

## *i am an artist and i weigh*

### STATEMENT

As they say in pro-wrestling, “The bigger you are, the better you are.” Does an artist’s, like a weight-lifter’s, value depend on his or her physical mass? Not necessarily; however, *i am an artist and i weigh* physically contextualizes the worth of the artist in our culture in a simplified and quantified way with the intention to resurface the question of self worth and the value of the artist’s creative output.

*i am an artist and i weigh* balances the artist to an object or a number of objects in an attempt to ground the artist’s body and ensure it is considered a weighty object. By designating mass, we designate the physical worth to an ‘object’; to one’s self, to artists. To represent one’s self as an artist, is to solidify the weight of thought and labour; the weight of practice and audience, the weight of attention and intention.



### BIOGRAPHY

Faye Mullen grew up watering flowers shirtless and shining apples while sitting on a shipping crate in the Niagara Region. She would be caught over watering and over shining, while her mind would wonder.

Faye is a visual artist working in durational installation, performance, intervention, video, sculpture and photography. As an artist: making art, Faye is constantly examining her own role in the process.

She was granted scholarships to study sculpture and installation at the *Ontario College of Art & Design* in Toronto as well as *l'école National Supérieure des Beaux-Arts* in Paris, France. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts with distinction and was awarded with a number of scholarships upon convocation. This fall, Faye will continue her studies in a Master’s of Fine Art program at University of Toronto.

Her work has been widely exhibited and supported by grants and awards. Faye was awarded Toronto's Top Emerging Artist at the Liberty Grand (2009), recently participated in a residency with the *Artscape Centre for the Arts* on the Toronto Island and with *Yatoo International Artists Residency* in Wongol, South Korea. Currently, she lives, learns and works in Toronto.