

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
June 4 – 25, 2025	“Metallic Octopus”, “Octopus Vase”, Anything from the Sea Gallery show; Artist; Curated by Ladysmith Art Gallery; Ladysmith BC
September 2025	“Sgraffito Pottery”, Wild Gallery show, Ladysmith Gallery

Noteable 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
July 2025	Nanoose Bay Art in the Garden
July 2025	Victoria Artistree Festival
September 2025	Route 19A Artist Exhibition

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
February 2025 - Present	Vancouver Island Sculptors Guild Member

Gallery & Shop Representation

August 2025 – Present Ladysmith Gallery Boutique

August 2025 - Present Pines Giftshop