

Vi Houssin

Beadwork artist

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Exhibitions

September to November 2026	<u>What Colour is the Sacred?</u> Group exhibition Galerie Buhler Gallery in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by hannah_g
June to February 2026	<u>Reframed</u> Group exhibition WAG-Qaumajuq in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by Marie-Anne Redhead
February to April 2026	<u>Beading the Resurgence</u> Group exhibition Gallery 1C03 in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by Jennifer Gibson and Cathy Mattes
January 2025 to February 2026	<u>Craft in Colour: 2025 Manitoba Arts Network Touring Exhibition</u> Group exhibition Rural arts centres across Manitoba, Canada Curated by Katrina Craig
November to December 2025	<u>Landfear</u> Solo exhibition aceartinc. in Winnipeg, MB Curated by Julia Lafreniere
October to November 2025	<u>Coast to Coast to Coast: Celebrating Canadian Craft</u> Group exhibition Craft Council of BC Gallery in Vancouver, BC Curated by Mike Patten
May to June 2025	<u>Above Water / Under Sky</u> Group exhibition The Edge Gallery in Winnipeg, Manitoba Curated by James Turowski
January to April 2025	<u>Coast to Coast to Coast: Celebrating Canadian Craft</u> Group exhibition Ottawa Art Gallery in Ottawa, Ontario Curated by Mike Patten

December 2024	<u>Coast to Coast to Coast: Celebrating Canadian Craft</u> Group exhibition Conseil des métiers d'art du Québec in Montreal, Québec Curated by Mike Patten
October 2024 to April 2025	<u>Autobiographie d'une selle Métis</u> Group exhibition/permanent collection Musé cantonal d'archéologie et d'histoire in Lausanne, Switzerland Curated by Sherry Farrell-Racette and Dr. Laura Peers
September to October 2024	<u>Reverberations: 40 Years of MAWA's Foundation Mentorship Program</u> Group exhibition Mentoring Artists for Women's Art in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by Abi Auld and Jenny Western
March to April 2024	<u>Honouring the Work of Hands</u> Group exhibition aceartinc. in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by Blair Fornwald
February 2024	<u>La Michinn</u> Group exhibition Fort Gibraltar in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by Julia Lafreniere
May to June 2023	<u>Summer CAMP</u> Group exhibition The Edge Gallery in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by James Turowski
January to February 2022	<u>Craft in Colour – MCC Member Show 2023</u> Group exhibition C2 Centre for Craft in Winnipeg, Canada
July to August 2022	<u>Up-and-Coming Craft</u> Group digital exhibition C2 Centre for Craft in Winnipeg, Canada
September 2021	<u>QUEER We Go Again</u> Group exhibition The Edge Gallery in Winnipeg, Canada Curated by James Turowski

Teachings

Workshop facilitation

August 2025 to present (monthly)	<u>BIPOC Beading Circle</u> . TakeHome BIPOC Arts House Studio in Winnipeg, Canada.
October 10, 2023	<u>All Things Métis / Toutes Choses Métis</u> . Hosted by the Winnipeg International Writers Festival. Kilter Brewing Co, Winnipeg, Canada.
December 5, 2022 & December 19, 2022	<u>Off-Loom Beadweaving with Vi Houssin</u> . Hosted by Mentoring Artists for Women's Art in Winnipeg, Canada.
November 6, 2021	<u>Beadweaving Basics Workshop with Vi Houssin</u> . Hosted by ArtsJunktion mb. Little Brown Jug Brewing Company, Winnipeg, Canada.

Education

September 2025	<u>2025 Métis Craft Gathering</u> Hillside Beach, Manitoba
September 2022 to August 2023	<u>Foundation Mentorship Program with Jennine Krauchi</u> Mentoring Artists for Women's Art (MAWA) Winnipeg, Canada
January 21, 2020	<u>Beading workshop with David Heinrichs</u> Two-Spirit Michif Local The Metis Club, Winnipeg, Canada

Awards & grants

June 2026	Nominated for the <u>Emerging Craftsperson Award</u> . Canadian Crafts Federation.
June 2026	Nominated for the <u>RBC On the Rise Award</u> . Winnipeg Arts Council.
June 2023	<u>Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples – Short-Term Projects</u> . Canada Council for the Arts.
February 2023	<u>Explore and Create – Professional Development for Artists</u> . Canada Council for the Arts.
August 2022	<u>Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples – Small-Scale Activities</u> . Canada Council for the Arts.

News

- May 2026 'Art is for everybody,' says Métis beadwork artist who hosts monthly workshop for racialized people. CBC Manitoba. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/bipoc-beading-circle-winnipeg-9.7175223>
- May 2026 Winnipeg exhibition traces the revival of Red River Métis beadwork. IndigiNews. <https://indiginews.com/winnipeg/winnipeg-exhibition-red-river-metis-beadwork/>
- February 2026 Bead by bead: Exhibit connects traditional and contemporary Métis beadwork artists. The Winnipeg Free Press. <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/2026/02/27/bead-by-bead>
- February 2026 Ancestral techniques and new ideas. The Uniter. <https://uniter.ca/view/ancestral-techniques-and-new-ideas>
- November 2025 The beauty of fear. Winnipeg Free Press. <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/2025/11/27/the-beauty-of-fear>
- November 2025 Finding beauty in fear: Landfear at aceartinc. offers collective catharsis. The Uniter. <https://uniter.ca/view/finding-beauty-in-fear>
- November 2025 Metis artist expresses fear and uncertainty through beadwork. CBC Radio. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/audio/9.6963775>
- November 2024 Swiss museum exhibit features 1820s Métis saddle alongside modern beaded items. CBC Manitoba. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/metis-saddle-switzerland-exhibit-1.7377639>
- April 2024 Beadwork portraits honour women in Métis artist's life. CBC Manitoba. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.4206515>
- April 2024 MAWA exhibit celebrates Métis artistry and multidisciplinary talent. The Projector. <https://theprojector.ca/mawa-exhibit-celebrates-metis-artistry-and-multidisciplinary-talent/>