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SHELLEY NIRO CV

Born in 1954, Niagara Falls, New York
Lives and works in Brantford, Ontario

Education

1997
Masters of Fine Arts, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, CA

1990
Fine Arts Honors, Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Ontario, CA

1972
Diploma in Performing Arts, Cambrian College, Sudbury, Ontario, CA

Selected solo exhibitions

2026:
In Her Lifetime, Hales Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2025
Shelley Niro, Gorman Museum of Native American Art, Davis, CA USA
Shelley Niro, Portrait of a Living Room, Hales New York, NY, USA
Shelley Niro: 500 Year Itch, Remai Modern, Saskatoon, SK, CA

2024
silent waiting moving LOUD, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto, ON, CA
Shelley Niro: 500 Year Itch, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, CA; The National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON, CA; The Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON, CA

2023
Shelley Niro: 500 Year Itch, The National Museum of the American Indian, Washington DC, USA
Nature's Wild Children, Smokestack Gallery, Hamilton, ON, CA

2022
Blankets Under Cover, Nuit Blanche, Toronto, ON, CA
Boundless, Art Windsor Essex, Windsor, ON, CA
Calling Through the Trees, YYY Toronto, ImagineNative, Toronto, ON, CA
A Good Hard Look, Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, SK, CA

2021
A Good Hard Look, Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon, AB, AC

2020
Something Cold and Hard Like Winter, Robert Langen Art Gallery, Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, CA

2019
Women, Land, River, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON, CA

2018
M: Stories of Women, Taserliak Cultural Centre, Sissiamut, Greenland
Scotiabank Photography Award Exhibition, Ryerson Image Centre, Toronto, ON, CA
Indian Summer, Grimsby Art Gallery, Grimsby, ON, CA
Shelley Niro 1779, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON, CA

2017

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Battlefields of My Ancestors, McIntosh Gallery, University of Western Ontario, London, ON, CA

2016

Buffet, Aboriginal Curatorial Collective, Whitehorse, YK, CA
Indian Summer, Norfolk Arts Centre, Simcoe, ON, CA

2015

Indian Summer, Glenhyrst Gallery, Brantford, ON, CA
Riddu Riddu Festival, Samelsburg, Norway

2013

Works by Shelley Niro, YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, ON, CA
M: Stories of Women, Centre3, Hamilton, ON, CA
M: Stories of Women, Urban Shaman Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Winnipeg, MB, CA

2012

It Starts with A Vision, Innovation Media Masters: Group of Nine Part 9, Hamilton, ON, CA

2011

M: Stories of Women, Gallery 44, Toronto, ON, CA
Our Language is Beautiful, The Woodland Centre, Brantford, ON, CA
Drawings and Photographs of Shelley Niro, Neto Hatinakwe Onkewhowe, Niagara Falls, ON, CA

2010

Works of Shelley Niro, YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, ON, CA

2009

ON SURFACE, The Print Studio, Hamilton, ON, CA

2008

Almost Fallen, Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, ON, CA
Surrender Nothing Always, YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, ON, CA

2007

Outside The Columns, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, USA

Selected group exhibitions

2026:

Shennen'kó:wa ken? (Do You Carry Great Peace?), Canada Pavillion, 2026 Gwangju Biennale, Korea
[forthcoming], Centre d'art daphne, Montréal, QC, CA
The Great Lakes, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto, ON, CA
At the Edge, Shirley Fiterman Art Center, BMCC, New York, NY, USA
Niagara Falls: Mist and Majesty, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., USA
America 250, Iroquois Museum, Howes Cave, NY, USA
The Promise of Liberty, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL, USA

2025:

Canadian Photographs, 1950 – Present, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto, ON, CA

2023

Radical Stitch, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON, CA

2022

Radical Stitch, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Saskatoon, SK, CA

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O’Nigoei: Yo:H, Thinking In Indian, UB Andersen Gallery, UB CFA Gallery,
University at Buffalo, NY, USA

2019

Nanabozho’s Sisters, Doris McCarthy Gallery, Scarborough, ON, CA
Yoko Ono: Freedom, Water Event, Phi-DHC Art Foundation, Montreal, QC, CA
Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN,
USA
A Luminato Exhibition; The Drawing Room/PROPS, Harbourfront Centre, Artport Gallery,
Toronto, ON, CA
Konnon:kwe Exhibition, Guelph Museums, Guelph, ON, CA

2018

150 Acts: Art, Activism, Impact, Art Gallery of Guelph, Guelph, ON, CA

2017

Tesatawiyat (Come In), Conrad Grebel University, University of Waterloo, ON, CA
PhotoLab 2: Women Speaking Art, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON, CA
Yesterday was Once Tomorrow (or, A Brick Is A Tool), Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff Centre
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The Arts and Creativity, Banff, Alberta, CA
Sovereign Acts 2, Leonard and Bina Ellen Gallery, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, CA
Acts of Survivance, McMaster Univeristy, Hamilton, ON, CA

2016

Changing The Tone: Contemporary American Indian Photographers, Palm Springs Art
Museum, Palm Springs, CA, USA
Opening the Doors to Dialogue, Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON, CA

2015

First Nations Art, Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON, CA
The Rebel Yells, FOFA Gallery, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, CA

2014

Joi Arcand and Shelley Niro, AKA Gallery, Saskatoon, SK, CA
As We See It, Novosibirsk Festival of Photography, Novosibirsk, Russia
Indigenese, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, ON, CA

2013

On The Trails of the Iroquois, Martin-Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany
Sakahan, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON, CA
Origins, Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON, CA

2012

Earthly Connections: PlanetIndigenUs, Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON, CA
Changing Hands: Art Without Reservation 3, Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY,
USA

2010

Mapping Iroquia, McIntosh Gallery, University of Western Ontario, London, ON, CA
Crossing Paths, Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON, CA

2009

Hulleah + Shelley=TROUBLE, YOUME Gallery, Hamilton, ON, CA

2007

The Requickening Project, University of Foscari, Venice, Italy
Native Perspectives, Hamilton College, Hamilton, NY, USA
Across Continents, Canada House, London, England
Red Skin Dreams, Venice Biennale, Extra 50, Indigenous Arts Alliance, Venice, Italy

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2003

Affinities, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, SK, CA

2002

Memory Keepers, McIntosh Gallery, London, ON, CA

Awards

2024

Honorary Doctorate, Wilfrid Laurier University, ON, CA

Cafe Daughter, Prix-Air Canada-Matera, Matera Film Festival, Montreal, QC, CA

Cafe Daughter, Peoples Choice Award, ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, Toronto, ON, CA

2023

Honorary Doctorate, University of Western Ontario, ON, CA

2019

Honorary Doctorate, Ontario College of Art & Design University, Toronto, ON, CA

2017

Dreamcatcher Award, Dreamcatcher Foundation

Reveal Award, Hnatsyhn Foundation

Scotiabank Photography Award

Governor General for Visual Arts, Canada Council for the Arts

2016

Honorary Elder, Aboriginal Curatorial Collective

2012

Aboriginal Arts Award, Ontario Arts Council

Best Feature Film, KISSED BY LIGHTNING, Local Focus 3, Kitchener, ON

2010

Milagro Award, KISSED BY LIGHTNING, Santa Fe Film Festival, NM

2001

Eiteljorg Fellowship, Eiteljorg Museum of Western Art, Indianapolis, IN

1998

Best Director, Best Actress, HONEY MOCCASIN, Red Earth Film Festival, Oklahoma, OK

Best Film, HONEY MOCCASIN, Dream speakers Film Festival, Edmonton, AB

1995 Where We Stand, Contemporary Haudenosaunee Artists, New York State Historical Association

1994 Wind and Glaciers Voices II, It Starts With a Whisper, Lincoln Center, New York, NY

1993

Walking in Beauty Award, It Starts With a Whisper, Two River Film Festival, Minneapolis, MN

1990

Emmanuel Hahn Award, Sculpture, Ontario College of Art

Drawing, Painting/Sculpture Installation, Fine Art Ontario College of Art

Mrs. W.O. Forsyth Scholarship, Ontario College of Art

Louis Odette, Sculpture Award, Ontario College of Art

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Shelley Niro: 500 Year Itch, Art Gallery of Hamilton and Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, with collaboration of the National Gallery of Canada

2018

Shelley Niro: Scotiabank Award, Steidl and Scotiabank, Toronto

2014

Shelley Niro: Seeing Through Memory, Blue Medium Press, London, Ontario

Collections

Art Bank of Canada, Ottawa, ON
Art Gallery of Hamilton, ON
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON
Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, Ottawa, ON
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, CA
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
Eiteljorg Museum of Native and Western Art, Indianapolis, IN
Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY, USA
Indigenous Art Centre, CA
Institute of American Indian Arts, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Sante Fe, NM
Iroquois Museum, Howes Cave, NY
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Longyear Museum, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
McIntosh Gallery, Western University, London, ON
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Museum of Civilization, Hull, WC
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
New York State Museum, Albany, NY
Portrait Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
Rockwell Museum of Western Art, Corning, NY
Samisk Kunstmuseum, Rodeo Duottar Museal, Norway
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, DC
Thunder Bay Art Gallery of Confederation College, Thunder Bay, ON
Washington State Library, Seattle, WA
Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON
Young Women's Christian Association, Hamilton, ON