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MICHAEL C. THORPE

BORN: New York, 1993

EDUCATION:

2016 Emerson College, Boston, MA: BA, Photojournalism

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2025	Quilts, California Heritage Museum, Santa Monica, CA
2024	Practice Makes Perfect, The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE
	Homeowner's Insurance, Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA
	No Expectations, Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, NY
	LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA
2023	Nonsensical Formalism, Paul R. Jones Museum, University of Alabama,
	Tuscaloosa, AL
	Flying on a Moving Mountain, Anthony Gallery, Chicago, IL
	Fabrica Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico
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, LaiSun Keane, ARTSY (online exclusive)
	An Art Show, All Too Human, Boston, MA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2025	Revolution! 250 Years of Art & Activism in Boston, Boston Public Library,
	Boston, MA
	Dawn to Dusk, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
	25 New Works for the New Year by Forum Gallery Artists, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2024	Out of Town, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
	Spring Forward, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2023	Birds in Art, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI
	The Figure in Black and White, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
	Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
2022-23	Storied Strings: The Guitar in American Art, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts,
	Richmond, VA; Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
2021-23	Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA;
	Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA
2022	Stitch!, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA
2021	Summer Group Show, LaiSun Keane, Boston, MA

RESIDENCY:

2022, 2023 Manship Artists Residency, Gloucester, MA

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS:

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA

SELECTED ARTICLES/REVIEWS:

- Johnson, Jameson. "Fourteen Must-See Museum Exhibitions to Check Out This Summer," *Boston Art Review*, June 11, 2024
- 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., 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.