 2016-January, 2017  
The Voiced Plate: Contemporary Inuit Prints  
Marion Scott Gallery  
Vancouver, British Columbia

June - December, 2017  
Every, Now, Then: Reframing Nationhood  
Art Gallery of Ontario  
Toronto, Ontario  
(a limited edition book titled, “The Polar World, Shuvinai Ashoona” was published by the AGO in conjunction with this exhibition)

October, 2017 - March, 2018  
2017 Canadian Biennial  
National Gallery of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario  
(illustrated catalogue)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

November 2006  
Shuvinai Ashoona: Time Interrupted  
Feheley Fine Arts  
Toronto, Ontario

Apr – June 2009  
Shuvinai Ashoona Drawings  
Carleton University Art Gallery  
Ottawa, Ontario

November - December 2011  
Contemporary Reflections  
The Canadian Guild of Crafts  
Montreal, Quebec

September 2012  
Shuvinai Ashoona  
Marion Scott Gallery  
Vancouver, British Columbia

September - October 2012  
Shuvinai’s World(s)  
Feheley Fine Arts  
Toronto, Ontario

March 2013  
Shuvinai Ashoona:Merged Realities  
Inuit Gallery of Vancouver
September – October 2015
Shuvinai Ashoona: Woven Thoughts
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

March – April, 2017
Shuvinai Ashoona: Curiosities
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

October – December, 2017
Shuvinai Ashoona: A For Sure World
Marion Scott Gallery
Vancouver, British Columbia

November 2018
Shuvinai Ashoona
Madrona Gallery
Victoria, British Columbia

January – February 2019
Shuvinai Ashoona: We End Up Dreaming
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario

January – May 2019
Shuvinai Ashoona: Mapping Worlds
The Power Plant
Toronto, Ontario

COLLECTIONS:
Inuit Art Centre, Indian and Northern Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
The National Gallery, Ottawa, Ontario
Canadian Museum of Civilization
Art Gallery of Ontario

HONOURS, ACHIEVEMENTS and EVENTS:
2000 Work “Rock Landscape” 97-98 was featured on the cover of Inuit Art Quarterly, Vol. 15, No.1, Spring 2000.
2009 Featured artist at Feheley Fine Arts booth at the Toronto International Art Fair.
2019 Gershon Iskowitz Prize

SELECTED REFERENCES:
Ryan, Leslie Boyd

Sandra Dyck
SHUVENAI ASHOONA DRAWINGS
Carleton University Art Gallery
ABC Art Books Canada 2012
Milroy, Sarah

Milroy, Sarah


Kardosh, Robert

Karlinsky, Amy

Rattemeyer, Christian
Vitamin D2, New Perspectives in Drawings, Phaidon, 2013.

Beverly Cramp
Shuvinai Ashoona’s Surreal World, Galleries West online magazine, January 2, 2018