



# Kathleen Shellrude

Kathleen Shellrude is a mixed media artist and experimental ceramicist who lives & creates on Treaty 1 Territory (Winnipeg). Her paintings feature dreamlike landscapes, magical creatures, and abstraction. She connects her and the viewer to the divine through multimedia pottery that may include a combination of acrylics, resin, gold leaf, botanicals, bones, stones, prayers and spellwork.

One of the founders of Higgins Studios, Kathleen works in one of its accessible artist-run studio spaces available to 20+ artists. She is also the vice-president of The Edge Urban Gallery and Art Centre's board and a member of various arts organizations in Winnipeg.

Kathleen's artistic career began after a lengthy hospitalization in 2015 which prompted her to use art as a means of processing issues related to a personal history marked by disability, mental illness, homelessness, and addiction. Since completing Artbeat's artist-in-residence program in 2017, she has participated in many group shows and presented in 5 solo exhibitions including Forest Royalty currently travelling through rural Manitoba. She also curated 3 exhibitions, including Life Support (2018) which honours her nephew who passed away from an overdose.

Kathleen is looking forward to Constellations, a solo show focusing on her experiences of COVID-19 and community, at Prairie Fusion Art in Portage la Prairie in January 2023.

Her artwork can be found in person at Tara Davis Boutique, Radiance Gifts, Artbeat's gallery-boutique Upbeat Artworks, or online at [www.kshellrude.com](http://www.kshellrude.com)