

Trea Jensen

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Visual art is my main way of expressing folklore, symbolism, ancient script, nature and the divine feminine. I create with watercolour and acrylic, print making, clay and small sculpture at Moonsdottir Studio in Eastend SK.

I am a singer/songwriter and have performed in a variety of settings. I have directed and performed in a West African Drumming group in Calgary called 'The Djembabes', I have taught West African and facilitated drum circles in schools and other venues/organizations.

Visual Art and Exhibitions

2026

- Mother Daughter Exhibition - Small Song. Exploring Folk Songs through art. Jasper Centre, Maple Creek
- CARFAC Traveling Mentorship program with Linda Duvall Sept 2025 - June 2026

2025

- Deer Goddess Mural 10 x 10' in Eastend collaboration with Bronwyn Schuster nywn.art

2024

- Eastend Art Walk - Town of Eastend Sept 13 & 14. Organized and Participated in the 2 day artwork with 10 locations through out the Town of Eastend.
- Dragonfly Moon Mural 4 x 10' in Eastend
- Purleigh Bell Artist Residency Maldon UK. May 2024 Five week artist residency where my focus was "The Peace of Me". A multi medium exhibition exploring what making peace with all the pieces of my physical, mental and emotional self looks like after the trauma of surgeries, and during my life. I spoke twice to the art group in Purleigh about my process and had an exhibition of the sixteen art works I created.
- CARFAC Traveling Mentorship program with Rob Froese 2023 - 2024

2023

- Dragonfly Creature & Poppies Mural 10' x 24' Mural in Eastend SK collaboration with Bronwyn Schuster nywn.art
- Artist Residency Bear and Bison Canmore AB April 1 week.

2022

- Eastend Art Walk - Original art works at MoonsDottir Studio one of 9 locations, Singer/Songwriter paid performance at Blue Dog Studio Eastend SK

2021

- 'Moon Beings' solo exhibition curated by The Jasper Centre Maple Creek SK for October Woman's History Month.
- Winter Group Show and sale curated by Grand Coteau Shaunavon SK. 2019
- 'Moon Beings' Solo Exhibition 31 original paintings in acrylic and watercolour exploring the Folklore of the Moon. curated by Grand Coteau Centre Gallery Shaunavon SK
- Exhibition featuring original and prints of 'Divine Feminine' and 'Moon Beings' curated by Harvest Eatery Shaunavon SK
- Hairanoia Shaunavon SK Group Exhibition 'Divine Feminine'

2018

- Harvest Eatery Group Exhibition Sept - December
- Hairanoia Shaunavon SK Group exhibition
- Artisans Guild of Eastend - A.G.E.S Gallery Eastend Public Library Group Show
- Town and Country Faire Show and Sale Eastend SK
- CARFAC Traveling Mentorship with Heather Benning 2018 - 2019

2017

- Harvest Eatery Shaunavon SK Group Exhibition Sept - Dec
- DayBreaker Festival Artisans Faire September 2 Medicine Hat AB
- Town and Country Faire Show and Sale Nov 4 Eastend SK
- A.G.E.S(Artisans Guild of Eastend and Surrounding Areas) Winter Solstice Art Faire Dec 21 Eastend Public Library Eastend SK

2016

- Town and Country Faire Show and Sale Eastend SK
- Artisans Faire two day show and sale curated by Grand Coteau Shaunavon SK
- **Surreal Saskatchewan, Art on the Move. Adjudicated and curated by OSAC & Sask Arts Board 2014 - 2016** Two large paintings toured SK for two years in a group show.
- Medicine Hat Main Library Gallery- Scandinavian Routes - Mother and Daughter exhibition (Bronwyn Schuster. Nywn.art) art work created during travels through Sweden, Denmark and Iceland 2015. Included works from weeklong portrait workshop at Florence Academy of Art near Gothenburg Sweden.

2015

- A.G.E.S Gallery Eastend Public Library - Group Show July Aug Sept 2014 Eastend SK
- Surreal Saskatchewan Art on the Move. Adjudicated exhibition curated by OSAC & Sask Arts Board 2014 - 2016
- Eastend 100yr Celebration Art Exhibition A.G.E.S Group Show Eastend SK
- SW Quest curated Group Show Tompkins SK November

2013

- 'Visions of Eastend Under the Living Sky' group show traveling 12 galleries in one year throughout SK and AB. OSAC Curated and Adjudicated by Donna Kriekle.
- SW QUEST Group exhibition Harvest Eatery Oct 13 - March 2014
- Goddess Within Solo Exhibition and workshop 'Paint Your Inner Goddess' Kokopelli's Swift Current SK Oct 11,12 Artist Meet and greet plus demonstration
- Gallery@23MainStreet C.A.F.E. Series Mothers & Daughters Group Show Curated by 'Connecting Through Art' Moose Jaw SK

2012

- Blue Moon Solo Exhibition Curated by Grand Coteau Heritage Museum & Gallery Shaunavon SK. 20 original paintings exploring the 'Divine Feminine in Nature' paid exhibition
- Eastend Arts Council 'Visions of Eastend' Curated and adjudicated by OSAC. Eastend SK

2011

- Sept Group Show Medicine Hat AB Hive Hub Artist Residency and Gallery Tunnel Vision - Street art in the Underground Railway N & S.
- Jasper Heritage Centre Maple Creek - Group Show 2010
- Goddess Solo Exhibition curated by The Hive Hub. Medicine Hat AB
- Luna Fresca Gallery Solo Show - Medicine Hat AB
- SONOTO CAFE Eastend SK Group Exhibition
- A.G.E.S(Artisans Guild of Eastend) Gallery Eastend Public Library Solo Exhibition Retrospect, 'Journey From There to Here'. Curated

2009

- Calyx, Group curated exhibition and sale Calgary AB
- A.G.E.S(Artisans Guild of Eastend) Gallery Eastend Public Library group show. Eastend SK
- Eastend Arts Council Rural SW Group. Curated exhibition Eastend SK
- Jasper Heritage Centre Solo Exhibition 'Travels Through Time' -Maple Creek SK

2008

- Artisans Guild of Eastend group and solo show 'Travels Through Time', Eastend SK
- Calyx Art curated and adjudicated exhibition and sale, Calgary AB
- Birth Partnership Midwifery Calgary AB- 'Birth and the Divine Feminine' Solo Exhibition 2007
- Calyx Art curated and adjudicated exhibition and Sale, Calgary AB
- Cypress Hills Gallery, original works curated by Patrick Jacobson Eastend SK
- Shuriniak Gallery SW Artists Group curated exhibition, Assiniboia SK Bill Shurniak
- November Arts Faire, Eastend SK

2006

- Calyx Group curated and adjudicated exhibition, Calgary AB
- Highwood House Gallery Solo Exhibition original works 'Poppies and remembering', Calgary AB

Music

Celtic and Folk Singer Songwriter, guitar, 1982 - present

I have studied West African percussion, Middle Eastern percussion, and Irish Bodhran.

I have also taken singer song writer workshops throughout the years.

- Paid performances in small venues and Folk Clubs in Calgary 1989 - 2002,
- Cafe Verve - paid performance original and traditional songs 2018
- WaterValley AB Celtic Festival. Paid performance 2002 - 2012
- 'The Celtic SirensTrio' paid performance Inspire Cafe. St. Paddy's day 2010 - 2013
- Heritage Days Maple Creek SK, paid performances 2010 - 2012, 2015
- Wallace Stegner House Fundraiser Eastend SK 2011
paid performance original songs and traditional music
- Eastend Art Walk paid performance of original songs and traditional music 2022
- Eastend Historical Museum Canada Day Celebration 2007 - 2012 paid performance.
- Book Launch 'Incunabula' by Melanie Boyd and Bronwyn Schuster 2012 Calgary paid performance of my own songs and traditional music.
- Ye Ol' Jar Bar Medicine Hat AB paid performance Trio opening for Bill Bourne 2011

West African Drumming education 1998 - 2010

Continual workshops with Mamady Kieta, Famadou, Trudy Hipwell, The Drum Brothers, Djembe Nut - Glenda Mcleod, and David Thiaw.

Djembabes Calgary percussion group 8 to 15 women.

Paid performance group for schools, weddings and community drum circles.

I was the main facilitator and taught the group new rhythms and songs for performances.

Events, Teaching, Grants and Residencies

July 2013 - 2026 Curated Art Retreat - Dean Bauche Eastend SK

March 2026 One day Teaching residency Eastend School. Water Colour workshop 20 teens

May 2024 Artist Residency Purleigh Bell UK 5 week residency

April 2023 Artist Residency Canmore AB One week Bear and Bison

July 2022 Writers & Artist Retreat Denman Island BC

Jul-Aug 2021, 2019 - 2010 Eastend Historical Museum. 5 week watercolour, acrylic, sculpture and drumming workshops teaching up to 20 participants.

Oct 2019 - Mar 2020 'Making Art Together' Six month workshop sessions created from Bringing People together 'Art as Healing' Sask Arts Board Artist in Community Grant with Eastend Historical Museum. This six month workshop that I created and facilitated included many mediums. Watercolour, acrylic, writing, Lantern building, movement, and drumming. Had up to 20 participants.

Mar 2019 - Making Art Together - Art as Healing - Sask Arts micro grant. A full day of art and drumming workshop for community of Eastend SK Isolation from grief, sadness, depression, financial lack, transportation etc. 25 participants attended and had 3 volunteers assisting. This was a pilot project to see if the community would participate in a 6 month workshop series. The positive response was very encouraging.

September 2016 - 2019 SaskCulture Days Facilitated drum circles, art projects and art walks during Culture Days for the community of Eastend SK and surrounding areas.

2012 - 2022- Brady Coulee Artist Retreat - Curated and Juried by Dean Bauche. A yearly curated artist retreat that brings many disciplines together. I have participated as an artist and musician during these years.

2009 - 2019 Art Markings Studio. 2022 MoonsDottir Studio

Owner and operator. Teaching art to children and adults Have supplies to teach up to 25 students. At the studio I also produced my own body of artwork.

2008 - 2020 A.G.E.S Gallery (Artisans Guild of Eastend and Surrounding Areas)

Eastend Public Library-Founder, Director Curator. Creating a space for beginner to professional artists to exhibit art. Artists talks, demo's and workshops.

2016 - 2017 Freezer Burn Central AB- Luminary Workshop and Parade

Creating rice paper lanterns for parade and installations. Facilitate workshops prior to and during festival.

2008 - 2019 Grand Coteau Art Camp Shaunavon SK Teaching children in a week long art camp held at the Grand Coteau Gallery. Creating and facilitating workshops to 10 or more children for 5 all day exploration in art and drumming. First few years I was the only artist, as the years progressed more artists were brought in as the format evolved and more children were involved.

2007 - 2015 Eastend Arts Council

Visual Arts Coordinator, create and execute art exhibitions. 'Visions of Eastend' Secretary and Chair, Stegner House fundraiser event art installations

2007 - 2013 SW Quest Gallery Tour

Member and volunteer assistant and artist for art exhibitions from Maple Creek, Eastend, Shaunavon, Gull Lake and beyond.

2008 - 2012 ECTA Eastend Economic and Development Association

Artisans Guild representation and volunteer for Town of Eastend.

Volunteer projects

1999 - 2007 WaterValley AB Celtic Festival Front Gate and Volunteer Coordinator. This was a paid and volunteer endeavour. Over see 40 volunteers, handling of tickets and money over a 3 day festival. Paid performer.

1998 - 2005 Friends of CKUA Radio AB - executive board member, focus on fundraising and getting the word out to keep the station running. I created art installations for dance party fundraisers. Setup and take down of fundraising events through out Calgary and surrounding areas. Presence at festivals throughout the area ie: Calgary Folk Fest, Bluegrass Festivals, etc.

2000 - 2006 Calgary Folk Fest. Lantern Festival

Lantern Committee Leader. Project manager, Creator and Leader. Creating Lanterns for the Calgary Folk Festival. I was approached by the Calgary Folk Fest to create this part of the festival. I had a crew of 20 volunteers who built and paraded lanterns at the end of the festival. We encouraged the public to participate in carrying the lanterns to 'Be the Magic'. I created the start of what is now an integral part of the end of the evening celebration during the Calgary Folk Festival.

Honours/Residencies/Grants

2024

Purleigh Bell Artist Residency Maldon England

Five weeks to work on art and be part of the artist group at the Purleigh Bell.

2023

Bear & Bison Artist Residency - Canmore AB. Painting of Journey of the Heart - Embrace.

2019 -2020

Sask Arts Artist in Communities \$10,000 grant with Eastend Historical Museum.

Saskatchewan Arts Board micro grant to complete 'Moon Beings' solo exhibition.

'Art as Healing' Day Residency collaboration with Eastend Historical Museum. Sask Arts Board micro Grant.

2016

Robinson Residency Hornby Island BC, working on Moon series artwork and book with artist Bronwyn Schuster.

2013

Artist of the Month (Saskatchewan Network for Art Collectors www.SKNACK.ca).

Education and Upgrades

2018 Eighth Ave Studio Shaunavon SK Coloured Pencil Workshop Artist Dee Poisson

2015 Florence Academy of Art Mölndal, Sweden, Portraits from life in Oil with Stephan Bauman

1986 Studio Three North. Watercolour intensive workshop. Denman Island BC

1985 John VanderKooi Watercolourist. - Studied watercolour for 1 year.

Publications

Shaunavon Standard & SK Publications House Mural interview with Wendy Theines

2018 U of Vic - Purple Prose Nov 2019UVIC Academic Woman's Caucus - Zine 2016

Eastend's Sask Culture Days booklet, Cover Art 'The Land and Sky Speaks'

2007 Cahoots Magazine - Featured artist.