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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 *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," *Milkiina*, 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.