

# Saira B

# mixed media maker

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Saira (he/they/she/ze) is a gender bending and genre blending creative with a BFA in costume design who makes crafts and films, curates events and performs as a durational dancer. Saira is looking for new opportunities working in costumes and art department for films and commercials.

## Organizing and Teaching

### Organizer/Performer...Night Crush

2018 -

A five year old dance party for the Seattle queer femme community

### Co-founder, Producer...Scumtrust Productions

2016 -

A nonbinary porn project making experimental films and producing sex-positive events

### Director, Organizer...Playthey Studios

2016 - 2019

A collective for queer artists producing theater, podcasts, performance art and parties

### Instructor...Little Hands Creations

2015

Seattle summer program for 5 to 11 year olds to learn sewing and crafting

### Enrichment Instructor...Youth Policy Institute

2014-2015

Los Angeles after school program for highschool students

## Film

**2021** *Reckless Spirits*, short film - assistant wardrobe/hmu

**2020** *Tears for Water*, short film - lead filmmaker (Selected - San Francisco Porn Film Festival, 2021; SECS Fest, 2021)

**2019** *Worship Them*, short film - lead filmmaker

**2017** *A Sunday Hike*, short film - filmmaker (Selected - HUMP, 2018; Hacker Porn Film Festival, 2019; Porn Film Festival Berlin, 2021)

**2013** *Transformers: Age of Extinction*, feature film - Chicago location costume office assistant and shopper

**2012** *Chat*, feature film - costume designer

**2012** *Your Holy Eyes*, feature film - production designer

**2011** *Contest*, feature film - wardrobe assistant

## Exhibitions Curated

- 2018 - Pr0n4Freakz- a film screening series, Seattle, WA
- 2017 - 2019 THIRST- outdoor dj events, Seattle, WA
- 2018 - 2019 Genderfuckt- a nonbinary variety show, Seattle, WA
- 2018 Black Art Party- a Black led and focused market, Seattle, WA
- 2017 Femmes of Vulgarly- an erotic femme variety show, Seattle, WA

## Performance and Visual Art

- 2022 Lead Artist & Curator - *Pantheon Anew*, King Street Station Arts, Seattle, WA
- 2021 Selected Artist in Residence - *Radical Black Femme Project*, Seattle, WA  
Performer - *What the Funk?! BIPOC Burlesque Festival*, Seattle, WA  
Performer - *Let im Move You* (intervention + this is a formation), Seattle, WA
- 2020 Exhibiting Artist - *Yellowfish Durational Performance Festival*, New York/online  
Exhibitor - *Artists of Color Expo and Symposium*, Seattle, WA
- 2019 Performer - *Showing Out, Black Choreographer's Showcase*, Seattle, WA  
Performer - *Randy Ford's Queen Street*, Seattle, WA  
Performer - *What the Funk?! BIPOC Burlesque Festival*, Seattle, WA  
Set Designer, Puppeteer - *Lover of Low Creatures*, Seattle, WA  
Performer and Feature in Market - *Seattle Erotic Art Festival*, Seattle, WA
- 2018 Costumes, Props - *Bet Ya Ungodly Things*, Seattle, WA  
Selected Artist - *Pride Portraits*, Seattle, WA  
Performer, Vending Artist - *Universe is Illuminated*, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Performer, Gogo Dancer - *The Universe is Lit*, Oakland, CA
- 2016 Performer - *Dick at Nite*, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 Assistant Costume Designer - *The Magic Flute*, Long Beach, CA
- 2013 Assistant Costume Designer - *Blood & Gifts*, Chicago, IL

## Grants

- 2021 Foundation for Contemporary Arts, emergency grant - individual
- 2019 Effing Foundation for Sex Positivity, operational grant - Scumtrust Productions
- 2019 Gender Reveal Grant, artist recognition grant - Scumtrust Productions
- 2019 Seattle Art in the Parks, event production grant- Playthey Studios

## Education

- 2014 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Cum Laude) Costume Design, The Theatre School, DePaul University, Chicago, IL