

# Kaitlin West

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## Summary

A passionate visual artist specializing in ceramics, Kaitlin West graduated from Vancouver Island University with a Visual Arts diploma in 2023. She has showcased work in multiple art galleries and sold pieces both locally and internationally. As a member of the Arrowsmith Potters Guild and the Ladysmith Art Gallery, Kaitlin is actively engaged in her artistic community, continuously striving to innovate and inspire through her art.

## Arts and Cultural Training and Learning

September 2021 – April 2023	Visual Arts Diploma: Studied various visual arts disciplines including ceramics, sculpture, and 3D design; Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
May 2023 – June 2023	Introduction to Storyboarding Certificate; Learned the fundamentals of storyboarding and visual storytelling; Vancouver Film School, Vancouver, BC
January 2025	Recipient for a Canada Arts Council Research and Creation Grant. Studying local wildlife sculpture and raku firing techniques.

## Artistic and Cultural Work Presented to the Public

April 3 - 17, 2024	"Moon Jar Menagerie"; Feathers and Fur Gallery show; Artist; Curated by Ladysmith Art Gallery; Ladysmith, BC
April 24 – July 24, 2024	"Goldfish"; Art Around Town; Nanaimo Arts Council; Port Theater, Nanaimo, BC
July 3 - 24, 2024	"Humpback Whale #1" & "Octopus Pot"; Under the Sea Gallery show; Artist; Curated by Ladysmith Art Gallery; Ladysmith, BC
July 27 - August 5, 2024	"Octopus Amphora"; Sooke Fine Arts Show; Artist; SEAPARC Recreation Centre, Sooke, BC
August 7 - 21, 2024	"Family"; Local Treasures Gallery show; Artist; Curated by Ladysmith Art Gallery; Ladysmith, BC

January 6 – 26, 2025

Collection of 7 sgraffito pottery pieces for the Fibre & Clay show, Ladysmith Art Gallery; Ladysmith, BC

### **Arts and Cultural Work Experience**

June 2017 – November 2019	Freelance Artist; Created digital illustrations for children's books and various media for a variety of clients; Upwork, Remote
July 2024	San Pareil Studio Tour
November 2024	Winterfest Craft Market
December 2024	Coombs Christmas Craft Market on the Fairgrounds

### **Awards and Community Recognition**

April 2022	Exceptional Accomplishment in 3D Design; Recognized for exceptional skills in 3D design; VIU Visual Arts Faculty, Nanaimo, BC
April 2023	Exceptional Accomplishment in Ceramics; Recognized for outstanding work in ceramics; VIU Visual Arts Faculty, Nanaimo, BC
April 2023	Exceptional Accomplishment in Sculpture; Awarded for excellence in sculpture; VIU Visual Arts Faculty, Nanaimo, BC
January 2025	Canada Arts Council Research and Creation Grant

### **Memberships**

October 2022 - Present	Nanaimo Arts Council; Member; Participates in membership activities; Nanaimo, BC
December 2023 – Present	Arrowsmith Potters Guild; Member; Participates in pottery and ceramics activities; Parksville, BC
April 2024 – Present	Ladysmith Art Gallery, Member; Engages in gallery events and community art projects; Ladysmith, BC
February 2025 - Present	Federation of Canadian Artists – Supporting Member