Michelle Atkinson





Calgary based artist Michelle Atkinson takes elements of data visualization, recycling and a tendency for materiality utilizing light and texture as foundational elements in her sculptural works. She sources extreme historical weather data and completely re-interprets a grid seismograph into protozoic shapes that act as building blocks for her sculptural cloud-form compositions. By hand crushing picture frame glass to glitter-like sand and creating layers of colored acrylic resins, mirror and spray paint, she takes disastrous stories (forest fires/atmospheric rivers) and camouflages them in beautiful configurations.

Driven by an overriding desire to understand, protect, and ultimately preserve the natural world, my work spans many artistic mediums to conceptualize the interconnectivity of our actions. Atkinson's first large-scale permanent public art piece was unveiled as the entrance to the newly designed Wild Canada section of the Calgary Zoo ('23). Her most recent art commission for the Calgary Stampede's corporate art collection can be found in the newly renovated BMO (Bank of Montreal) Centre ('24).

BIOGRAPHY Michelle Atkinson is an internationally awarded multidisciplinary artist who creates contemporary artwork based on the environment and humanity's effect on it. Atkinson earned a graphic design diploma (NMPD'03 with honours) from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Canada with which she has garnered international acclaim and over 30 awards. She was published in *Belle Armoire Jewelry* magazine ('19) for her copper electroforming work. She is the only person to win the *Made in Alberta Awards* (*Avenue* magazine) three times in three categories over three years ('19, '21, '22). Recently she obtained grants from both the Alberta Foundation for the Arts ('22) and the Canadian Council for the Arts ('21) for a yearlong installation work at the Leighton Art Centre ('23).

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