

a A r o n M u n s o n

Artist and Filmmaker

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aAron Munson is a Canadian filmmaker, cinematographer and multimedia artist. His work has taken him from his personal studio to war zones, high-Arctic weather stations, reindeer nomad camps in Siberia, and the Arabian Desert. aAron's projects tackle extreme human experiences, both far from and close to home, utilizing film, video and photography to create visual explorations relating to mental illness, memory, and the conscious mind.

Filmography and Other Work:

Current Projects:

"Being ..." - In production on a multimedia exhibition that displays macro photography, single-channel video and video installation capturing chemical reactions. These reactions represent how emotional states are dictated by the chemicals within us. Will be shown at The Front Gallery in June 2019.

"The Same Road Twice" - A multimedia exhibition about the Dempster Highway and the town of Inuvik in the Canadian Arctic. The project explores how memories related to a person's past are perceived, and the disconnect that often exists between the mental landscape and reality. This exploration is achieved through multiple visual mediums & experiences that demonstrate how the medium itself shapes our impressions, and memories of a place. Funded by the Canada Council for the Arts.

Gallery Exhibitions:

Title	Year	Gallery	Description
Being ...	2019	The Front Gallery	Multimedia exhibition that displays macro photography, single-channel video and video installation capturing chemical reactions. These reactions represent how emotional states are dictated by the chemicals within us.
Isachsen	2018	dc3 Art Projects	A multimedia exhibition that explores the themes of isolation and depression through my father's experience at a remote Arctic weather station in 1974 -75, and my own visit to the abandoned station 40 years later.
One Hundred Attempts to Make a Film About Depression	2015	The Works Festival	The film screened as part of Telepathic <i>Eye & the Aesthetic Voice</i> group show at the Stanley A. Milner Library and Jackson Power Gallery in 2015.
Isachsen 1948 -1978	2013	AGA	A documentary exhibition and installation that depicts the life of a lone arctic weather station. A collaboration with video installation artist David Hoffos.
Acre Loss	2009	EAG	Video installation that presented 10 films from the Acre Loss collaboration with Mark Templeton.

Selected Completed Films:

Title	Year	Length (minutes)	Medium	Grant Funding (if applicable)
Under the Sun	2018	6	Digital	
Deceiver	2017	5	Digital	Canada Council
100 Attempts to Make a Film About Depression	2015	5	Digital	Canada Council
Blair's Last Day	2014	7	Digital	
Something Strangely Familiar	2012	4	35mm / Digital	
Now That I've Given Up Hope, I Feel Much Better	2012	6	Digital	
My Last 12 Rolls of Kodachrome	2011	3	Super 8mm	
Drift	2011	5	Digital	
Figs In Motion	2010	8	Super 8mm	Art Gallery of Alberta
AurA	2009	11	Digital	AFA
Leaving Me	2008	6	35 & 16mm	AFA
Acre Loss	2008	40	Digital Super8 & 16mm	Edm. Cultural Capital
Concept 11	2008	5	Digital & 16mm	

Part-Monster	2007	3	Super 8 & 16mm	
thrU	2007	3	Digital & 16mm	AFA & NFB FAP
tentative growth	2007	5	Digital & Super 8mm	
not so natural	2005	7	Super 8mm	NFB FAP
fixation	2005	15	Super 8mm	AFA
II	2005	1	16mm	
passmebye	2004	4	Super 8mm	
Of Nature	2004	5	Super 8 & 16mm	
Look Up	2003	3	Super 8mm	
III	2003	5	Super 8mm	
SublimitA	2003	3	Super 8mm	

Awards & Grants:

2018 - Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Individual Artist Grant - Visual Arts
2017 - Edmonton Arts Council - Individual Artist Grant
2015 - Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Individual Artist Grant - Visual Arts
2015 - Edmonton Arts Council - Individual Artist Grant
2012 - Edmonton Arts Council - Individual Artist Grant
2011 - Canada Council For the Arts - Individual Artist Grant - Film/Video
2011 - Canada Council For the Arts - ACDI Artist Grant - Film/Video
2008 - Edmonton Cultural Capital Project Grant
2008 - Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Individual Artist Grant - Film/Video
2007 - Edmonton Arts Council - Edmonton Artists Trust Fund Award Recipient
2006 - Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Individual Artist Grant - Film/Video
2004 - Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Individual Artist Grant - Film/Video

Publications (Appearance In) :

Symbols of Canada - Published October 15th 2018 by Between the Lines, Edited by Michael Dawson, Catherine Gidney and Donald Wright. - Includes an image from *Isachsen*

Education:**Digital Arts and Media Program Graduate**

Grant MacEwan College, 2001– 2003

Work History:

2012 – Present Multimedia Artist

2003 – Present Filmmaker I Cinematographer

2004 – 2008 Film and Video Arts Society
- Production Maintenance Coordinator
- Instructor for the Basics of 16mm Filmmaking Program
- FAVA member archive technician

2003 –2004 Assistant to the Production Coordinator at the Film and Video Arts Society

Community Service:

- Board Member (President) of Metro Cinema, Fall 2005 to fall 2011
- Board Member (President) of the Film and Video Arts Society, Spring 2008 to April 2010
- Production Committee Member of the film and Video Arts Society, 2004 - 2014
- Various volunteer activities for other arts organizations such as MADE, The Art Gallery of Alberta, Artshab

Instruction:

- 5 –year co-instructor of the “Basics of Filmmaking” course at FAVA (9 month back to basics 16mm film course)
- various artist talks and presentations at arts colleges and arts co-ops
- various workshops at FAVA (hand-processing, HD intro, stop-motion)
- Super 8 workshops at FAVA, and at IFCO in Ottawa