Keerat Kaur

CV 2026

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EDUCATION

2016	John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, University of Toronto. Toronto, ON Master of Architecture
2012	University of Western Ontario, London, ON B.A. Honours Double Major Biology and Visual Arts
2008	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School French Immersion, London ON O.S.S.D. French Immersion Certificate

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	The Prince's School of Traditional Arts, London, UK
2014-present	Basohli/Guler Miniature Painting (instructor: Susana Marin)
2022	Jodhpur Miniature Painting (instructor: Samantha Buckley)
2021	Persian Miniature Painting (instructor: Vaishali Prazmari)
2017	Introduction to Byzantine Icon Painting (instructor: Hannah Ward)
2009-present	The Anad Foundation, Delhi, India Summer and Winter Training Program: Dhrupad Gurbani Keertan vocal training with Bhai Baldeep Singh
2018-preent	Suraj Prakash Granth Mentorship, London, ON Study of historical Sikh texts with scholar Harkinder Chahal of Jatha Bhindran
2018-present	Agra Gharana, Bangalore, India Vocal training in Khayal Indian Classical Vocals with Aditi Kaikini Upadhya
2014	Escola da Cidade, São Paulo, Brazil Global Architecture Program (in affiliation with the University of Toronto)

EXHIBITION HISTORY

2026	Sweet Speech (Solo Show, curated by Laura Vigo) Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
2026	If Gardens Could Dream (Solo Show, curated by Suvi Bains) Surrey Art Gallery
2026	Summer Nudes (Group Show, curated by Pam Gendron) Aicon Gallery, NYC
2025	Non-Residency (Group Show, curated by Rajiv Menon Contemporary) Jaipur Centre for Art, City Palace Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
2025	Nānaka Ive Jānīe (Group Show, curated by Sonia Dhami) Loyola Marymount University LA
2024	Chardi Kala: Rising Above Adversity (Group Show, curated by Colin Pearson) Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix AZ
2024	Musawwari: Miniatures Today (Group Show, curated by Khushboo Jain) Ojas Art Gallery, New Delhi India
2024	I Will Meet You Yet Again (Group Show, curated by Sonia Dhami) Fowler Museum, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
2023	Poetics of Vitality, (Solo Show, curated by Kelley Tialiou) The Reach Gallery Museum, Abbotsford BC
2023	Online Fundraising Auction with C Magazine and Waddingtons
2023	Des Pardes (Group Show, curated by Gureena Sran) The Reach Gallery Museum, Abbotsford BC

2023 Panjabi Garden (Solo show, guest curated by Sikh Heritage Month)
Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives

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Surrey Art Gallery

2022 Hope (guest-curated by Sandeep Johal)
Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George BC

2021 Chashm-e-Bulbul (curated by Raji Aujla, as part of Artworx TO)
Bayview Village (Gallery), North York ON

2020 Women Pathmakers (curated by Diana Argrabrite, Director of Arts & Schools, De Anza College)
Euphrat Museum of Art, Cupertino CA

2020 PREM: A Night of Emergence (curated by Jasmine Johal, PREM Arts Coordinator, in affiliation with Bell Let's Talk)
Studio Bell Calgary AB

2019 Charged Up: 905 Talks Climate (curated by Malkeet Sandhu, Community Organizer, David Suzuki Foundation)
Brampton City Hall, Brampton ON

2019 Expressions of Divinity (curated by María Esther Fernández, Curator of Art & Education, Triton Museum of Art)
Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara CA

2018 Fragrances of Sikhism (curated by Ajooni Sethi, Sikh Spiritual Advisor, University of Chicago)
University of Chicago, Chicago IL

2017 Sikh Heritage Month Art Gala (curated by Annemarie Hagan, Curator, Peel Art Gallery Museum+Archives)
Peel Art Gallery Museum+Archives, Brampton ON

2014 Global Architecture Exhibition: 2D representations of 3D works (curated by Alexander Pilis, Architect)
Daniels Faculty of Landscape, Architecture, and Design, Toronto ON

PRESS & PUBLICATIONS (URL links are safe and have been shortened for visual ease)

2026 LA PRESSE "Une invitation à rêver à travers l'art sikh et les mots"
LINK: https://tinyurl.com/4mup4bad

2026 CBC Radio Interview (MMFA solo exhibition): **LINK https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/audio/9.7169250**

2026 *The Horse Who Fell from the Sky,* self-published, written and illustrated fantasy storybook

2026 Momus "Hypnotic Strategies, Upended Hierarchies: Keerat Kaur at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts" by Laura O'Connor
LINK: https://tinyurl.com/4nzbezny

2026 *Museum Worlds, Vol 14* "On Sikhi: Unlearning and Learning at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts."
by Laura Vigo and Keerat Kaur

2026 Stir "Keerat Kaur brings a season of gathering to Surrey Art Gallery with If Gardens Could Dream" *by Robert Kuang*
LINK: https://tinyurl.com/4sct4stz

2026 *FRIEZE* "'Non-Residency' Amplifies South Asian Diasporic Voices"
LINK: https://tinyurl.com/3y9abfdt

2025 *Peace Arch News* "Surrey council approves $125K contract for artwork on Bear Creek Bridge"
LINK: https://tinyurl.com/3ktyyufj

2024 Fowler Museum Exhibition Press Release. "I Will Meet You Yet Again: Contemporary Sikh Art" **LINK: https://rb.gy/1jhcrw**

2023 *La Source,* "Des jardins panjabi pour penser et rever dans la langue traditionnelle" by Amelie Lebrun. **LINK: https://rb.gy/p6rkks**

2023 *The Surrey Now,* "'Panjabi Garden' celebrates language and Gurmukhi script in new Surrey Art Gallery show" By Tom Zillich

2022 *The Vital Anjan*, "Visualizing Sikhi's Metaphors." **LINK: https://rb.gy/sb2doa**

2022 *Splendors of Punjab Heritage,* print publication, pages 234-235, Roli Books, in collaboration with the Smithsonian Museum

2022 *Panjabi Garden,* self-published, written and illustrated Panjabi language-learning book

2022 KoozArch Feature - "Abstrevolution in Punjabi Architecture" **LINK: https://rb.gy/wta8ed**

2019 *Elle India* - Social Media feature for the Pink Guava EP project

2019 *Vogue International* - Featured Visual Artist

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

2026	BC Arts Council - Individual Arts Grant
2025	NVRC Artist Residency - North Vancouver
2025	Canada Council for the Arts - Create and Research Grant
2024	BC Arts Council - Professional Development Grant
2023	Surrey Muse Award - Visual Arts
2022	Jericho Fellowship - Venice, Italy
2021	Canada Council for the Arts - Create and Research Grant
2019	Forest City Gallery Artist Residency (in affiliation with TAP Centre for Creativity) - London ON
2019	Ontario Arts Council - Skills and Career Development: Indigenous Arts Professionals and Arts Professionals of Colour
2018	Ontario Arts Council - National and International Residency Grant
2016	*Toronto Society of Architects* Scholarship - Awarded for presenting a graduate thesis that demonstrates an innovative approach to city building and urban form

TEACHING & WORKSHOPS

2026	Creative art-making workshops at "Day of Play" - City of Burnaby
2026	Book reading and bookmark-making workshop - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
2026	Beading workshop in conjunction with solo exhibition - Surrey Art Gallery
2025	Body Mapping Sessions - Health equity research in collaboration with McGill University, Montreal and GTA
2025	North Vancouver Recreation Centre - Embroidery/beading workshop, as part of 'Culture Days Fall 2025'
2023	Surrey Art Gallery - Language and Illustration workshop
2022	Virtual Studio with Apple Inc.
2021	Sikh Heritage Month Manitoba - Online Painting Workshop, highlighting 'Langar' or 'free kitchen' in Sikhism
2019	H.B. Beal Secondary School - Resident Artist & Teaching Assistant in affiliation with Forest City Gallery
2016	5 Rivers Youth Organization, University of Alberta - Guest Speaker & Workshop Lead
2014-2015	University of Toronto - Teaching Assistant

VOCAL PERFORMANCES & ARTIST TALKS

2026	Artist talk and vocal performance, moderated by curator Suvi Bains, Surrey Art Gallery
2026	Artist talk with artist Manjot Kaur, moderated by curuator Jas Lally - Indian Summer Festival
2026	Artist talk and vocal performance, moderated by curator Laura Vigo - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
2024	Artist talk, with artists Nep Sidhu and Jatinder Durhailay, moderated by curator Davinder Toor - Wallace Collection, London UK
2024	Poetry reading, performance and artist talk - Fowler Museum, UCLA
2023	Artist talk and performance, Dhahan Prize Ceremonies - Surrey BC
2023	Artist talk, Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Surrey BC
2023	Artist talk, poetry reading and vocal performane - Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey BC
2023	Performance, in collaboration with Ali Sethi - Commodore Ballroom, Vancouver BC
2022	Artist Talk, with artist Sunroop Kaur and curator Sandeep Johal, moderated by curator Jas Lally - Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George BC

2020 Artist talk and terformance, PREM: A Night of Emergence (in affiliation with Bell Let's Talk) - Studio Bell Calgary AB

2020 Performance, Hugh's Room Live - Toronto ON

2019 Performance, in conversation with installation piece by Hera Büyüktaşçıyan - Toronto Biennial, Toronto ON

2019 Performance, Jaipur Literature Festival - Young Centre for the Performing Arts, Toronto ON

2019 Performance, City of Toronto YYZ LIVE- Pearson International Airport, Toronto ON

2019 Performance, City of Toronto City Hall Live - Nathan Philips Square, Toronto ON

2017 Performance, Sikh Heritage Month Closing Reception - City Hall, Brampton ON

2017 Performance, Rupi Kaur Live - Rose Theatre, Brampton ON

2017 Performance, Government of Bihar Celebration of Guru Gobind Singh - Rajgir Convention Centre, Bihar, India

2016 Performance, 5 Rivers Youth Organization - University of Alberta, Edmondton ON

2015 Performance, Rupi Kaur's UK "Milk and Honey" UK launch - The Rag Factory, London UK

COMMISSIONED WORK (including public art)

2025 City of Surrey Bridge Panels (140th Street Bridge)

2025 City of Vancouver Design Feature

2025 BOSA Properties Public Art (sculpture) at PKWY, Surrey BC

2025 Surrey Art Gallery 'Welcome Banners', Surrey BC

2024 Canucks Sports & Entertainment (NHL), Vancouver BC

2023 Punjabi Market Collective 'Vaisakhi Rumaal Design,' Vancouver BC

2023 TransLink Ground Mosaic Project, Surrey BC

2023 Penguin Random House

2022 Bank of Montreal Mural Series, London ON

2019 Vancouver Mural Fest, Vancouver BC

2018 South Asian Canadian Histories Association, Vancouver BC

2018 Kashi House CIC, London UK

ACQUISITIONS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Surrey Art Gallery
Surrey BC

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
Montreal, QC

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

2016-present Ontario Association of Architects - Licensed Architect and Member

2020-2024 L360 Architecture - Architect (part-time and project-based)
London ON

2017-2019 Philip Agar Architect Inc. - Intern Architect
London ON

2016-2017 Cornerstone Architecture Inc. - Intern Architect
London ON