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# LaiSun Keane

## MICHAEL C. THORPE

Born 1993 in New York, based in Brooklyn, NY

### ARTIST RESUME

#### Education

2016 Bachelor, Photojournalism, Emerson College, Boston, MA

#### Solo Exhibitions

2024 (Forthcoming), California Heritage Museum, Santa Monica, CA

*No Expectations*, Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, NC

*Barstool Sports*, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

*Homeowner's Insurance*, Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA

*Practice Makes Perfect*, Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE

2023 *Nonsensical Formalist*, Paul R. Jones Museum, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

*Flying on A Moving Mountain*, Anthony Gallery, Chicago, IL

2022 *14 Years Old*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

*Behind The Art with Michael C. Thorpe*, Soho House, New York, NY

*Solid Space*, Louis Buhl & Co., Detroit, MI

2021 *Meandering Thoughts*, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

2020 *Works on Paper*, Artsy online, Laisun Keane, Boston, MA

2020 *An Art Show*, All Too Human, Boston, MA

#### Group Exhibitions

2023 *Hoop Dreams*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY

*Gumbo*, Anthony Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Birds in Art*, Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI.

2022-23 *Storied Strings: The Guitar in American Art*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA;

Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (traveling exhibition)

2021-22 *Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA; Skirball

Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA (traveling exhibition)

2022 *It Takes a Village*, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI

*Stitch!*, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

#### Art Fairs

2024 (Forthcoming), Two person Booth, Swab Barcelona, Spain, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

Solo Booth, Expo Chicago, Anthony Gallery, Chicago, IL

Group presentation, Expo Chicago, Forum Gallery, NYC

Group presentation, Expo Chicago, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI

2023 Group presentation, Expo Chicago, Forum Gallery, NYC

Group presentation, Art Miami, Forum Gallery, NYC

2022 Group presentation, Expo Chicago, Forum Gallery, NYC

Group presentation, Art Miami, Forum Gallery, NYC

Three person booth, Art on Paper, NY, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

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2021 Solo Booth, Untitled Miami, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA  
Group presentation, Art on Paper, NY, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA  
Two person Booth, Spring/Break, NY, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

## Residencies

2022 Manship Artists Residency, Gloucester, MA

## Public Collections

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA  
Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE  
Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, NC  
Fashion Outlets of Chicago, IL - purchase prize awarded at Expo Chicago 2024.

## Selected Articles & Reviews

Stewart, Yolanda. "Now is a good time to visit the Everson in Syracuse," Central Current, February 6, 2023.

McQuaid, Cate. "At LaiSun Keane, the United State of Stitch," The Boston Globe, July 26, 2022.

"Episode 08: Michael C. Thorpe," Sew and So Podcast, May 27, 2022.

Travers, Julia. "Indispensable: Michael C. Thorpe's Longarm Sewing Machine," ARTnews, April 25, 2022.

Hills, Megan C. "Quilty pleasure: Why your grandmother's quilt is today's luxury fashion staple," CNN Style, January 13, 2022.

Bowen, Jared and Delores Edwards. "These quilts weave together America's rich, complicated history," PBS, December 31, 2021.

"Nike x Michael C. Thorpe Collab NBA 75th Anniversary," NBA.com, November 11, 2021.

Kalnins, John. "In the Studio with Michael C. Thorpe," Corridor, November 5, 2021.

Reynolds, Pamela. "In two fall art exhibits, quilts offer more than just warmth," WBUR: Local Coverage, October 12, 2021.

"Fabric of a Nation American Quilt Stories," Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, October 10, 2021.

Johnson, Jameson. "Last Chance: Michael C. Thorpe On Quilting a Dream," Boston Art Review, May 27, 2021.

Walker, Kendra. "Five Textile Artists Exploring Contemporary Quilting," Cultured Magazine, May 26, 2021.

"Editorial: Reebok Question Low "Green Toe" ft. Michael Thorpe," Bodega, May 12, 2021.

Belmont, J.M., "Craft Revival at LaiSun Keane: Michael C. Thorpe's Profoundly Honest Dream Quilts," Artscope, May 4, 2021.

McQuaid, Cate. "He Was an MVP Basketball Player. Now His Star Is Rising as an Art Quilter," The Boston Globe, April 15, 2021.

Lanks, Belinda. "Piecing Together a Legacy," Wolf-Gordon: Howl Magazine, April 15, 2021.

Ertischek, David. "Former Emerson Men's Basketball Star Becomes All-Star Quilter," Emerson Today, March 29, 2021.

"Dove Men+Care TV Commercial Featuring Artist Michael C. Thorpe," Dove| Commit To C.A.R.E.,

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March 17, 2021.

Makinde, Adeshola. "Tactile Language: Quilter Michael C. Thorpe Elevates the Mundane," Notre, November 12, 2020.

Chevrier, Tracy. "Former college basketball player turned himself into a quilting star," Pix 11, July 24, 2020.

Accardi, Naomi. "The American Artist Reclaiming the Centennial Tradition of Quilting," Miilkiina, July 18, 2020.

Forchheimer, Ronnie. "College Basketball Star Now Making Moves in the Art World," OnlyGood TV, July 8, 2020.

Kipp, Caroline. "Social Distancing Studio Visits: 8. Michael C. Thorpe, Newton, MA" CarolineKipp.com, June 30, 2020.

Thorpe, Michael C. "Pictorial Quilt," Art for This Moment: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, June 3, 2020.

Pave, Marvin. "Michael Thorpe: an artist on and off the court." The Boston Globe, March 4, 2020.

Mason, Amelia. "His Mom Taught Him To Quilt. Black Artists Guided His Style," WBUR: Local Coverage, February 28, 2020.

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