

# E L I S A B E T H   H E I D I N G A

Born 1981 in Cologne, Germany  
Currently resides in Toronto, Canada | Nîmes, France

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## EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts w. honours | OCAD University | Toronto, ON Canada

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Context* | S16 | Art Miami | Miami, FL USA  
2022 *Art Toronto* | S16 | Toronto, ON Canada  
2021 *S16 Pop-UP* | Los Angeles, CA USA  
2020 *Context* | S16 | Art Miami | Miami, FL USA  
2020 *Grand Opening* | S16 | Montreal, QC Canada  
2019 *AGO Art Sales & Rental* | Art Gallery of Ontario | Toronto, ON Canada  
2019 *Elisabeth Heidinga* | Klaus | Toronto, ON Canada  
2017 *Layers* | Partial Gallery | Toronto, ON Canada  
2016 *AGO Art Sales & Rental* | Art Gallery of Ontario | Toronto, ON Canada  
2013 *The 2013 lil' show* | Oz Studios | Toronto, ON Canada  
2011 *Stripped* | \*New\* Gallery | Toronto, ON Canada  
2010 *C2010* | John B Aird Gallery | Toronto, ON Canada  
2010 *Enter OCAD* | Ontario College of Art and Design | Toronto, ON Canada

## SELECTED PRESS + PUBLICATIONS

2019 *Instagram Take Over* | @art  
2019 *Elisabeth Heidinga* | The Jealous Curator  
2019 *#teampixel challenge* | Google Pixel  
2016 *What's In Your Toolbox* | Design Sponge  
2016 *Elisabeth Heidinga* | Lambo & Friends  
2016 *Elisabeth Heidinga - Artist & Weaver* | Deck Studios UK  
2016 *INTERVIEW WITH ARTIST ELISABETH HEIDINGA* | Crafty 88  
2016 *ELISABETH HEIDINGA - INTERVIEW* | Happy Sonship  
2011 *Elisabeth Heidinga* | pg 93 | 2010-2011 Season | ArtSync  
2010 *Name Dropping: Is craft still a relevant term for new makers?* | pg 27 | Studio: Craft  
2010 *Things That Caught My Eye* | Art Club Blog  
2010 *Elisabeth Heidinga* | pg 38-39 | C2010

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## ART FAIRS

2022 *Context* | S16 | Art Miami | Miami, FL USA

2022 *Art Toronto* | S16 | Toronto, On Canada

2020 *Context* | Art Miami via Artsy

## GRANTS

2017 *Emerging Visual Artist* | Ontario Arts Council

## ARTIST STATEMENT

I paint with the purpose of cutting my abstract paintings apart. Strip by strip, I then assemble and weave fragments of various paintings, into a single piece of work. Living in a multicultural city like Toronto has uniquely influenced my work. As I assemble the strips, the fragments of my paintings begin to represent the different facets of life (culture, community, life events, education, etc.) that weave us together, in this case literally and conceptually. The colour and composition mirrors a portrait that unfolds before me when encountering a stranger/new environment/culture we have in this city and I get to discover it as I weave. My goal is to create work that will inspire a discourse and continue to push and blur the boundaries of art, design and craft. The process is symbolic and metaphorical on a few levels, with painting being largely male-dominated and craft traditionally identified as a female activity, my paintings bring worlds together. However, this is beyond gender issues, but simply two opposing concepts meeting, challenging and rethinking the mountains that stand in our way – thoughtfully taking apart and reassembling what lies before us to create a new perspective of equality.

## BIOGRAPHY

Elisabeth Heidinga is a Toronto | Nîmes based contemporary artist from France, born (1981) in Cologne, Germany. She graduated with honours from OCAD University in 2010. In her practice, she paints large acrylic canvas panels that are then cut into fine strips by laser. Selected strips from different panels are re-assembled and woven together. Each work is made up of strips that are fragments of many different paintings. Selected art works are available through S16 in Montreal, the Art Gallery Of Ontario (AGO) in Toronto and Artsy (online).