

Dana Claxton

(b. 1959, Lakota, lives and works in Vancouver BC, Canada)

Education

- 2009 MA, Liberal Studies, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC
- 1991 Certificate in Arts Administration, Spirit Song Native Indian Theatre, Vancouver BC
- 1984 BA, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC
- 1983 Traditional Lakota Teachings, Sundance Circle with Issac Dog Eagle, Joe Flying By, Dr. Bea Medicine

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Dana Claxton: Rick and the Mohawks, Macaulay + Co, Vancouver, BC
- 2024 Baltimore Museum of Art, Dana Claxton, Baltimore MD
- 2023 Henry Museum, Monsen Lecture Presentation, Seattle WA
V-Tape at Bachir/Yerex Presentation Space, The Dreaming: Dana Claxton's video art, curated by Winston Xin, Toronto ON
- 2021 The Image Centre, Scotiabank Photography Award: Dana Claxton, Toronto ON
- 2019 Remai Modern, Dana Claxton: Rattle, Saskatoon SK
- 2018 Vancouver Art Gallery, Fringing the Cube, Vancouver BC
- 2017 MacKenzie Art Gallery, The Sioux Project, Regina SK
- 2016 Audain Gallery, Made to be Ready, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver BC
- 2015 Tribe & AKA, Dana Claxton: Revisited, Saskatoon SK
- 2014 28 Billboards Across Canada, INDIAN CANDY
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, INDIAN CANDY, Victoria BC
Your KONTINENT Media Arts Festival, Featured Artist, Richmond BC
- 2013 Media Gallery, University of Concordia, ON SET – THE MUSTANG SUITE, Montreal QC
- 2012 Wanuskewin Heritage Park Gallery, The People Dance, Saskatoon SK
- 2011 Gallery@501, Sitting Bull and the Moose Jaw Sioux, Sherwood Park AB
- 2009 University of Lethbridge Gallery, To Mark on Surface, Lethbridge AB
- 2008 Keyano Art Gallery, Dana Claxton Video Art 1994-2007, Fort McMurray AB
Alternator Gallery, The Mustang Suite, Kelowna BC
- 2007 Grunt Gallery, Starting From Home, Vancouver BC
- 2006 Prince Albert Art Gallery, Sitting Bull and the Moose Jaw Sioux, Prince Albert SK
Swift Current Art Gallery, Sitting Bull and the Moose Jaw Sioux, Swift Current SK
- 2005 Surrey Art Gallery, Art of the Canadian Landscape, Surrey BC
- 2004 Moose Jaw Art Gallery, Sitting Bull and the Moose Jaw Sioux, Moose Jaw SK
- 2003 Rialto Gallery, Untitled, Venice, Italy
Change Gallery, The Heart of Everything That Is, Rome, Italy
- 2002 Estevan Art Centre, Buffalo Bone China, Estevan SK
Oboro, Waterspeak, Montréal QC
- 2000 Artspeak, Waterspeak, Vancouver Canada
Kamloops Art Gallery, The Heart of Everything That Is, Kamloops BC
Vancouver Art Gallery, Dana Claxton: The Red Paper, Vancouver BC
- 1997 Tribe & AKA, Buffalo Bone China, Saskatoon SK

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 (upcoming) Collection 1980s - present, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY
(upcoming) *Indian Theatre: Native Art, Performance, and Self-Determination Since 1969*, MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, SK
- 2024 Benjamin Lumb Art House, The Portfolio Show, Vancouver Canada
Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Resistance, Oshawa ON

- Phillips New York, New Terrains: Contemporary Native American Art, New York, NY
Javits Center, The Armory Show, New York City, NY
National Gallery of Canada, Radical Stitch, Ottawa, ON
Art Gallery of Alberta, Records and Remembrance: A Selection of Recent Acquisitions, Edmonton AB
- 2023 Minneapolis Institute of Art, In Our Hands: Native Photography, 1890 to Now, Minneapolis, MN
Hessel Museum of Art, Indian Theater: Native Art, Performance and Self-Determination since 1969, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Santa Monica Airport, Frieze LA, Los Angeles, CA
Heard Museum, Early Days: Indigenous Art from the McMichael, Phoenix AZ
Western Front, Apparition Room, Vancouver Canada
- 2022 Remail Modern, In the Middle of Everywhere, Saskatoon SK
Eretz Israel Museum, Art of Enchantment, Tel Aviv, Israel
Kamloops Art Gallery, Reading the Land: Ten Years of Collecting, Kamloops BC
Colby Museum of Art, Time and Tide Flow Wide: The Collection in Context, 1959 – 1973, Waterville, MN
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Adorned, Victoria BC
PHOTO 2022 International Festival of Photography: Being Human, Melbourne, Australia Owens Art Gallery, The Baroness Elsa Project, Sackville NB
MacKenzie Art Gallery, Radical Stitch, Regina SK
- 2021 Carleton University Art Gallery, The Baroness Elsa Project, Ottawa ON
The Polygon Gallery, Interior Infinite, North Vancouver BC
- 2020 Art Gallery of Alberta, Governor General's Awards In Visual and Media Arts 2020, Edmonton AB
Renwick Gallery, Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC
Remail Modern, Next Year's Country, Saskatoon SK
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Art for a New Understanding: Native Voices, 1950s to Now, Memphis, TN
Frist Art Museum, Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists, Nashville, TN
Philbrook Museum of Art, Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists, Tulsa, OK
The Brinton Museum, Takuwe, Big Horn, WY
Holter Museum of Art, Takuwe, Helena, MT
McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Early Days: Indigenous Art at the McMichael, Kleinburg ON
- 2019 National Gallery of Canada, Abadakone | Continuous Fire, Ottawa ON
Institute of American Indian Arts and Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Art for a New Understanding: Native Voices, 1950s to Now, Santa Fe, NM
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Subsist, Winnipeg MB
Kunsthalle, Where Are We/Où Sommes-Nous, Mulhouse, France – in partnership with Oboro, Montreal QC, and White Frame, Basel, Switzerland
Toronto Inaugural Biennale, The Shoreline Dilemma, Toronto ON
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists, Minneapolis, MN
South Dakota Art Museum, Takuwe, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Art for a New Understanding: Native Voices, 1950 to Now, Durham, NC
- 2018 Dahl Arts Centre, Takuwe, Rapid City, SD
Audain Art Museum, POP, Whistler Canada
Resilience, billboards across Canada
Rodman Hall Art Centre, Carry Forward, Brock University, St. Catharines ON
Kamloops Art Gallery, Through the Memory Atlas: 40 years of Collecting, Kamloops BC
Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, Beginning with the Seventies, Vancouver BC
Dalhousie Art Gallery, Nanabozho's Sisters, Halifax NS
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Art for a New Understanding: Native Voices, 1950s to Now, Bentonville, AR
The Bentway with Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, A Forest of Canoes, Toronto ON
Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Arte Fiera 2018, Bologna, Italy
- 2017 Art Gallery of Mississauga, Walking Across, Talking Through, Mississauga ON
Kamloops Gallery, Since Then, Kamloops Canada

- Eastern Edge Gallery, Her Sugar Is? Gallery screening, St John's NL
Dalhousie Art Gallery, From the Vault: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection, Halifax NS
Mentoring Artists for Women's Art, Resilience, cross-country billboard art project, Canada Kitchener-
Waterloo Art Gallery, Carry Forward, Waterloo ON
Winnipeg Art Gallery, INSURGENCE/RESURGENCE, Winnipeg MB
Vancouver Art Gallery, STARE, Vancouver Canada
- 2016 Audain Museum, Inaugural Exhibition, Whistler BC
Nuit Blanche, Modest Eyes, Montreal QC
- 2015 Remai Modern Art Gallery, Sky Doodle, Saskatoon SK
Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Plains Indians Sky and Land, New York NY, USA
IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native American Arts, You Are on Indian Land, Santa Fe NM, USA
FOFA Gallery, The Rebel Yells: Dress and Political Re-dress in Contemporary Indigenous Art, Concordia
University, Montréal QC
- 2014 Ryerson Image Centre, GHOST DANCE: ACTIVISM. RESISTANCE. ART. Toronto ON
Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Beat Nation, Montréal QC
Justina M Barnicke Gallery, University of Toronto, Counter Intelligence, Toronto ON
Slokum Galleries, Politics of Representation, Eastern Tennessee University, Johnson City TN, USA
Winnipeg Film Group, Reflecting Light: 40 Years of Canadian Cinema, Winnipeg MB
- 2013 Ottawa Art Gallery, In the Flesh, Ottawa ON
University of Lethbridge Art Gallery, ABO VIDEO, Lethbridge AB
Nuit Blanche, The Uplifting, The Offering, The Crawl, video installation, Toronto ON
Power Plant, Beat Nation, Toronto ON
Mendel Art Gallery, Stealing the Gaze, Saskatoon SK
Kamloops Art Gallery, Western, Kamloops BC
Simon Fraser University Teck Gallery, Wild New Territories, Vancouver Canada
Pratt Institute, SPLICE: Intersection of Art & Medicine, New York NY, USA
Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art à Paris, Contemporary Art & Indigenous Identities, Paris, France
- 2012 McMichael Art Collection Gallery, Fashionality, Kleinburg ON
Camley Natural Park/Foundling Museum, Wild New Territories, London, United Kingdoms
University of Toronto Art Centre, SPLICE: Intersection of Art&Medicine, Toronto ON
Tacoma Art Museum, The 10th Northwest Biennial, Tacoma, WA
Kelowna Art Gallery, Stealing the Gaze, Kelowna BC
- 2011 Vancouver Art Gallery, Beat Nation, Vancouver BC
Vancouver Art Gallery, The Audain Collection, Vancouver BC
Helen and Morris Belkin Gallery, Faces, University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC
Samstag Museum, Stop(the Gap): International Indigenous Art, Adelaide Australia
Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Stealing the Gaze, Thunder Bay ON
McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Stealing the Gaze, Kleinburg ON
Dalhousie Art Gallery, Stealing the Gaze, Halifax NS
- 2010 Toronto Brickworks-No 9, Four Directions, Toronto ON
McMaster Museum of Art, Fierce: Women's Hot-Blooded Video/Film, Hamilton ON
Vancouver Art Gallery, Cue: Artists' Videos, Vancouver Canada
Oakville Galleries, Diabolique, Oakville ON
Galerie de l'UQAM, Diabolique, Université du Quebec, Montréal QC
A Space, Resistance is Fertile, Toronto ON
Museum of Contemporary Art, The Distance of Beauty Songs of Survival in a
Precarious Age, 17th Biennale Sydney, Sydney, Australia
- 2009 Centre A, Cosmologies, Vancouver Canada
National Gallery of Canada, Stealing the Gaze, Ottawa ON
Night Gallery, Map(ing): Working Proof, Tempe AZ, USA
Dunlop Art Gallery, Diabolique, Regina SK
C.N. Gorman Museum, University of Davis California, Native Visuality, Davis CA, USA
Mackenzie Art Gallery, Buffalo Bone China, Regina SK
- 2008 Urban Shaman, Winnipeg MB

- 2007 Sir Wildred Grenfell College Art Gallery, Red Eye, Corner Brook NL
Winnipeg Art Gallery, 18 Illuminations Contemporary Art and Light, Winnipeg MB
Eiteljorg Museum, Eiteljorg Fellowship, Indianapolis IN, USA
King's Lynn Arts Centre, Vancouver InSight, King's Lynn, Norfolk, United Kingdoms
Babylon, Les Rencontres Internationales, Berlin, Germany
Grunt gallery, Starting From Home, Online Retrospective
St. Mary's University Gallery, 18 Illuminations Contemporary Art and Light, Halifax NS
MacLaren Art Centre, 18 Illuminations Contemporary Art and Light, Barrie ON
PAVED Arts, Testing Waters, Saskatoon SK
Cineworks, Chinatown Night Market Screening, Vancouver BC
Morris & Helen Belkin gallery, Limits of Tolerance, UBC, Vancouver BC
Biennale de Montréal, Crack the Sky, Montréal QC
- 2006 Galerie d'art de l'Université Carleton, Red Eye, Ottawa ON
Caixforum Fundacio la Caixa, Canadian Video, Barcelona Spain
Vancouver Art Gallery, 75 Years of Collecting: First Nations Myths and Realities, Vancouver BC
Dalhousie Art Gallery, Dalhousie University, Back/Flash, Halifax NS
OR Gallery, Why I am So Unhappy, Vancouver Canada
Art Gallery of Peterborough, 18 Illuminations: Contemporary Art and Light, Peterborough ON
Nuit Blanch, A History Show, Toronto ON
University Art Gallery, Emotional Geographies, St. Francis University, Antigonish' Queen's University, Antigonish NS
- 2005 Musée Malraux, Continuum, Biennale d'art contemporain du Havre, Le Havre, France
Tom Thomson Gallery, 18 Illuminations: Contemporary Art and Light, Owen Sound ON
Centre A, Neighbourhood, Vancouver BC
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Back/Flash, Winnipeg MB
McIntosh Gallery, University of Western Ontario, Reclamations, London ON
PAVED Art + New Media, Watch This: New Video From Indian Country, Saskatoon SK
MediaNet, Edges, Victoria Canada
Durham Art Gallery, Fabulous Festival of Fringe Film, Durham ON
Available Light c/o Arts Court, Loss and Other Discoveries, Ottawa ON
- 2004 MOCA, A History Lesson, Toronto ON
Guangdong Museum of Art, Gatherings: Aboriginal Art -WAG Collection, Guangzhou, China
EM MEDIA, Short Films and Videos from Aboriginal Artists, Calgary AB
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Electromediascope screening, Kansas City MO, USA
Art Gallery of Hamilton, Photophobia, Hamilton ON
Crazy Horse Theatre, Reclaiming Squaw, Calgary AB
Urban Shaman Gallery, Traplines, Winnipeg MB
- 2003 Diazabo, Language of Intercession, Montréal QC
Museum of Natural History, Gatherings: Aboriginal Art -WAG Collection, Taipei, Taiwan
Mackenzie Art Gallery, Lessons in History, Regina SK
Hamilton Art Gallery, Language of Intercession, Hamilton ON
Folly Gallery, Vancouver Video, Lancaster, United Kingdoms
Huashan Arts District, Magnetic North, Taipei, Taiwan
Power Plant, Magnetic North, Toronto ON
Centre d'art Contemporain Basse-Normandie, Video Art Plastique, Hérouville-Saint-Clair, France
Cube Microplex, Bluescreen Presents: Redscreen, Bristol, United Kingdoms
- 2002 Galleria di Nuova Icona, Vancouver Video, Venezia Italia
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Gatherings: Aboriginal Art from the Collection, Winnipeg MB
- 2001 Plug In, Magnetic North, Winnipeg MB
Art Gallery of Hamilton, Magnetic North, Hamilton ON
Harvard Film Archives, Magnetic North, Cambridge MA, USA
Canadian Trade Office, Exhibition, Taipei, Taiwan
TRIBE, Beyond Tonto II, Saskatoon SK
Pleasure Dome, States of Alterities: A Screen Capture of Vancouver Video, Toronto ON

- 2000 Walker Arts Centre, Magnetic North, Minneapolis MN, USA
Video Pool, Magnetic North Tour, Winnipeg MB
Vancouver Art Gallery, From the Collection -The Red Paper, Vancouver Canada
Mackenzie Art Gallery, New Acquisitions Buffalo Bone China, Regina SK
Hong Kong U of Science & Technology, Centrifugal Vision-Video Circle, Hong Kong, China
EM MEDIA, Selections from The Iskwew Festival, Calgary AB
EM MEDIA, Super New, Calgary AB
Canada House, UK/Canadian Video Exchange 2000, London, United Kingdoms
MonteVideo, Electronic Landscapes/ Canadian Video Art, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Western Front, Scope, Vancouver Canada
- 1999 Centre of Novi Sad, Taste of Landscapes, Novi Sad, Serbia
Museo Nacional, Past Life: Future Tense, Buenos Aires, Argentina
UCL Art Museum, Private Properties, University College, London, United Kingdoms
Honolulu Academy of Art, Millennial Funk, University of Hawaii, Honolulu HI, USA
Native Indian and Inuit Photographers Association, Video Binge III, Hamilton ON
- 1998 Open Space, Red Interiors, Victoria Canada
Ed Video Media Arts Centre, Chaos & Disaster, Guelph ON
Surrey Art Gallery, Red Interiors, Surrey BC
EM MEDIA, Red Interiors, Calgary AB
Nanaimo Art Gallery, Red Interiors, Nanaimo BC
Tribe, Beyond Tonto, Saskatoon SK
- 1997 Aboriginal Film & Video Art Alliance of Ontario, Native Canadian Friendship Centre, New Works, Edmonton AB
- 1996 Vancouver Art Gallery, topographies, Vancouver BC
Presentation House, Urban Fictions, North Vancouver BC
Saskatchewan Filmpool Co-op, Turtle Island Storytellers Film and Video Screening, Regina SK
Ed Video Media Arts Centre, Contemporary Video Screening, Guelph ON
- 1994 Museum of Modern Art, Travelling with the Ancients, New York NY, USA
Artspeak Gallery, Racing Thru Space, Vancouver BC

Film and Media Festivals

- 2023 imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
- 2019 imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
- 2018 imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
- 2015 Capture Festival, Vancouver City Centre Station, Vancouver Canada
- 2013 imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
Art Star 5 Video Biennial, SAW gallery, Ottawa ON
Cold Cuts Video Festival, Dawson City YT
- 2012 Queer City Cinema 9, Saskatchewan FilmPool Cooperative, Regina SK
UNCP's Biennial American Indian Art Series, U of North Carolina, Pembroke NC, USA
"Experimental Aesthetics of Female DIY Video," Utopia Festival, W2 Media Cafe, Vancouver
- 2010 Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Out on Screen, Vancouver Canada
Terres en Vues, Festival Présence Autochtone, Montréal QC
WNDX, Festival of Moving Image, Winnipeg MB
Sydney Underground Film Festival, the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
Antimatter, Open Space Arts, Victoria Canada
- 2008 9th imagineNATIVE Film and New Media Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
21st Images Festival, Toronto ON
Aboriginal Film Fest, Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops Canada
Regent Park Film Festival, Toronto ON
Edges Film & Video Festival, MediaNet, Victoria Canada
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid, Paris France
Dreamspeakers First Nations Film and Video Festival, Edmonton AB

- 2007 Vancouver International Film Festival, Cineworks, Vancouver Canada
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid, Paris France
Métis Media Fest, Ottawa ON
- 2006 Imagine Native: Transmediale Festival for Art and Digital Culture, Berlin, Germany
Six of One, A Half Dozen of the Other, Images Festival of Independent Film and Video, Anthology Film Archives, New York City NY, USA
"Spatial Poetics," Powell Street Festival, Vancouver Canada
Terres en Vues, Festival Présence Autochtone, Montréal QC
Video de Femmes dans le Parc, Groupe Intervention Video, Montréal QC
- 2005 Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival, Victoria Canada
Art Star Video Art Biennial, SAW Gallery, Ottawa ON
Microwave International Media Art Festival, Hong Kong, China
IMAGENation 7th Annual Film & Video Festival, Indigenous Media Arts Group, Vancouver
Herland Feminist Film and Video Festival, Calgary AB
Reel Femme Film Festival, Edmonton's Women's Film Society, Edmonton AB
Guelph International Film Festival, Guelph International Resource Centre, Guelph ON
Terres en Vues, Festival Présence Autochtone, Montréal QC
ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
Tallgrass Film Festival, Wichita KS, USA
- 2004 Herland Feminist Film and Video Festival, Calgary AB
ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
Reconstructing Canada Program, Northern Travelling Film Festival Russia, Canadian Cultural Embassy, Moscow, Russia
IMAGENation Annual Film & Video Festival, Indigenous Media Arts Group, Vancouver
Terres en Vues, Festival Présence Autochtone, Montréal QC
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Paris France
Rim Shots Media Arts Festival, Cineworks, Vancouver Canada
- 2003 ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
Winnipeg Aboriginal Film and Video Festival, Winnipeg MB
WRO Media Art Biennale, Wroclaw, Poland
- 2002 4th Biannual Queer City Cinema, Saskatchewan FilmPool Cooperative, Regina SK
Herland Feminist Film and Video Festival, Calgary AB
Terres en Vues, Festival Présence Autochtone, Montréal QC
"Stealing to Subvert," New Forms Festival, Vancouver Canada
- 2001 14th Annual Images Film Festival, Toronto ON
Herland Feminist Film and Video Festival, Calgary AB
ImagineNATIVE Film Festival 2001 and Tour, Centre for Aboriginal Media, Toronto ON
WIAM's 12th annual One World Film Festival, Ottawa ON
Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto ON
- 2000 The Feminine in Indigenous Film and Video, the First Annual Iskwew Festival, Winnipeg MB
Film Festival Indian Summer, Staatliche Museen Zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 1999 Tranz-Tech, Toronto International Video Art Biennial, Vtape, Toronto ON
- 1998 ALL OVER THE MAP, Freewaves' 6th Festival of New Media Art, Los Angeles CA, USA
IMAGENation Annual Film & Video Festival, Indigenous Media Arts Group, Vancouver
- 1997 Dreamspeakers First Nations Film and Video Festival, Edmonton AB