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EDUCATION

2019 BFA, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada
2028 MFA, University of Hartford, Hartford, USA

EXHIBITION HISTORY

SELECTED SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Ethan Murphy: Grebe's Nest*, Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
2025 *Ethan Murphy & Inuutech Storch*, Bonavista Biennale: String Games, King's Cove, NL
2023 *Front & Back*, Gander Art Series, Joseph R Smallwood Arts and Culture Centre, Gander, NL
2022 *Tanea Hynes & Ethan Murphy: The Shape of Desire*, Fogo Island Arts, Fogo Island Gallery, Joe Batt's Arm, NL
2020 *Front & Back*, CONTACT Photography Festival, The Image Centre, Toronto, ON
2019 *What's Left & What's Gathered*, HOLD FAST Contemporary Arts Festival, Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's, NL
2018 *Where the Light Shines First*, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto, ON
Where the Light Shines First, HOLD FAST Contemporary Arts Festival, Quidi Vidi Tap Room, St. John's, NL
Where the Light Shines First, Eastern Edge, The rOGUE Gallery, St. John's, NL
Where the Light Shines First, School of Image Arts, Toronto, ON

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Points of Departur*e, Globe and Mail Foundation Documentary Photography Program, Union Station, Toronto, ON
2026 *An Atlas of Uncertainty*, The Rooms, St. John's, NL
2026 *Document/ary:New Photographs from Atlantic Canada*, Photo East, Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, NB
2023 *How Do I Look?: Ways of Understanding Art*, The Rooms, St. John's, NL
2022 *Helsinki Photo Festival*, Helsinki, Finland
2021 *You ←→ Me*, The Rooms, St. John's, NL
The Last Show of The Year, Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
2019 *Scotiabank New Generation Photography Award*, Canadian Photography Institute, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
RYE NEW GEN, Ryerson Artspace, Toronto, ON
Labour Laws, Union House Arts, Port Union, NL
Scotiabank New Generation Photography Award, CONTACT Photography Festival, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
Maximum Exposure 24, School of Image Arts, Toronto, ON

AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

2026 *Canada Council for the Arts Artistic Creation Grant*
2026 *Canada Council for the Arts Micro Grant*
2026 *ArtsNL Professional Project Grant*
2026 *Canada Council for the Arts International Residencies Grant*
2025 *ArtsNL Professional Artist Travel Fund Grant*
2025 *Burtynsky Grant* Honourable Mention, CONTACT Photography Festival
2025 *Prefix Prize* Honourable Mention, Prefix ICA
2025 *Belfast Photo Festival* - Shortlisted & HIghly Commended
2024 *ArtsNL Professional Project Grant*
2024 *Grants to Artists and Arts Organizations*, City of St. John's
2023 *Canada Council Research and Creation Grant*
2022 *ArtsNL Professional Project Grant*
2022 *Helsinki Photo Festival* - International Winner
2022 *Prefix Prize* Honourable Mention, Prefix ICA
2022 *Belfast Photo Festival* - Shortlisted
2022 *Grants to Artists and Artist Organizations*, City of St. John's
2021 *Cox & Palmer Pivotal Point Grant*, VANL & Cox & Palmer
2021 *Riddle Fence Visual Arts Prize* - Honourable Mention
2021 *EVA Emerging Artist Award*, VANL - Shortlisted
2021 *Belfast Photo Festival* - Shortlisted & Highly Commended
2021 *Artist Support Program*, Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation
2019 *Scotiabank New Generation Photography Award*, National Gallery of Canada & Scotiabank
2019 *IMA Purchase Prize*, School of Image Arts
2018 *Dr. Julius Lukasiewicz Award*, School of Image Arts
2018 *Maximum Exposure Best in Show*, School of Image Arts
2017 *Howard Tenenbaum Award of Excellence*, School of Image Arts
2017 *Bread and Butter Best in Show*, Ryerson Artspace

COLLECTIONS

Scotiabank Art Collection, Toronto, ON
The Image Centre, Permanent Collection, Toronto, ON
The Rooms Art Gallery Permanent Collection, St. John's, NL
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Collection, St. John's, NL

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2026 *BEAST AIR*, Beast, Østermarie, Bornholm, Denmark
2025 *AIR Træna*, Træna, Norway
2024 *International Atlantic Artist Exchange Residency*, Artlink, Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal, IE
Fogo Island Arts International Artist Residency, Fogo Island Arts, Joe Batt's Arm, Fogo Island, NL
2019 *Eastern Edge Studio Residency*, Artist in Residence Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's, NL
Tilting AIR, Artist in Residence, Tilting, Fogo Island, Newfoundland

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2025 *Guest Room: Michael Grieve & Rut Blees Luxemburg*, "Urban Exoticism", Der Greif, online
2024 *Time & Necessary Contexts: in Conversation with Ethan Murphy* / by Micaela Dixon for Public Parking Publication, March 14, 2024
2023 *Soft Serve* / by Allison Graves, Breakwater Books, Cover Image
Movies Are Best Before Noon / The Atlantic, June 3, 2023
Making Waves: 9 Artists on the Politics of Water / Art Canada Institute Newsletter, March 24, 2023
2022 *nothing, everything: encounters with contemporary NL photography* / by Kate Lahey
2021 *Visual Arts News*, *Photographer Ethan Murphy's Cabin Fever* / by Andrew Sampson, Fall 2021 Resilience
Riddle Fence A Journal of Arts & Culture No. 42, Visual Arts Prize Honourable Mention, Fall 2021
2020 *Visual Arts News*, *Affective Architectures*: Ethan Murphy / Review by Kate Lahey, Spring 2020 Architecture
The New Quarterly, Iss. 156, Cover Image
2020 Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival Catalog
2019 *2019 Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival Catalog*
Function Magazine, Vol. 20
PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR
2019 "Easing Into States of Vulnerability: a Conversation with Steven Beckly", *Public Parking Publication*, June 2019. https://www.thisispublicparking.com/thisispublicparking/author/Ethan-Murphy
"Industry Insight: Laura Ramsey, Imaging Specialist, Archivist, and Photographer", *Function Magazine #20*, April 2019. http://functionima.com/industry-insight/laura-ramsey/

LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

2026 *Residencies: Place & Practice* Photo East, Charlotte Street Art Center, Fredericton, NB
2025 *Big Art in Small Places: Contemporary Art Outside of the City*, Biennale Conversations, Bonavista Biennale: String Games, Bonavista, NL
2024 "Shore Time", *Fogo Island Artists-In-Residence In Conversation*, panelist, Orange Lodge, Fogo Island Arts, Joe Batt's Arm, NL
2022 "The Shape of Desire", *Nicolaus Schafhausen in conversation with Tanea Hynes and Ethan Murphy*, panelist, SUF Hall, Fogo Island Arts, Joe Batt's Arm, NL
2019 "Meet the Artists: Ethan Murphy," *2019 Meet the Artists: New Generation Photography Award*, panelist, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
"Conundrums, Confessions, Contradictions, and Concerns: Working as Environmental Artists in 2019,"
"Fancy Artist Talks,"*Fancy Artist Talk*, panelist, HOLDfast Contemporary Arts Festival, Eastern Edge Gallery, St. John's NL