



SHUVINAI ASHOONA (SUVINAI)

Born in 1961 in Cape Dorset, Nunavut in the Canadian Arctic, Shuvina Ashoona began to draw in the early 1990s. Although never formally trained, Ashoona was surrounded by her family of artists and the creative atmosphere of the Kinngait Studios in Cape Dorset. Her grandmother is the renowned artist Pitseolak Ashoona and her father is sculptor Kiawak Ashoona.

Shuvina has a reputation for being a private person, but her drawings function as links between her experiences, perceptions, and her audience. Blending a very contemporary style with objects and elements from her traditional Inuit heritage, Shuvina's drawings are rendered with meticulous detail and precision, depicting life in Cape Dorset.

Shuvina's work first appeared in the Cape Dorset annual print collection in 1997. Represented in numerous group and solo exhibitions in Canada, she has also been included in two international exhibitions in 2008.

In the past Shuvina's work tended to focus on the Arctic landscape. Today, her work explores a new dynamism through compositions that depict human figures, and utilizes a wide colour spectrum.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1999	Three Women, Three Generations: Drawings by Pitseolak Ashoona, Napatchie Pootoogook and Shuvina Ashoona McMichael Canadian Art Collection Kleinburg, Ontario
2001	Art by Women: An Investigation of Inuit Sculpture and Graphics Feheley Fine Arts Toronto, Ontario
2002	The Unexpected Feheley Fine Arts, Toronto
2004	Sanaasimasiatok: Fine Works Feheley Fine Arts, Toronto

- 2005 Oye Canada, VIP Lounge, Canadian Pavilion
Expo2005
Aichi, Japan
- Unique Visions
Feheley Fine Arts
Toronto, Ontario
- 2006 Drawing Restraint
Saw Gallery
Ottawa, Ontario
- Landscape – Contemporary Inuit Drawings
Marion Scott Gallery, Vancouver
- Ashoona: Third Wave
Art Gallery of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
- 2007 Shapeshifters, Time Travellers and Storytellers
Institute for Contemporary Culture,
Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto
- 3Cousins: Annie Pootogook, Shuvinai Ashoona, Siassie Kenneally
Feheley Fine Arts, Toronto
- 2008 Shuvinai Ashoona and Ohito Ashoona
Canadian Arctic Gallery, Basel, Switzerland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2006/07 Shuvinai Ashoona: Time Interrupted
Feheley Fine Arts, Toronto, Ontario
- Shuvinai Ashoona: Drawings 1993 – 2007
Marion Scott Gallery, Vancouver, BC