

SKY HOPINKA

Born 1984 in Bellingham, Washington. Lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

EDUCATION

MFA, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Film, Video, Animation and New Genres, 2016

BA, Portland State University, Liberal Studies, 2012

Associate Degree, Riverside City College, 2006

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Harvard University, 2024-Present

Assistant Professor, Bard College, 2020–2023

Visiting Faculty, Bard College, MFA, 2019–2020

Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University, 2018–2020

Associate Lecturer, University of Illinois-Chicago, 2017–2018

Associate Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2016–2018

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2014–2016

Unangam Tunuu Summer Language Intensive, 2015

Chinuk Wawa Social Club, 2011–2013

Nuumu Summer Language Intensive, 2011

AWARDS + SCHOLARSHIPS + FELLOWSHIPS + RESIDENCIES

San Francisco International Film Festival, Persistence of Vision Award, 2025

Honorary Degree, Portland State University, 2024

Baloise Art Prize, 2023

MacArthur Fellowship, 2022

International Center of Photography, Infinity Award in Art, 2022

Forge Project Fellowship, 2021

Holt/Smithson Foundation: The Island Project artist commission, 2022

Macdowell Residency, 2021

Guggenheim Fellowship for Creative Arts, 2020

Alpert Award in the Arts, Film/Video, 2020

Media City Film Festival Chrysalis Fellowship, 2019-2020

Art Matters Artist Fellowship, 2019

Sundance Art of Nonfiction Fellowship, 2019

Filmmaker Magazine 25 New Faces of Film, 2018

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts YBCA 100 Honoree,, 2018

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellow, Harvard University, 2018-2019

Jury Award, Chicago Underground Film Festival, 2018

MoCNA Social Engagement Artist in Residence, Santa Fe, NM, 2018

CEAM Artist Residency, Flagler College, 2018

Mary L. Nohl Fund Fellowship for Individual Artists, Emerging artist category, 2018

New Cinema Award, Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival, 2017

Best of Festival, ICDPCS, Iowa City, IA, 2017

Best New Form Short Film, FilmfestDC, Washington, DC, 2017

Best Experimental Film, Santa Fe Indian Market, 2016

First Prize, UNXFEST 1.1, 2016

More with Less Award, Images Festival, 2016
Jury Award, Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, 2016
Tom Berman Award Most Promising Filmmaker, 54th Ann Arbor Film Festival, 2016
Juror Award, Student Experimental Film Festival, 2015
Adoor Gopalakrishnan Film Archive and Research Fund Merit Award, UWM, 2015
Princess Grace Graduate Film Scholarship, 2015
3rd Prize, Media City Film Festival, 2015
Advanced Opportunity Program Fellowship Award, UWM, 2015
Jury Award, Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, 2015
Levin Scholarship Award from UWM Peck School of the Arts, 2013
Honorable Mention, Indigenous Language Award, ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, 2013
Longhouse Native Creative Development Program, 2013
Oregon Indian Education Association Outstanding Student in Higher Education, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Denizens of Hell, published by Inpatient Press, 2024
The Island Weights, published by Stereoeditions, 2023
Sky Hopinka: The sun comes in whenever it wants, published by Empire and LUMA, October, 2022
Film is the Body, published by MoMA Magazine, June, 2022
Best of 2021, published by MoMA, December, 2021
Perfidia, co-published by Wendy's Subway and Bard CCS, 2020
Around the Edge of Encircling Lake, published by The Green Gallery Press, 2018
The Centers of Somewhere, Walker Reader, Apr. 2018
Sky Hopinka Introduces his film "Dislocation Blues," MUBI Notebook Feature, Oct. 2017
American Traditional War Dances, This Long Century, Nov. 2017
Anti-Objects, or Space Without Path or Boundary, Design Week Portland, 1 Feb. 2017

COLLECTIONS

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, TX
The Anchorage Museum, Anchorage, AK
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
The Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA
Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA
Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
JP Morgan Chase Art Collection, New York City, NY
Kadist, San Francisco, CA
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee, WI
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York City, NY
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Tate Modern, London, UK
Tia Collection, Santa Fe, NM
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
The Whitney Museum, New York City, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

2025

Fainting Spells, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Spain
Sunflower Siege Engine, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA
Tonya Leighton, Berlin, Germany

2024

Unforgiven Souls Sing Hymns, Broadway Gallery New York, NY
don't wait for me, just tell me where you're going, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Our Ailing Senses, Kunsthalle Friart, Fribourg, Switzerland
Sky Hopinka, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA
Sky Hopinka: Kunjkaga Remembers Red Banks, Kunjkaga Remembers the Welcome Song, The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

2023

Under the Moon, Beneath the Flowers, Tanya Leighton, Los Angeles
Sunflower Siege Engine, Tanya Leighton Gallery, Berlin, Germany
What Matters: A Proposition in Eight Rooms, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
Sky Hopinka, Museu de Arte de São Paulo
Lore, Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, Georgia
Behind the evening tide, LUMA Westbau, Zurich
FotoFocus Presents: Sky Hopinka, FotoFocus Biennial, Cincinnati, OH

2022

LUMA Westbau, Zurich, Switzerland
UC Santa Cruz Institute of the Arts and Sciences, Santa Cruz, CA
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
Broadway Gallery, New York City, NY
LUMA Arles, Arles, France
Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY

2021

Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY
The Block Museum of Art, Chicago, IL

The High Line, New York, NY
Emerson Contemporary, Boston, MA
Vorspiel/transmediale, Berlin, Germany

2020

VOX, Centre de l'image contemporaine, Montreal, Quebec
Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Broadway Gallery, New York City, NY
Fainting Spells, New Media Series, Saint Louis Art Museum, St Louis, Missouri, Installation & artist talk

2019

The Great Poor Farm Experiment XI, Sky Hopinka Exhibition, Manawa, WI
Green Gallery, The Land Describes Itself, Milwaukee, WI

2018

Bockley Gallery, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Crisp-Eller Art Museum, St. Augustine, FL

2017

IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, American Traditional War Songs, Santa Fe, NM

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
Nasjonal Museet, Oslo, Norway
Your Ears Will Later Know to Listen, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, England
Moving Pictures, Kimball Art Center, Park City, UT
Indigenous Identities: Here, Now & Always, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Each Place Its Own Mind, Edel Assanti, London, UK
Sovereign Memory: Photography, Remembrance, and Displaced Histories, The Davis Museum at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
Smoke in Our Hair: Native Memory and Unsettled Time, Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY
Cities and Eyes, Fridman Gallery, New York, NY
Ways of Knowing, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

2024

Seeing Through Stone, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
The land describes itself, Pulitzer Arts Foundation, St. Louis, M.O.
At the still point of the turning world, STUK Arts Centre, Leuven, Belgium
What Matters, SF MoMA, San Francisco, CA
Border Cantos, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
Our People are Our Mountains: Instructions for Placemaking, De Appel, Amsterdam

A Nation Takes Place, Minnesota Marine Art Museum, Winona, Minnesota
How to Carry Water, PRAx, Corvallis, Oregon
Widening the Lens: Photography, Ecology, and the Contemporary Landscape, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Dream Time, UCCA Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing
don't wait for me, just tell me where you're going, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Resonant Earth: Contemporary Perspectives on Land and Body, The Moody Center for the Arts at Rice University, Houston, TX
A Surreal Place, Fruitlands Museum, Lincoln, MA
It moves forward, always, Kleefeld Contemporary, Long Beach, CA

2023

Clocking Out: Time Beyond Management, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
What Now? (or Not Yet), Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Being As Communion, Thessaloniki Biennial, Athens, Greece
Rituals of Devotion, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
Emerge Selections, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Whitney Museum Independent Study Program, Artists Space, New York, NY
Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Liveable Worlds, Institute of Contemporary Art at Maine College of Art & Design, Portland, ME
Reassembled: Bodies, Dreams, and Landscapes, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
Channeling, Museum für Moderne Kunst Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Smart to the Core: Poetry and the Human, Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL
Boundless, Mead Art Museum, Amherst, MA
Mythopoeitics, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA

2022

MOMus, Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece
Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, TX
Amant Foundation, New York, NY
Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
Artspace, New Haven, CT
North Loop Art, Williamstown, MA
Tanya Leighton Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Vernacular Institute, CDMX
Center for Art, Research and Alliances (CARA), New York, NY
Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, Canada
Center for Contemporary Arts Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
Schneider Museum of Art, Ashland, OR
Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Pullman, WA

2021

Prospect 5, New Orleans, LA
Tabakalera International Centre for Contemporary Culture, San Sebastian, Spain
Poet Slash Artist, curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist & Lemn Sissay, Manchester, UK

Artspace Aotearoa, Auckland, New Zealand
David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Tanya Leighton Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2020

Taipei Biennial, Taipei, Taiwan
Kamloops Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
The World is Gone and I Must Carry You, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden
Galerie Arnaud Lefebvre, Paris, France
New Art from the Pacific Northwest, Adams and Ollman Gallery, Portland, OR

2019

National Gallery of Canada, Abadacone, Ottawa, Ontario
47 Canal, Miffed Blue Return, New York City, NY
Centre Pompidou, Cosmopolis #2, Paris, France
Julia Stoschek Collection, Horizontal Vertigo, Düsseldorf, Germany
Tetsuo's Garage, Coloring Wall, Nikko, Japan
Titanik Gallery, witching hour, Turku, Finland
Counterpublic, Triennial Public Art Exhibition, St. Louis, MO
LACE, Unraveling Collective Forms, Los Angeles, CA
yəhaw', Indigenous exhibition, Seattle, WA

2018

Disjecta, I've known rivers, Portland, OR
Front International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH
Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, Monarchs, Miami, FL
Mary L. Nohl Fund Fellowship for Individual Artists Group Exhibition, Milwaukee, WI
Wattis Institute, Los Angeles, CA
MSU Broad Museum, When the Land Speaks, East Lansing, MI
516 ARTS, 21st Century Cyphers, Albuquerque, NM
The Mistake Room, A Tender Spot, Los Angeles, CA
Walker's Point Center for the Arts, Native Voices, Milwaukee, WI
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Monarchs, Omaha, NE

2017

Out of Sight, Seattle, WA
Whitney Biennial, New York City, NY

2016

Berwick Media + Arts Festival, Berwick, England
mamuk xalaql, Littman Gallery, Portland, OR
Wisconsin Triennial at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI

2015

Art Toronto, Verge Video, Toronto, ON
Survivance: An Indigenous Intervention, Portland, OR

#ImNotBuyingIt, Chinatown Arcade, Los Angeles, CA

ARTIST TALKS

2025

Flanders House, New York, NY
Hudson River Museum, New York, NY
San Francisco Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AK
Humanities New York, New York, NY
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

2024

Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Metrograph, New York, NY
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
BAMPFA, Berkeley, CA
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
TOCC, Tohono O'odham Nation, Arizona
Bates College Museum of Art, Lewiston, Maine
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

2023

Tanya Leighton Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Foto Focus, Cincinnati, OH
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
UC Davis Art Studio, Davis, CA
Fabrique-mondes, Montréal, Canada
Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal, Canada
Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montréal, Canada
Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA

2022

LUMA Arles, Arles, France
EMPAC, Troy, NY
Parsons School of Design, New York, NY
Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
ArtSpace, New Haven, CT
Blackstar Lab, Philadelphia, PA
Ball State University, Muncie, IN
Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA
London Short Film Festival, Artists in Conversation, London, UK

2021

Seen and Heart at Art Basel Miami, Miami Beach, FL
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
EMPAC, Troy, NY
Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage, AK
The International Festival of Films on Art, Montreal, Quebec
San Francisco Cinematheque, San Francisco, CA

2020

Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA
Art Gallery New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Fainting Spells, New Media Series, Saint Louis Art Museum, St Louis, MO
In Conversation with Hans Ulrich Obrist, Containers of Culture, DLD Conference, Munich, Germany

2019

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Autochthonous Cinema, Paris, France
Wesleyan University, Audible Bacillus, Middletown, CT

2018

UWM Union Cinema, Mary Nohl Screening, Milwaukee, WI
Peck School of the Arts UWM, Artists Now!, Milwaukee, WI
Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
LUX Scotland Masterclass, Glasgow, Scotland
Gallery 400, Chicago, IL
IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM
Visiting Artist Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

2016

Screening: Sky Hopinka, Hosted by the Center for 21st Century Studies, Milwaukee, WI

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dalbow, Tara Anne. "Native American Artists Claim Space at Frieze Los Angeles." *Frieze Magazine*, February 10th, 2025
Butler, Emily. "Sky Hopinka, Subterranean Ceremonies." *ArtForum*, Summer, 2024
Zara, Janelle. "How Sky Hopinka Conjures His Indigenous Ancestors." *Art Basel*, April 24th, 2023
Serafin, Amy. "Arthur Jafa and Sky Hopinka at Luma Arles: a tale of two Americas." *Wallpaper*, May 20th, 2022
Nagy, Elisabeth. "Kicking the Clouds, Tinashé, Haulout und Retreat." *Riecks Film Kritiken*, February 22nd, 2022.
Sun, Abby. "Sundance 2022 Critic's Notebook: *Fire of Love*, *Every Day in Kaimukī* and Shorts." *Filmmaker Magazine*, January 26th, 2022.
Maslenitsyna, Lora. "A Mesmerizing Walk through Chinookan Heritage" *Supamodu*, 10 May, 2020
Fox, Jason. "Can Documentary Make Space?" *Film Quarterly*, 4 Jan. 2020
Bittencourt, Ela. "Mining Indigenous Myths and Language" *Hyperallergic*, 3 Feb. 2020
Cohn, Pamela "Lucid Dreaming: Conversations with 29 Filmmakers" *OR Books*, Feb. 2020
Cotter, Lucy. "Reclaiming Artistic Research" *Hatje Cantz*, 19 Sept, 2019

O'Toole, Frani. "Sky Hopinka at the Poor Farm" *Brooklyn Rail*, Sep. 2019

McAdams, Shane. "Sky Hopinka's Meditations on Place and Space" *Shephard Express* May. 2019

Costello, Lindsay. "The Exciting Native American Film Program at This Year's Whitney" *Hyperallergic* May, 2019

Schindel, Dan. "The Experimental Cinema of This Year's Whitney Biennial Film Curator." *Hyperallergic* May. 2019

Mangesha, Lillian. "On Omission." *Women and Performance*, Jan. 2019

Lopez, Almudena Escobar. "Ethnopoetics of Reality: The Works of Sky Hopinka." *Afterimage*, Vol. 45 2018

Nixon, Lindsay. "Wistful, Wayward Warriors" *Deep-Time Construction at The Wattis Institute*. 2018

Abrams, Matthew Jeffrey. "In Search of Lost Words: The Work of Sky Hopinka." *L.A. Review of Books*, 29 Sept. 2017

Cumming, Jesse. "The Land of Sound, the Land of Images: On Recent Works by Sky Hopinka." *Cinema Scope* 70. 2017

Guzmán, Alicia. "American Traditional War Songs: The Ethnopoetic Videos of Sky Hopinka." *THE Magazine*, 1 Aug. 2017

Lopez, Almudena Escobar. "In Conversation with Sky Hopinka and belit sag." *Brooklyn Rail*, 2 Nov. 2017

Khalil, Adam, and Zach Khalil. "Sky Hopinka." *Third Rail*, 10. 2017

Lim, Dennis. "Openings: Sky Hopinka." *Artforum*, Mar. 2017

PROGRAMMING/CURATION

Once Within a Time, SITE Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM, 2025

To Carry, Sharjah Art Biennial, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, 2025

Art Encounters Biennial, Timișoara, Romania, 2025

don't wait for me, just tell me where you're going, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, 2024

Images Festival, Toronto, CA, 2024

What was always yours and never lost, The Western Gallery & Campus Sculpture Collection at Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 2024

San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA, 2023

NGV Triennial, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, 2023

Thessaloniki Biennial of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece, 2023

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2023

Continents of Drifting Clouds, the 67th Flaherty Seminar, 2022

What Was Always Yours and Never Lost No. 5, BAMPFA, Berkeley, CA, 2022

What Was Always Yours and Never Lost No. 5, Whitney Biennial, New York, NY, 2019

What Was Always Yours and Never Lost No. 4, Yale Union, Portland, OR, 2019

Yale Union Powwow at Yale Union, Portland, OR, 2019

What Was Always Yours and Never Lost No. 3, VISIONS, Montreal, Quebec, 2018

Canyon Cinema Salon with Sky Hopinka, San Francisco, CA

On Loneliness, Post-Colonial Vagaries, Film Front, Chicago, IL, 2017

What Was Always Yours and Never Lost No. 2, the Haggerty Museum, Milwaukee, WI, 2017

What Was Always Yours and Never Lost No. 1, One Flaming Arrow Indigenous Film Festival, Portland, OR, 2016

A Series of Concrete and Luminous Images: Recent Work in Ethnopoetics, at Union Cinema, Milwaukee, WI, 2016

SOLO SCREENINGS

2025

Middlebury College Art Museum, Middlebury, VT
Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA

2024

SF MoMA, San Francisco, CA
Le Cinematographe, Lausanne, Switzerland
VISIONS CINEMA, Montreal, Quebec
Fort Lewis College, Center of Southwest Studies, Durango, CO

2023

Tate Modern, London, UK
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Film Studies Center at University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Oboro Gallery, Montreal, Canada
IDFA, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Brooklyn Rail, Brooklyn, NY
Austin Film Society, Austin, TX
Other Cinema, San Francisco, CA
Göteborg Film Festival, Göteborg, Sweden
OXY ARTS, Los Angeles, CA
Douranez Film Festival, Douranez, France
MASP, São Paulo, Brasil
Ideal Art Space, Leipzig, Germany
The Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA
Birchbark/Bockley, Minneapolis, MN
Del Mar Theatre, Santa Cruz, CA
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

2022

DCTV's Documentary Cinema, New York, NY
Belvedere 21, Wien, Austria
Northloop, Williamstown, MA
Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM
Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY
Luma Arles, Arles, France
Art Basel Film, Basel, Switzerland
Brehm Center, Pasadena, CA
Nicoletti Contemporary, London, UK
Cineteca Nacional de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico

Hunter College, New York, NY
ashkal alwan, Beirut, Lebanon
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA
University of Saskatchewan Art Galleries, Saskatoon, Canada
Kunstneres Hus Cinema, Oslo, Norway
Barbican Cinema, London, UK

2021

Cinemigrante Festival Internacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Maysles Documentary Center, New York City, NY
Northwest Film Forum, Seattle, WA
cinéSPEAK, Philadelphia, PA
Lightbox Film Center, Philadelphia, PA
Brattle Cinema, Cambridge, MA
Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL
Laemmle Theatres, Chicago, IL
Metrograph, New York City, NY
VOX, Montreal, Quebec

2020

The Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
Scribe Video Center, Philadelphia, PA
East Window, Boulder, CO
Aurora Picture Show, Houston, TX
The Autry Museum, maľni, towards the ocean, towards the shore, Los Angeles, CA
Sky Hopinka: Short Films and Artist Talk, Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, ON
Film Screening with Sky Hopinka, Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ
Videoscapes in Dislocation, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
Sneak Preview of maľni-towards the ocean, towards the shore, Tate Modern, London, UK

2019

Encuentros Cinematograficos Camera Lucida, Cuenca, Ecuador
Nomadica, Towards Opacity, Around the Edge of Encircling Lake, Bologna, Italy
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Afterimage: Sky Hopinka, Berkeley, CA
Pacific Northwest College of Art, LRVS MFA Lecture, Portland, OR
Amherst Cinema, Short films of Sky Hopinka, Amherst, MA
Maysles Cinema, Personal Ethnographies, Harlem, NY
Harvard Film Archive, An Evening with Sky Hopinka, Cambridge, MA
LACMA, The Ethnopoetic Cinema of Sky Hopinka, Los Angeles, CA
Western Colorado University, Guest filmmaker series, Gunnison, CO
Courtisane Festival, 05: Sky Hopinka, Ghent, Belgium
Brooklyn Academy of Music, On Resentment: An Evening with Sky Hopinka, Brooklyn, NY
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Screening: Sky Hopinka, Chicago, IL
School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University, Screening and Conversation, Boston, MA
Yale University, Film screening, New Haven, CT

2018

Cellular Cinema, CAVE 3, Minneapolis, MN
Portland Art Museum, Disjecta program, Milwaukee, WI
Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia
Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival, Berwick-Upon-Tweet
Tacoma Film Festival, Tacoma, WA
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
LUX, London, United Kingdom
Visions, Montreal, Quebec
CineMarfa, Marfa, TX
Lease Agreement, Huntsville, TX
SF Cinematheque, San Francisco, CA
Rubicon Cinema, Akron, OH
First Person Cinema, Boulder, CO
FDM Porter Visiting Artist: Sky Hopinka, Santa Cruz, CA
Redcat Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
Flagler College CEAM Artist Residency, St. Augustine, FL

2017

The ARTS Project, London, Ontario
Union Docs, An Evening with Sky Hopinka, Brooklyn, NY
Bard College, The Films of Sky Hopinka, Hudson, NY
MassArt Film Society, Sky Hopinka, Boston, MA
Squeaky Wheel Film and Media, Sky Hopinka in Person, Buffalo, NY
Spectral Microcinema, 04: Sky Hopinka, Stevens Point, WI
Conversations at the Edge, Sky Hopinka: Translations and Transmutations, Chicago, IL
Visual Studies Workshop, Video Works by Sky Hopinka, Rochester, NY

2016

Headroom Screening Series, Sky Hopinka at FilmScene, Iowa City, IA
Microlights Presents: Sky Hopinka, Milwaukee, WI
The Nightingale Microcinema, Presents Sky Hopinka, Chicago, IL
Tahoe Underground Film Festival, Tahoe City, CA

GROUP SCREENINGS

2024

Let Us Believe in the Beginning of the Cold Season, Portikus — Frankfurt, Germany
don't wait for me, just tell me where you're going, Baltimore Museum of Art — Baltimore, MD
INFRINGES, Bangkok Kunsthalle — Bangkok, Thailand
Preoccupied: Indigenizing the Museum, Baltimore Museum of Art — Baltimore, MD
On landscapes, ruins, and patterns of remembering, e-flux — New York, NY
Our People are Our Mountains, de Appel — Amsterdam, Netherlands
Festival Regards Satellites, Saint-Denis, France

2023

I'll Remember You as You Were, not as What You'll Become, Göteborg Biennial, Göteborg, Sweden

MOCA Artist Films series, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

Minifilmfestival, Filmkunstskolen i Kabelvåg, Oslo, Norway

imagineNATIVE, Toronto, Canada

City Gallery Wellington Te Whare Toi, Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand

Experimental Competition of Curtas Vila do Conde, Vila do Conde, Portugal

2022

Shorts Under the Bridge, Berlin, Germany

Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland

Northwest Film Forum, Seattle, WA

Tanya Leighton Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Uno Port Art Films, Okayama, Japan

Basilica Hudson x Forge Foundation, Hudson, NY

Kunstnernes Hus Cinema, Oslo, Norway

Berlinale Shorts Program, Berlin, Germany

2021

South South Veza

A Year in Review, Dublin, Ireland

Practice for Slow Encounters, Sensate Cinema, Baltimore, MD

TABAKALERA International Centre for Contemporary Culture, San Sebastián, Spain

Artspace Aotearoa, Auckland, New Zealand

2020

Pleasure Dome: We Need not an Archive, but Songs, Toronto, ON

Sundance Indigenous Shorts, New York, NY

Memory Strate: A Conversation with Sky Hopinka and Simon Liu, Houston Cinema Arts Festival, Houston, TX

True to Nature, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Indigenous Lens: Our Reality, The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

An Evening with Basma al Sarif and Sky Hopinka, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY

2019

Almost No Memory, Baltic Analog Lab, Riga, Latvia

Matchsticks, Metrograph, New York City, NY

In the Listening Garden, Curated by Oona Mosna of Media City, Experiments in Cinema, Albuquerque, NM

The Land, Curated by Tomonari Nishikawa at Uplink Theatre, Tokyo, Japan

Indigenous Peoples Artist Collective, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

McCord Museum, Descendants Short Film Screening, Montreal, QC

LA Filmforum, Unraveling Collective Forms, Los Angeles, CA

2018

Union Docs, World Records Launch, Brooklyn, NY
Houston Cinema Arts Festival, Compressed Air, Houston, TX
Infrared, SF Cinematheque, San Francisco, CA
Cinema Multiversal, Programmed by Ana Vaz
The Flaherty Seminar, Invited filmmaker, Hamilton, NY
Anthology Film Archive: Cinema of Gender Transgression, New York City, NY
The Nightingale, Heaven is a Place, Chicago, IL
Nocturnal Reflections, Milan, Italy
Other Cinema, San Francisco, CA
Cinema Politica, Montreal, Quebec

2017

Artists Space, Without Us There is No You, New York City, NY
Mini Microcinema, Shorts from Standing Rock, Cincinnati, OH
Pleasure Dome, This Landscape Tells Stories: Caroline Monnet and Sky Hopinka, Montreal, Quebec
Whitney Biennial, Sites, Sines, Songs: Mary Helena Clark, Sky Hopinka, and Cauleen Smith, New York, NY
Urban Video Project, Haunted Ethnographies, Syracuse, NY
Sheffield Fringe, Object! On the Documentary as Art, London, UK
Northern Norway Art Museum, View from Up Here, Tromsø, Norway

2016

Now! Journal Presents: Shut It Down, Brooklyn, NY
Cinema Project, Passages curated by David Dinnell, Portland, OR
Ipswich Art Gallery, Projected States, Ipswich, Queensland, Australia
TIFF Lightbox Short Documentary Showcase, Toronto, ON
NMAI Native Cinema Showcase, Santa Fe, NM
Native Documentary by Sundance Indigenous Program, St. Paul, MN
Geography of the Body of the World at LA Film Forum, Los Angeles, CA
UNEXPOSED, Midwest Screening with Emily Oscarson, Durham, NC
The Best Short Films of Sundance at the Phi Centre, Montreal, QC
Minority Report, at Pleasure Dome, Toronto, ON
Shapeshifters, at The Grange, East Haddam, CT
The Being of Seeing UNEXPOSED Microcinema, Durham, NC
NMAI Mother Tongue Film Festival, Washington D.C.

2015

Minority Report, at Mothlight Microcinema, Detroit, MI
People & Places, at the Mini Microcinema, Cincinnati, OH
Indigene Guerilla Independent Film Showcase, Pine Ridge, SD
NO HOME: Films by Dan Smeby at Mothlight Microcinema, Detroit, MI
A Program of Short Films, curated by Steve Wetzel, Paris, France
Alsharif/Hopinka/Smith at Courtisane Festival, Ghent, Brussels

FILM FESTIVALS

2025

Mother Tongue Film Festival, Washington, D.C.
San Francisco International Film Festival, San Francisco, CA

2024

Festival Regards Satellites, Saint-Denis, France
Green Mountain Film Festival, Montpelier, Vermont
Barbican Chronic Youth Festival, London, UK
DOXA Documentary Film Festival, Vancouver, B.C.
Points North Institute, Camden, ME
Singapore International Film Festival, Singapore
EUREKA Festival Universitario de Cine, Bogota, Colombia
Ratita Films, Barcelona, Spain
North Bay Film Festival, North Bay, Ontario
Media City Film Festival, Windsor, Ontario

2023

Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
International Documentary Filmfestival Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Festival du nouveau cinema, Montreal, Quebec
Braga Science Film Festival, Minho, Portugal
Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne, Australia
Lago Film Fest, Revine Lago, Italy
Experimental Competition of Curtas Vila do Conde, Vila do Conde, Portugal
38th Cinema Jove IFF of Valencia, Valencia, Spain
Media City Film Festival's Thousand Suns Cinema, Windsor, Ontario
Short Encounters International Film Festival, Athens, Greece
Chicago Critics Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Human Rights Arts & Film Festival, Melbourne, Australia
Milwaukee Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
Filmfest Dresden, International Short Film Festival, Dresden, Germany
Florida Film Festival, Orlando, FL
PROXY Spring Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
Albany Film Festival, Albany, NY
REGARD, Saguenay International Short Film Festival, Chicoutimi (Québec) Canada
Göteborg Biennial, Göteborg, Sweden
Tucker–Boatwright Festival of Literature and the Arts at University of Richmond, Richmond, VA
Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, Hot Springs, AR
BFI London Film Festival, London, UK
Curto Circuito Film Festival, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Nashville Film Festival, Nashville, TN
Filmfest Dresden, International Short Film Festival, Dresden, Germany

2022

Official Latino Festival, Miami, FL
Days Of Indigenous Cinema Rostock, North Eastern Germany
Cork International Film Festival, Cork, Ireland
OVNi Festival, Nice, France
International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland
Cinema South Festival, Ashkelon, Israel
Denver Film Festival, Denver, CO
Centre Film Festival, State College, PA
imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Toronto, Canada
The Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, Hot Springs, AR
Tacoma Film Festival, Tacoma, WA
Rotterdam Architecture Film Festival, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Nashville Film Festival, Nashville, TN
Reykjavík International Film Festival, Reykjavík, Iceland
Villa Medici Film Festival, Rome, Italy
LongShots BBC, New York, NY
Cinemancia, Valle de Aburrá, Colombia
San Francisco Cinematheque, San Francisco, CA
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International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala, Kerala, India
Northwest Film Forum, Seattle, WA
Uno Port Art Films, Okayama, Japan
London International Festival of Theatre, London, UK
London International Festival of Theatre, London, UK
Champs-Élysées Film Festival 2022, Paris, France
Seminole Okalee Indian Village and Museum, Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation
Sydney Film Festival, Sydney, Australia
Cahokia LLC, Phoenix, AZ
Firelight Media's Groundwork Regional Lab, Cleveland, OH
San Diego International Film Festival ShortsFest, San Diego, CA
North by North International Festival, Duluth, MN
Film Fest DC, Washington, D.C.
European Media Art Festival, Osnabrueck, Germany
Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI
Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI
True/False 2022, Colombia, MO
Berlinale, Berlin, Germany
Sundance Film Festival, Salt Lake City, UT
London Short Film Festival, London, UK

2021

exground filmfest, Wiesbaden, Germany
Courtisane Film Festival, Gent, Belgium
Montana Film Festival, Missoula, MT
Mirage Festival, Oslo, Norway
Rockaway Film Festival, Rockaway, NY
EXiS Festival, Seoul, South Korea
Duluth Superior Film Festival, Duluth, MN
The Watermill Center Summer Festival, Water Mill, NY
Mimesis Documentary Festival, Boulder, CO
Aesthetica Film Festival, York, UK
Tampere Film Festival, Tampere, Finland

2020

Native Cinema Showcase, Washington, DC
Art of the Real, New York City, NY
RIDM, Montreal, Quebec
Tide Film Festival, Brooklyn, NY
Aesthetica Short Film Festival, York, England
IMPAKT Film Festival, Utrecht, The Netherlands
MIDBO International Documentary Festival, Bogotá, Colombia
The Viennale, Venice, Austria
Imaginative Film and Media Arts Festival, Toronto, ON
Milwaukee Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, B.C.
Local Sightings Film Festival, Seattle, WA
Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, UK
Crossroads Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
Black Star Film Festival, Philadelphia, PA
New Holland Island International Debut Film Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia
Dokufest, Prizren, Kosovo
Chicago Underground Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Gimli Film Festival, Gimli, Canada
Lumbee Film Festival, Wilmington, NC
DOXA Documentary Film Festival, Vancouver, BC
Fourth Cinema Native Film Festival, San Antonio, TX
Open City Documentary Film Festival, London, UK
Iowa City International Film Festival, Iowa City, IA
Images Festival, Toronto, ON
Punto de Vista International Documentary Film Festival, Pamplona, Spain
Revolutions Per Minute Festival, Boston, MA
Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT

2019

Regards Hybrides: An International Forum, Montreal, Quebec
Encuentros Cinematográficos Cámara Lúcida, Cuenca, Ecuador
ImagineNATIVE Film and Media Arts Festival, Toronto, Ontario
Hamburg International Queer Film Festival, Hamburg, Germany
Santa Fe Independent Film Festival, Santa Fe, NM
BFI London Film Festival, London, United Kingdom
Nashville Film Festival, Nashville, TN
Montana Film Festival, Missoula, MT
Kaunas International Film Festival, Kaunas, Lithuania
Curtociruito International Film Festival, Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, España
Locarno Film Festival, Locarno, Switzerland
BlackStar Film Festival, Philadelphia, PA
Moscow International Experimental Film Festival, Moscow, Russia
Duluth-Superior Film Festival, Duluth, MN
Xposed International Queer Film Festival, Berlin, Germany
European Media Arts Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival, Minneapolis, MN
Spectral Film Festival, Stevens Point, WI
Portland International Film Festival, Portland OR
Onion City Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Maoriland Film Festival, Otaki, New Zealand
Cosmic Rays Film Festival, Chapel Hill, NC
True/False, Columbia, MO
FLEXfest, Tampa, FL
Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT

2018

Transformation Film Festival, Berlin, Germany
Media City Film Festival, Windsor, ON
Toronto Queer Film Festival, Toronto, ON
ImagineNATIVE Film and Media Festival, Toronto, ON
November Film Festival, London, UK
Viennale, Vienna, Austria
Milwaukee Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, B.C.
Denver International Film Festival, Denver, CO
Syros International Film Festival, Syros, Greece
Projections, New York City, NY
Wavelengths, Toronto, ON
Lima Independiente, Lima, Peru
Freeland Film Festival, Green Lake, WI
Winnipeg Underground Film Festival, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
ICDOCS, Iowa City, IA
MSP Film Festival, Minneapolis, MN

Fronteira Festival, Goiânia, Brasil
Ashland Independent Film Festival, Ashland, OR
Images Festival, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Onion City Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Punto De Vista International Documentary Festival, Pamplona, Spain
Cosmic Rays Film Festival, Chapel Hill, NC
Skábmagovat, Inari, Finland
International Film Festival Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Children's Film Festival, Seattle, WA

2017

Kaunas International Film Festival, Kaunas, Lithuania
AFI Fest, Los Angeles, CA
Doc Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, BC, Canada
ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Tulsa American Film Festival, Tulsa, OK
Milwaukee Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
The Unseen Festival, Denver, CO
Berwick Film + Media Arts Festival, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, UK
Camden International Film Festival, Camden, MA
Projections, New York, NY
Wavelengths, Toronto, Ontario
San Diego Underground Film Festival, San Diego, CA
Présence Autochtone, Montréal, Quebec, Canada
Media City Film Festival, London, Ontario, Canada
Encounters Documentary Fest, Cape Town, S. Africa
Crossroads Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
Winnipeg Underground Film Fest, Winnipeg, Canada
RSC Shorts Fest, Denver, CO
Dallas Medianale, Dallas, TX
Kyiv International Film Festival, Kiev, Ukraine
Iowa City Documentary Film Festival, Iowa City, IA
International Wildlife Film Festival, Missoula, MT
FilmFest D.C., Washington, DC
Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis International Film Fest, Minneapolis, MN
Images Festival, Toronto, ON, Canada
Columbus International Film Fest– Columbus, OH
Mother Tongue Film Festival, Washington, DC
Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
One Flaming Arrow Intertribal Art, Music, & Film, Portland, OR

2016

AFI Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
November Film Festival, London, United Kingdom

Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, B.C., Canada
ImagineNATIVE Film + Arts Festival, Toronto, ON
Eastern Oregon Film Festival, La Grande, OR
Tulsa American Film Festival, Tulsa, OK
Images Festival, Toronto, ON
FlexFEST, Gainesville, FL
Wavelengths, Toronto, ON
Winnipeg Underground Film Fest, Winnipeg, Canada
LA Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
UNX Fest 1.1, Durham, NC
Chicago Underground Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
Sheffield Fringe, Sheffield, UK
SF International Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
Images Festival, Toronto, ON
Onion City Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Milwaukee Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
New York Film Festival, Projections, New York, NY
Agua Caliente Native FilmFest, Palm Springs, CA
Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI
Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT

2015

Student Experimental Film Festival, Binghamton, NY
Antimatter Film Festival, Victoria, BC
Thunder Film Festival, Minneapolis, MN
ImagineNATIVE Film + Arts Festival, Toronto, ON
Media City Film Festival, Windsor, Ontario
One Flaming Arrow Intertribal Art, Music, & Film, Portland, OR
Chicago Underground Film Festival, Chicago, IL
Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
Images Festival, Toronto, ON
FlexFEST, Gainesville, FL
Wavelengths, Toronto, ON
Winnipeg Underground Film Fest, Winnipeg, Canada
LA Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
UNX Fest 1.1, Durham, NC

2014

Agua Caliente Native FilmFest, Palm Springs, CA
Cine Las Americas International Film Fest, Austin, TX
NMAI Cinema Showcase, Santa Fe, NM
First Peoples' Festival, Montreal, QC
LA Skins Festival, Los Angeles, CA

2013

ImagineNATIVE Film + Arts Festival, Toronto, ON
American Indian Film Festival, San Francisco, CA
Red Nation Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
Vancouver Indigenous Media Fest, Vancouver, B.C.