

## Michelle Baharier aka Dyslexic Rant & Madness Mumbles CV

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**Contemporary, multidisciplinary, practising Artist.**

Anne Tallentire, artist and lecturer at St Martin's School of Fine Art, described Michelle Baharier's work as ***The most emotionally touching piece of art I've ever seen...***

Michelle Baharier You-Tube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2ODSWP5GI0mtxGMitpvnvQ>

**Personal Statement:** I make sinks that talk and water that catches fire. I have a reputation for being extraordinary, and engaging new audiences. I am a socially engaged artist. I am influenced by my own heritage, Punk D.I.Y and life's journey. My work voices the unseen, invisible the unheard, bringing neglected stories to life. Throughout 2020 I have developed virtual ways to connect with collaborations and audiences.

### **Work to date:**

**2021:** I have been awarded funding from the Arts Council England, to work with the London Transport Museum on an ongoing project throughout 2021, collecting bus stories with people who face barriers.

I was commissioned by Disability Arts online to paint five portraits of disabled people and I am also a regular blogger for them.

My poems have been published in the Brown envelope book, by Alan Morrison and Kate and Jay-R published by Caparison, an anti-austerity anthology. I am in three other publications due out this year.

I am exhibiting in 'The curators salon' with South London Women Artists April 23-May 23 2021.

I was part of a live Arts development agency's DIY weekend and invited to be inspired by the work of Katharine Araniello.

**2020:** I my work went online and I used Youtube to reach audiences with live art and experiences. I had my work exhibited in Spain and by Mad Covid alongside many other websites. I am funded by Unltd to deliver psycho-geography walks throughout Bermondsey in Southwark working with the local unemployed population, collecting local stories for walks. My walks often attract wide interest and funding from Public Health.

My work is exhibited by the Bethlehem Gallery and as one of their artists I have been commissioned to work with an Artist in another part of the country to collaborate on a performance piece.

I am a member of the Sharp Gallery and I had a residency during 2019-20 on-line and I have worked with them and presented workshops at The Wellcome foundation. As a member of Sharp my work has been exhibited at Dulwich Picture Gallery in London.

My piece *Miss Havisham's Wedding Dress* was exhibited by the Museum of the Mind in 2019/20 as part of an exhibition exploring the experience of people who used mental health services. I am an ambassador for Outside in and a blogger for Disability Arts Online. It was then exhibited in 'Women for all seasons' an all women artists show in March 2020.

**2019,** I was commissioned by Turning Point to work with homeless people to deliver psychogeography walks in West London, notably under the Westway. I was commissioned to paint a private mural for an international company. I was part of the Live Arts Development Agency addressing Grand Mothers who Fuck, DIY workshops.

**In 2017** I was invited to work with a group of Disabled Artists 'VISION' to highlight The '2017 World Para Athletics Championships' we collaborated by painting a mural on London's Shoreditch Art Wall,

**I have been running psycho-geography walks for decades and developed a collaborative walks with communities such as 'The Largactyl Shuffle.'** This project is named after Chlorpromazine, one of the first anti-psychotic drugs, whose side effects included a deterioration of motor functions that often manifest in a slow shuffling walk. I have co-designed psycho-geographical, with CoolTan Arts participants, who are people with mental distress. *The Largactyl Shuffle* has been commissioned by the Southbank Centre for Liberty Festival 2012, the Science Museum 2013/14 and now by Southwark Council's Public Health department 2014-2018, bringing art to new audiences and new places without prejudice. In 2014, Art Angle invited CoolTan Arts and myself to develop Van Gogh walks in collaboration with Saskia Olde Wolbers piece 'YES, THESE EYES ARE THE WINDOWS' In collaboration with M Sánchez-Camus

**In 2011,** I was commissioned by Southwark Council's Public Realm Department to create a sculpture on Camberwell Green – representing CoolTan Arts. Using a two part process, we created a live sculpture - a Ginkgo tree to mark the Largactyl Shuffle and to symbolise positive mental health, resilience and memory. I then worked with artist Rossen Daskalov to

produce a bench that Celebrated all the Largactyl Shuffle represents for the local community – a place of safety, contemplation, friendship and de-stigmatisation.

1993 - 2016, I was Founder and Artistic Director of CoolTan Arts based in Southwark, London. This charity existed to improve the lives of people in mental distress through professional creative, self-advocacy and volunteer opportunities within the arts. CoolTan went on to win 27 awards and was continually funded by public bodies such as Big Lottery and Southwark Council.

1994/95/96 I exhibited work in the USA, representing the UK Disabled and Woman's Artist Network funded through Arts Council England.

I have also been commissioned to create work in collaboration with the Wellcome Collection 2019, Tate Modern, Science Museum, SHARP Gallery, Heywood Gallery, UnLtd Millennium, and I have won awards including the Julian Sullivan and the NatWest Bank award for Arts.

#### **Awards:**

<b>2020</b>	<b>UnLtd</b>
2015	GSK IMPACT Award
2014	HEE south London education
2012	CoolTan Arts has been recognised as a 'Creative Hero' in the Mental Healthy, Mental Health Hero
2010-11	CoolTan Community Project Award
2006	UnLtd India learning journey
2005	UnLtd Working with women and Art
2004	UnLtd Women make Art
1996	Art of Housing magazine with Nat West Markets.
1995	Slump.
1987	Julian Sullivan Award - The Slade School of Fine Art.
1985	Spring Board competition - Exeter Arts Centre.

#### **Education and Qualifications:**

1985-1987	Slade School of Fine Art	P.G.Dip Fine Art.
1982-1985	Exeter College of Art and Design	BA Hons 2:1
1984	Hochschule für Bildende Künste Städelschule, Frankfurt am Main Germany	<b>Exchange.</b>
1981/82	Watford College of Art and Design Foundation.	
2006	ILM	Level 3/5 management 7level 5 coaching
2004	School of Social Entrepreneurs	Certificate
2001-2002	Morley College	City & Guilds 7307 Certificate in teacher training
1998-1999	The London Institute	Diploma in Digital Media.
1997-1998	The London Institute	Certificate in Digital Origination
1993	Goldsmiths' College	Certificate in Supervisory Management
1980	Hertfordshire County Council	Stage II Youth and Community Work.

#### **Memberships:**

Alumni Slade School of fine Art  
Fellow of Royal Society of Arts  
Fellow of the School of Social enterprise  
Alumni Exeter College of Art and Design  
South London women artists association  
Artists Newsletter

#### **Solo and Featured Exhibitions:**

2021 Live art development agency, Headfuck inspired by Katherine Araniello  
2020 Mad Covid  
2020 Featured work on show In Vigo Spain  
2020 Featured Poet Survivors poetry  
2020 Women's walk  
2020 Sharp gallery  
2020 Women for all seasons

2020/2019 Bethlehem Museum of the Mind Service user movement  
 2020/19 Bethlehem Gallery  
 2019/20 Artists in residence at the Sharp Gallery Brixton  
 2019 DWD Peer fest exhibition  
 2019 on going Artists blogger for disability Arts on line  
 2019 DWD Exhibition Bristol  
 2019 Grandmas who fuck LADA DIY weekend  
 2019 Cafe Deli Felice  
 2019 Dulwich Picture gallery Identity  
 2019 Welcome collection performance  
 2018 Mural private collection  
 2017 Disabled Artists VISION Highlight The '2017 World Para Athletics Championships' On London's Shoreditch Art Wall  
 2016 Cafe Deli Felice  
<https://www.journalism.co.uk/press-releases/disabled-artists-vision-highlight-the-2017-world-para-athletics-championships-on-london-s-shoreditch-art-wall/s66/a707011/>

**Visiting Lecturer and teaching roles** , Artist at Vision June -16 on-going, Visiting Lecturer, London Business Jun 06 – Dec 11, Fine Art Tutor, Morley College Sep 02 – ongoing, Lambeth College and West Ham Technological College (foundation courses) 1996, Exeter College of Art and Design degree 1996, Southwark College (Foundation Course) 1996  
 St Martin’s College of Art and Design 1995.

**Course Tutor** : Access to Art course foundation , Lambeth Adult Education College, Sep 94 – Jun 99 Watford College of Art & Design, Oct 86 – Jun 93

**Manager/Curator** CoolTan Arts 1993-2016, Women’s centre Peckham 1996, Submarine Gallery 1985/7, Youth Worker (H&F), Youth Worker (Alma Rd Youth Centre)

**Other Roles:** Trustee of the Mental Health Providers Forum, June 11 - May 16, Chair Tenants and Residents Association, Jan 97 – Jan 98, Trustee of Southwark Arts forum , June 86 - June 87  
 Trustee of CoolTan Arts, Nov 97 – Sep 04

Further details can be obtained on request.

Appendix of CV:

Appendix of exhibitions and some key web sites if you require a full CV it is over 30 pages long.

**Solo and Featured Exhibitions:**

2017	Digital drawings	Bermondsey
2015	our Mothers ourselves	CoolTan
2015	Affordable Art Fair	Battersea
2014	Women’s make art	CoolTan Arts Gallery
2013	Rag show	Morley College Gallery London
2013	Post Card to the world	Cumming Museum London
2012	Bench	Camberwell Green London
2012	Dickens fashion show	Team London Bridge
2012	Rag show	Alternaretive London fashion show
2011	Gingko tree	Camberwell Green London
2009	Micheal Farday	Farday gardens London
2008	Made at Morley	Morley College gallery
2008	Sculptures	Temporay sculptures Outside IoP Camberwell
London		
2007	Transference	IoP Gallery London Uk
2001	Maybe baby	Carnegie Library London Uk
2001	Imaginary Landscapes	Café Prov, & West Norwood Library London Uk

1999	Mural	The Royal Bethlem Hospital Library London Uk
1998	Shop till you drop	Southwark Women's Centre London Uk
1996	Blurring the Frontiers	Diorama arts centre sponsored by London Disability Arts.
1996	Lennons on Sale again	Collaboration with Israeli artist Daniel Baharier, Yefferet 28, Israel.
1996	Ghost of CoolTan	Don't fuck with this gallery,
1995	On show	Wella head quarters London Uk
1995	Positive	Stoke on Trent University.
1994	Come out to play-performance	Anarchy festival Brixton,
1994	Liberated Libido	Coventry Gallery.
1994	Seascapes	Workshop Gallery.
1994	Wage Labour	Printed Matter, NY, NY., U.S.A.
1994	Someone to watch over us	Converse Gallery Glasgow, then travelled Britain.
1994	Homeless persons project	Travelled the UK, with H.I.P
1992	Like Insex we won't go away	Commissioned by and for Nose Paint Toured various venues in UK
1991	Sound in the elevator	Art in General, NY, NY, USA
1988	I am elimination reiteration	London/I.C.A./Diorama toured UK
1986	Next Year in Jerusalem	Performance/installation Submarine Gallery

#### Commissions:

2012	Camberwell Green CoolTan Arts Bench with Rossen Daskalov
2011	Ginko Tree Camberwell Green
2000	ASC logo, Brit art poster.
1999	"This is my life" National Children's Bureau, GLAD, DAN.
1994	A book for Printed Matter -NY,NY, USA Mural for Acre Lane Centre, Brixton.
1992	Performance at Nose Paint - LIKE INSEX WE WON'T GO AWAY -Vauxhall, London
1990	How many bars of soap can you make out of me? - Two billboards for the Lewisham visual arts festival.
1988	Sedition - Projects UK. Newcastle Upon-Tyne Recorded on tape and played over the telephone on British Telecom. Available in the Tate Gallery archives.

#### Selected Group Exhibitions:

2013	Postcard to the World Mail-Art, exhibition oxford house and Cumming Museum
2010	Mad Heritage Exhibition
2010	The Nutty Professors
2009	Creatures lost in time sound
2003-7	CoolTan Arts Exhibitions 3 annually various.
2001	Octagon Illusion Diorama arts centre.
2000	ASC open studios,
1999	ASC open studios, Bag group show, LCP group show.
1998	Bag group show, Nicholas Treadwell gallery.
1997	Payroll Exhibition, Mail Art Show Cooltan Arts. Banner Design South Bank. Suzanne Duchamp performance at Dada night. The changing face of Brixton, Ritzy cinema London.
1996	BAG print show Cafe Gallery London. Art of Housing Competition Nat West markets.Harrogate/London
1995	World Women on Line ! Internet <a href="http://www.asu.edu/wwol">http://www.asu.edu/wwol</a> .
1995	Ben Uri open - Ben Uri London. Sex, Health and Education Arch Eye, SLUMP, Poetry on Buses London Transport.
1994	Liberation, Criminal Art - Cooltan Arts.In The Minds Eye The Mall Galleries SW1.
1993	Poetry on Walls - Cooltan Arts.

- 1992 Pullit -
- 1990/91 Sign Of The Times - A decade of Video Film Installation in Britain first shown at the Modern Museum of Art Oxford, Leeds City Museum and then travelled Europe.
- 1989 150 Years Celebration of Photography - B4 Studios Vauxhall.
- 1987 Cafe Gallery - Southwark, Gallery by the Pool.
- 1985 Exodus - Spacex gallery, En Mass - Double Vision Gallery,.

**Awards:**

- 2015 **GSK IMPACT Award,**
- 2015 **AIM Award,**
- 2015 **Strengthening Citizen Voice Award – Mental Health Providers Forum Awards,**
- 2014 **Queens Award for Voluntary Service,**
- 2014 **Investing in Volunteers (iV),**
- 2013 **Innovation Award from South London Membership Council,**
- 2013 **Best Practice in Peer Support Development – Mental Health Providers Forum Awards,**
- 2013 **Innovation award**
- 2013 **Celebrating Diversity Award – Southwark Arts Forum,**
- 2013, 2014 **Shortlisted for Guardian Small Charity Awards,**
- 2012 CoolTan Arts has been recognised as a ‘Creative Hero’ in the Mental Healthy, Mental Health Hero Awards.
- 2011 Bank of America local hero award
- 2010-11 CoolTan Community Project Award
- 2010 Southwark women’s awards
- 2010 Michelle Baharier short listed RADAR person of the year
- 2008 Southwark women’s awards
- 2007 Southwark Civic award
- 2006 Best organisation to Volunteer for Southwark volunteers
- 2006 UnLTD award level 2
- 2004 UnLTD level 1
- 2002 Mind Millennium award
- 1996 Art of Housing magazine with Nat West Markets.
- 1995 Slump.
- 1987 Julian Sullivan Award - The Slade School of Fine Art.
- 1985 Spring Board competition - Exeter Arts Centre.

**Selected Reviews:**

- 2007 It's my lifeWhat a difference a World Mental Health Day makes [Clare Allan](#)  
The Guardian, Wednesday 3 October 2007
- 2006-12 Radio shows on resonance FM
- 2010 Disabled People Make History
- 2001 South London Press, Artery, Private eye
- 2000 The Times
- 1998 South London Press
- 1997 South London Press
- 1996 Dial magazine The Jerusalem Post Galie Zahal (IDF Army radio Israeli) Radio Radius 100 FM.  
(English show on Israeli radio.) Radio Radius with Rivka Michaeli (in Hebrew)
- 1995 G.L.R. radio UK. South London Press.Artists Newsletter Wayzgoose magazine (The University of West England) Don't tell it
- 1994 Big Issue. Time Out
- 1988 Kaleidoscope, Radio 4 BBC

**Further Information:**

Books and Articles

- 2015 CoolWalks
- 2014 Since Late's
- 2013 Food for mood

2012 Diagnosis-Hysteria prescription Hysteria women of CoolTan Arts  
 2011 Anthology of poetry  
 2006 Brainwave magazine  
 2000 Thoughts on a page  
 1996 Imagine  
 1995 Selected for "Skin" by pulp faction (Redwood Books.)  
 1995 Sex Health and education catalogue.  
 1995 Slump catalogue.  
 1994 Liberation Criminal art show catalogues. Selected Poems ISBN 09524190 09  
 1993/98 On going Brixton poets magazine.  
 1991 Working it out Feminist art news.  
 1988 Women artists slide library journal.  
 1987 Slade school of fine art A small collection : Publisher Michelle D Baharier

**CoolTan Arts Films:**

📺 <https://youtu.be/nuf8tqJN24E>



**CoolTan Arts: 2015 GSK IMPACT Award Winner**



**Cooltan Arts Largactyl Shuffle, Sunday 21st June 2015** <https://youtu.be/sjbRcG-ePSk>

Midnight walk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajoLk968bQk>



**9:25 Largactyl shuffle Cooltan Arts** <https://youtu.be/AF8vu5ehDFw>



**0:31 CoolTan Arts Largactyl Shuffle Sponsored Walk 2014** <https://youtu.be/mS7iQiK5C-A>



<https://youtu.be/fkllxFaSymo>



Making it Happen - Free LGBT Animation workshop at CoolTan Arts (promo video)

CoolTan Arts



CoolTan at The Affordable Art Fair

The Affordable Art fair 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfxgR9fhfrA> -END- "The affordable art fair"



<https://youtu.be/aNARxlrFt80>

13:06



My Brilliant Moment - Believing in Art - CoolTan Arts <https://youtu.be/UYS01M8hVNo>  
CommunityChannelTV



3:57

Mayor of Lambeth on the Largactyl Shuffle (CoolTan Arts video) [https://youtu.be/F2nH\\_fOn8QM](https://youtu.be/F2nH_fOn8QM)

<https://youtu.be/x1jBoDvriD4>

<https://youtu.be/3UM40z1aEVo>



CoolTan Arts at the BEI <https://youtu.be/ajoLk968bQk>

cooltanvideo



The Nutty Professors (CoolTan Arts VIDEO) <https://youtu.be/ZYciiBCDmU>



CoolTan Arts Lates at The Science Museum [https://youtu.be/oSGAB8jd\\_z0](https://youtu.be/oSGAB8jd_z0)

A collaborative project between The Science Museum and CoolTan Arts, in which we explore the history of mental health since ...



Ruby Wax on the Largactyl Shuffle (CoolTan Arts Video) <https://youtu.be/MG1dwxIJrbk>



CoolTan Arts Dickens news 4:58 CoolTan Arts Dickens news  
<https://youtu.be/YbMBcn2H14o>



Personalisation <https://youtu.be/Hse31n05Z3A>

Animation in Therapy



2012 Largactyl Shuffle sponsored walk. A little thank you.

CoolTan Arts <https://youtu.be/kIGLhlj38oM>



A Postcard to the World Slideshow <https://youtu.be/XnqJ-exIU2o>

A Postcard to the World Blog now open! <http://apostcardtotheworld.blogspot.com> A Postcard to the World is a unique Mail art ...



ALTERNATIVE FASHION WEEK 2012 <https://youtu.be/n98KigV4djl>





[Largactyl Shuffle Video](https://youtu.be/N7wscAUZsT4) <https://youtu.be/N7wscAUZsT4>



<https://youtu.be/ghNSQPsjAGY> [SAFTAs - Southwark Arts Forum The](#)

[Awards 2013](#)



[In The Studio With Maggi Hambling](https://youtu.be/5Wpf5MbKqQ) <https://youtu.be/5Wpf5MbKqQ> Controversial British artist Maggi Hambling CBE discusses and reveals new work in this short documentary filmed in her London ...