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## **MICHAEL C. THORPE**

**BORN:** New York, 1993

### **EDUCATION:**

2016 Emerson College, Boston, MA: BA, Photojournalism

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS:**

- 2025 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:**

- 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.