

MELLISSA MONSOON

Mellissa Monsoon is a British **artist** whose work explores the **relationships between nature and the self**. Past works have involved using casts of **her own body** and the **bacteria** that live on it to **visualise the invisible world** on our skin. She graduated in 2016 from the **MA Art and Science** course at Central Saint Martins and has since undertaken major **commissions** for the **Eden Project** and the **BBC**. In 2016 Mellissa was commissioned by the BBC to create a **large scale microbial sculpture** which formed a central theme of the **documentary** “Michael Mosely verses the Superbugs”, first shown on BBC4 in May 2017 and has now been **shown internationally**. Mellissa has extensive experience **working collaboratively** with scientists and **leads a range of participatory workshops and projects exploring art and science**.

CURRENT & UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Tiny Giants - The Power of Microorganisms	November 2025 - April 2026 Museum Brot und Kunst, Germany
INVISIBLE. The hidden life of microbes	June 2024 - July 2026 Hand Museum, Lausanne Switzerland
The Invisible You: The Human Microbiome	May 2015 - Present The Eden Project, Cornwall UK

PAST EXHIBITIONS

The Joy of Fat: Solo exhibition	August 2025 Fourth Wall Folkestone, UK
FISSURA – group exhibition	February 2025 Galeria Belas-Artes, Lisbon
Sci:Art Perspectives: Women’s Health	January 2025 Scale Space, London
Sense of Stigma: Solo exhibition	Aug - Sept 2024 The Beaney Museum, Canterbury, UK
RESILIENCE	April 2024 Pie Factory Margate, UK
Entre Vagos	Feb 2024 The University of Lisbon, Portugal
Memorias Transitorias	Dec 2023 Jose Saramago Municipal Library, Odemira, Portugal
Sense of Symptoms - Solo Exhibition	Oct 2023 Phoenix Art Space, Brighton, UK
The indescribably joy of finally knowing who I am	Mar 2023 Power of Women Festival at The Pie Factory, Margate, UK
Lore + (Dis) order	Sept 2022 Sciart exhibition at Centrala Space in Birmingham, UK
PRESS + PLAY	Nov 2021 Printmaker exhibition at Phoenix Art Space, Brighton, UK
INTERFACE science + art + health	Mar 2021 Virtual exhibition with the University of Birmingham
Museum of You	Sept 2020 The Beaney Museum, Canterbury, UK

Visions of Science THE EDGE	Sept 2018
	Andrew Brownsword Gallery, University of Bath, UK
Altered States - The London Group	June 2018
	St John's Crypt, London, UK
STRANGE LANDS	Sept 2017
	Shotgun Studios, London, UK
Eat. Play. Drink	Oct 2016
	Art Hotel, Wood Green, London, UK
Print/5	June 2016
	The Bomb Factory, Archway, London, UK
Unfolding Realities	May 2016
	Central Saint Martins, London, UK
Mind_Matter	Nov 2015
	Elthorne Studios, Archway, London, UK
2015 BIOART SEOUL Exhibition	Nov 2015
	National Science Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Print/4	June 2015
	Bethnal Green, London, UK
The Invisible You: The Human Microbiome	May 2015
	The Eden Project, St Austell, Cornwall, UK
Lens on Life	Jan 2015
	Central Saint Martins, London, UK
Letters in Mind: The National Brain Appeal	Oct 2014
	OXO Tower, London, UK
Broad Vision Future Human	June 2014
	GV Art, Baker Street, London, UK
Data Truth & Beauty	May 2013
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Images Inspired by Science pop-up show & book launch	Feb 2013
	GV Art, Baker Street, London, UK
Broad Vision - Images Inspired by Science	May 2012
	London Gallery West, Harrow, London, UK

PAST & UPCOMING PUBLIC TALKS

Collaborating with Microbes: Mellissa Monsoon , One Microbiome, Pennstate University, USA	April 2025
Sci:Art Perspectives: Women's Health Panel discussion, Scale Space, London	Jan 2025
POW! Thanet Talk with Danielle Radway, Pie Factory Margate	Mar 2023
FEMEETING conference on Women, Technology & Science, Portugal	Sept 2022
IIH UK Conference - Virtual with IIHUK Charity	June 2021
SMQB Interface - Virtual with the University of Birmingham	Mar 2021
BIO.CHROME collective event - ArtSci Salon, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada	Feb 2018
London LASER - Talks on the intersection of Art, Science & Technology, Central Saint Martins	May 2017
Art & Microbiology - Manchester Metropolitan University	Sept 2016
Unfolding Realities: The Future of Interdisciplinary Practice - Central Saint Martins	May 2016
Summer Institute in Qualitative Research - Manchester Metropolitan University	July 2015
Broad Vision : Future Human Symposium - GV Art, London	June 2014
Higher Education Interdisciplinary Practice Symposium - University of Westminster	Nov 2013
Broad Vision : Data, Truth & Beauty Symposium - University of Westminster	June 2013
The Art of Science & Looking Symposium - University of Westminster	June 2012
Subtle Technologies Art & Science Festival - Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada	May 2012

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

Arts Council England - Project Grant Award to develop and exhibit artwork for the project 'The Joy of Fat'	September 2024
TTT Fellows: Art & Science Residency Artist in residence, Crete, Greece	September 2024
Arts Council England - Project Grant Award to develop and exhibit artwork surrounding invisible symptoms in a project titled 'Sense of Stigma'	Oct 2023
A-N Bursary Development Grant Grant awarded to develop skills by learning ceramics.	September 2023
Cultivamos Cultura Artist in Residence in Sao Luis, Portugal	Jun-Jul 2023
Arts Council England - Project Grant Award to develop artwork surrounding invisible symptoms in a project titled 'Sense of Symptoms'	Jan - Aug 2023
Arts Council England Grant - Developing Your Creative Practice Awarded to develop and elevate artistic practice through lockdown	Jan - Sept 2021
Art Ayatana - Mycophilia Virtual Residency Research residency with artists worldwide, exploring fungal life in our own nature.	Oct 2020
Time Space Money Bursary Bursary awarded from A-N to support artistic practice through lockdown.	June 2020
Birmingham University, UK Artist in Residence for the pilot Research Incubator project, working with a team to respond to research on themes of improving healthcare, communicating technology and diagnostic algorithms.	Feb 2020 - Feb 2021
Palm Bay Primary School, Margate, UK Artist in Residence with a collective of artists enriching the school curriculum with specialist art skills, creative ideas and support for staff and students.	July 2018 - Sept 2023
The Eden Project, Invisible Worlds Lab Collaboration residency with Prof. Mark Clements in the Invisible Worlds Lab on plant biology.	Aug 2018
Art Ayatana - Nocturne, Ottawa, Canada Group residency, researching nocturnal life in Ottawa.	June 2017
Arts Council England Grant ACE funding awarded for project Microbial Me & Microbial Michael.	Mar 2017
Art Ayatana - Biophilia Art & Biology, Ottawa, Canada Group residency, researching mycology and nature in the forest of Quebec.	Sept 2015

MEDIA

Michael Mosely vs The Superbugs Life-size agar sculpture in collaboration with Professor Mark Clements commissioned by Renegade Pictures. BBC FOUR 'Michael Mosely vs. The Superbugs' aired May 2017 Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08qkz77	Nov 2016 - March 2017
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WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

Body Positivity Tile-Making workshop , Clayspace Studios, Margate	April 2025
The Weight of Stigma: Ceramic Tile Making Workshop , British Science Festival	Sept 2024
The Weight of Stigma: Ceramic Tile Making Workshop , The Beaney House of Art & Knowledge	Aug 2024
Beercan Votives by Billie M Vigne , workshop facilitator part of RESILIENCE exhibition	April 2024
BeYou Kent , workshop facilitator LGBTQIA+ youth groups around Kent	Jan 2024
HOPE for the community , Blue Monday online gratitude workshop	Jan 2024
Ellington Infant School , volunteer workshop facilitator	Mar 2023
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Palm Bay Primary School - volunteer weekly creative workshops	2018 - 2024
The Margate School , Tech expert, process demonstration for monthly Tech Club	Aug 2022
Plant Cell workshop , Guest Lecturer MA Art & Science, Central Saint Martins Grow Lab	Dec 2021
Visualising Physical Pain , Virtual Workshop as IAH UK Arts & Culture Rep	July 2021
Guest Lecturer , MA Art in Science, Liverpool John Moores University	Sept 2021
SKIN SAFARI , virtual workshop with Dermatologists, University of Warwick	June 2021
Visualising Physical Pain , virtual Workshop with Culture Health and Wellbeing Alliance	Nov 2020
Margate Pride workshops, Dreamland, Margate, UK - Workshop Leader	Aug 2019
Green Man Festival , Brecon Beacons, Wales, UK - Workshop Leader	Aug 2018
Proteus Theatre , Basingstoke, UK - Workshop Leader	June 2018
HackLab , Toronto, Canada - Event Organiser & Workshop Leader	Feb 2018
Ramsgate Festival , Ramsgate, UK - Workshop Leader	July 2017
National Saturday Art Club , London, UK - Workshop Leader	May 2017
Green Man Festival , Brecon Beacons, Wales, UK - Workshop Leader	Aug 2016
Orleans House , Twickenham, London, UK - Workshop Leader	Feb 2016
Microbial Me , Central Saint Martins, London, UK - Workshop Leader	Mar 2016
Illustration Tutor for 'The Big Draw' , The Royal Society, London, UK	Nov 2015
Face Casting workshop , Penrice Academy, Cornwall, UK - Workshop Leader	Sept 2015
The Royal Microscopic Society , London, UK - Workshop Assistant	Mar 2015
Broad Vision , University of Westminster, London, UK - Teaching Assistant	Jan 2015
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Art & Science workshops , GV Art, Baker Street, London, UK - Workshop Leader	May 2013
Broad Vision , University of Westminster, London, UK - Teaching Assistant/Intern	Jan 2013



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