

## SYLVIA TAIT

Sylvia Tait is an established and celebrated Canadian painter and printmaker, born in Montreal. She studied for four years at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts under Arthur Lismer, Jacques de Tonnancoeur, and Eldon Grier. There, Tait received three scholarships, the Top Student Award and Honour Diploma.

Since the late 1950s, Tait has exhibited across North America in solo and group shows, and has been represented by Bau-Xi Gallery since 1977. Her paintings are in private, corporate and public collections in Germany, Switzerland, France, the USA, Mexico, Ecuador, UAE, Hong Kong, Japan, South Asia and Canada.

Selected collections include: Musée de l'Art Contemporaine, Quebec; Vancouver Art Gallery, BC; Winnipeg Art Gallery, Manitoba; the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria; Gordon and Marion Smith Art Gallery; Canadian Music Centre, Toronto and Vancouver; Simon Fraser University, BC; UBC Collection; St. Paul's, VGH, and Lions Gate Hospitals, BC; Burnaby Art Gallery, BC; West Vancouver Art Museum, BC; Provincial and City ART Collections; Royal Bank of Canada; Toronto Dominion Bank; Pan Pacific Developments; and the Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa.

Sylvia Tait won the international art competition for the new Aquatic Center in West Vancouver, BC with *AquaScapes*, an art piece of enormous proportions. She was also commissioned to create 900 banners for the City of Vancouver and the City of Richmond. Most recently, she was commissioned to create a limited-edition fine art print for the West Vancouver Art Museum's Artist Editions Program, the proceeds of which will benefit the WVAM.

Sylvia Tait has lived and worked on Vancouver's North Shore since 1968, and she is represented by Bau-Xi Gallery in Vancouver and Toronto.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 "Variations On A Theme" Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

2017-2018 "Sylvia Tait: Journey", Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada

2017 "Double Entendre", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2016 "West Coast Suite" Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2014 "Making Tracks" Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2013 "Departures/Migrations" Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

2012 "Alternative Voices" Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2011 "A Classical Spirit", A Mini Retrospective, West Vancouver Museum, BC, Canada

2010 "Allegories", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

2009 "Shaping Time "New Paintings, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2007 "New Works, "For a Darkly Splendoured Earth", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2005 "A Colour of Music", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

2004 "Forms and Figments", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2003 "Themes & Variations", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

2001 "Chromatics", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

"Fractions and Sequences", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2000 "Colour Chords & Transitions", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

1999 "Split Runs", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1997 "New Paintings", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1995 "Broken Walls", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1994 "Language without Words", Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC, Canada

1993 "Walls & Crossings", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1991 Granville Square, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1990 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

"Paintings - Ferry Building", West Vancouver, BC, Canada

1989 Paintings - Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver, BC, Canada

1988 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1985 Galerie Sigl, Quito, Ecuador

1984 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1983 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1981 Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada

1978 Arts Club, Vancouver, BC, Canada

1977 Drawings-Civic Centre, North Vancouver, BC, Canada

- Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1976 Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, BC, Canada  
Mido Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1975 Travelling Show of Drawings circulated by Simon Fraser University Gallery to Penticton,  
Prince George, Smithers, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Grand prairie, Dawson Creek,  
Williams Lake, Vernon, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada
- 1974 Simon Fraser University Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada  
Penticton Art Gallery, Penticton, BC, Canada  
Open Space Gallery, Victoria, BC, Canada  
Mido Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1967 Studio 23, Montréal, Québec, PQ, Canada
- 1960 Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- 1959 Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- 1953 Y.M.C.A. Montréal, Québec, PQ, Canada

#### TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 1978 Presentation House, North Vancouver, BC, Canada with James Felter
- 1959 Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with Leonard Books

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 "30 Years", Ferry Building Gallery, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2019 "Transitions", Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- 2018 – 2019 "Transformations: Selected works from the AFK Collection", Gordon Smith Gallery, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2018 "In Stitches: Gillian Armitage, Harry Armstrong, Sylvia Tait", Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- 2015 "25 Years 25 Artists", West Vancouver Art Museum, West Vancouver, BC, Canada

- 2014 "The Art of Looking", West Coast Innovators, West Vancouver Art Museum, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2011 "The Artist's Circle" at Harmony Arts Festival, West Vancouver Art Museum, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2011 "Unreal", Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2010 Cross Connections, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada
- 2009 Coast Art Trust Society, Coquitlam, BC, Canada
- 2007 Coast Art Trust Society, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2001 "Faces" Art Gallery of Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1995 "1965-1975 Context & Influences", Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1990 Artropolis, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Artists of British Columbia - Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB, Canada
- 1989 "Carmanah - Visions of an Ancient Forest", Courtney, Vancouver, Duncan, Qualicum, BC, Canada
- 1988 M.O.N.A.L.I.S.A. - Mail Art Projects - at Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, BC, Canada  
Aspects of Lavalin Collection, Montréal, Québec and Hart House, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 1987 "First Night": Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1986 "Images and Objects", BC Community Arts Council, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
BC Festival of the Arts, Vancouver & Prince George, BC, Canada  
Warehouse Show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1985 "Six Women Artists of B.C.", University Women's Club, UBC, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1984 Remy Martin Exhibition, Robson Square Median Centre Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Warehouse Show, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
"Collection", Simon Fraser University Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- 1983 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
International Foundation for the Arts, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
"Vancouver Art and Artists, 1931 - 1983", Vancouver Art Gallery, Inaugural Exhibition  
"British Columbia Prints" Victoria Art Gallery, Victoria, BC, Canada

- "Prints", University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Galleria Sigl, Qito, Ecuador  
Festival, Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Miniature Art Sale, London Regional Art Gallery, London, U.K.
- 1982 "B.C. Art Collection", Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Festival "Women in the Arts", Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver "Art Collectors", Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
"Artists against the Seal Hunt", Arts Club, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1981 "Insights", Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
"Collaborations; Artists & Architects", Robson Media Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Royal Canadian Academy Show: Kenneth Heffel Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1980 "On Canvas", Vancouver, BC, Canada  
"Drawings", Artists Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
"Joan Miro International Drawings", Barcelona, Spain  
Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1979 "Joan Miro International Drawings", Barcelona, Pompano, Toledo, Spain  
Canada House: Paris; Brussels; London: Paperworks by B.C. Artists
- 1978 Malaspina Printmakers Society, at Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada  
"Joan Miro International Drawings", Barcelona, Pompano, Toledo, Spain
- 1977 Canadian Society of Graphic Arts  
Malaspina Printmakers Society, Vancouver at Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- 1976 "Forum": Musée des Beaux Arts, Montréal, PQ, Canada  
Mido Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 1975 "Joan Miro International Drawings", Barcelona, Spain  
"Graphex 11", Brantford, ON, Canada  
Mido Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
1st Erotic Art Competition (invitational), San Diego, California, USA

- 2nd "Miami International Graphics", Miami, Florida, USA
- Sidney Rothman International Graphics, New Jersey, USA
- International Women's Year, U.B.C. Gallery, BC, Canada
- "Women in Art", Simon Fraser University Gallery, Burnaby, Canada
- Malaspina Printmakers Society, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Paperworks Gallery, Vancouver, Langley Centennial Museum, and Open Space Gallery, Victoria, BC, Canada
- 1974 "Canadian Graphics", Contemporary Royal Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- "B.C. Women Artists", University of British Columbia, SUB Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- "Graphex 1", Brantford, ON, Canada
- "Centennial Graphics Show", Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- "Prints & Drawings", University of British Columbia, Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- "Joan Miro International Drawings", Barcelona, Spain
- 1973 "Canadian Printmakers Showcase", Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- "Calgary Annual Graphics Show", Alberta College of Art, Calgary, AB, Canada
- Deerlake printmakers, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- Society of Canadian Painter-Etchers & Engravers Annual
- Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 1972 "Stampede Art Show" Alberta Society of Artists, Calgary, AB, Canada
- "Calgary International Graphics Show", Alberta College of Art, Calgary, AB, Canada
- "B.C. Contemporary Works", Simon Fraser University Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- "Canadian Printmakers Showcase", Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- 1971 "Canadian Prints & Drawings", Canadian Society of Graphic Art, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, ON, Canada
- "Canadian Graphics", Art Gallery of Ontario-Travelling Exhibition during 1971-1972 to Thomas A. Stuart Secondary School, Port Hope College of Education, University of Toronto; Oakville Centennial Gallery; Peter Robinson College, Trent University, Peterborough, ON, Canada
- 1970 "Summer Survey", Graphics; C.S.G.A./S.C.P.E., Civic Centre, Oshawa, ON, Canada

- "Canadian Graphics", Art Gallery of Ontario - Travelling Exhibition during 1970 - 1971 to:  
 Sheridan College of Applied Art & Technology, Oakville; Baycrest Centre for Geriatrics, Toronto;  
 New College, University of Toronto; Coboug Art Gallery; Sir George Williams Secondary School,  
 Aurora; Mary J.L. Black Branch Library, Thunder Bay; Elliot Lake Centre for Continuing  
 Education; Grantham Branch Library, St. Catharines, ON, Canada
- "Canadian printmakers Showcase", Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- 1969 5th Burnaby Print Show, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- Vancouver Art Gallery Exhibition, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Canadian National Exhibition, Exhibition Park, Toronto, ON Canada
- 1968 Colour and Form Society, Hart House, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Gallery of the Theatre and Arts, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada
- Society of Canadian Academy, Saskatoon Gallery & Conservatory, Saskatoon,  
 Saskatchewan, and the Art Gallery of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada
- Can. Soc. of Graphic Art, London Public Library & Art Museum, London, UK
- Canadian Group of painters, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- 1967 Royal Canadian Academy, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- Colour and Form Society, Hart House, Toronto, Ontario and Gallery of the Theatre and the Arts,  
 University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada
- Canadian Society of Graphic Art, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- Canadian Group of Painters, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Montréal and the Norman  
 McKenzie Art Gallery, Regina '68, SK, Canada
- 1966 Royal Canadian Group of Painters, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON, Canada and  
 Confederation Art Gallery, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada in 1967
- Canadian Society of Graphic Art, Willistead Art Gallery, Windsor, ON, Canada
- Colour and Form Society, Hart House, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Sir George Williams University Art Gallery, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- 1965 Canadian Group of Painters, Victoria, BC and Kingston, ON, Canada
- Royal Canadian Academy, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- Winter Show, Hamilton, ON, Canada

- Winnipeg Art Gallery Show, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- Québec Artists, Thomas More Institute, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- 1964 Winter Show, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- Québec Artists, Thomas More Institute, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- Canadian Society of Graphic Art
- Winnipeg Art Gallery Show, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- Concourse de Québec, Musée de Québec, Québec City, PQ
- Royal Canadian Academy, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Montréal and the Sarnia Public Library Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON, Canada
- 1963 Canadian Society of Graphic Art, Art Gallery of Toronto, ON, Canada
- Alberta Society of Artists, Calgary, AB, Canada
- Winter Show, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- Québec Artists, Thomas More Institute, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- 1962 Canadian Society of Graphic Art, Public Library and Art Museum, London, UK
- 1961 Montréal Spring Exhibition, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, PQ, Canada
- Winnipeg Art Gallery Show, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- "Canadian Drawings", McIntosh Memorial Art Gallery of Toronto, ON, Canada
- Concourse de Québec, Musée du Québec, Québec City, PQ, Canada
- 1960 Montréal Spring Exhibition, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, PQ, Canada
- 1958 Montréal Spring Exhibition, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, PQ, Canada
- 1954 Studio 9, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- 1953 Studio 9, Montréal, PQ, Canada
- 1952 Montréal Spring Exhibition, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, PQ, Canada
- 1950 Montréal Spring Exhibition, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, PQ, Canada

## AWARDS

- 2018 Fund for the Arts on the North Short (FANS), Distinguished Artist Award



- 1976 Hadassah Show, Vancouver, 3rd Prize (graphics)
- 1977 Malaspina Printmakers Award - Honourable Mention
- 1975 Malaspina Printmakers Award of Excellence
- 1974 LIP Grant (drawing)
- 1966 Canadian Group of painters (painting) Second Prize
- 1965 Winnipeg Biennial (painting) Combined First Prize

Three scholarships from the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts School, Top Student Award and Honour Diploma

## COLLECTIONS

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| 2Market Communications  | Pan Pacific Developments            |
| Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, ON                                      | Polygon Development                 |
| Art Bank, Provincial Collection, BC   | RK Studios Limited                  |
| Art Gallery of Greater Victoria   | Royal Bank                          |
| BCAA, Vancouver   | Simon Fraser University Collection  |
| Burnaby Art Gallery   | St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, BC  |
| City of Vancouver Collection  | The Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa |
| Emaar Properties, Dubai, UAE  | Toronto-Dominion Bank Collection    |
| Gordon and Marion Smith Gallery, North Vancouver, BC                            | Trimark                             |
| Kazimirski Law Corporation, Vancouver, BC                                       | University of Victoria              |
| Lavalin Collection; Montréal & Vancouver  | Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver    |
| Lion's Gate Hospital  | Vancouver General Hospital          |
| Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montréal  | Wall Centre Garden Hotel, Vancouver |
| Private Collections in Ecuador, Canada, USA, Mexico, Venezuela, Hong Kong, Asia | Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, MB  |

## COMMISSIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Commissioned to create 900 city banners for the City of Vancouver and the City of Richmond, 2005
- Commissioned to create banners for South Granville, Vancouver
- Commission for Aquascapes, West Vancouver
- Won the international competition for Aquatic Centre in West Vancouver (Sunshades), 100'x 30'
- Artist for the Vancouver New Music Society from its inception in 1972 until 1982
- Set design for the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors", Vancouver, 1980
- Painted costumes for Anna Wyman Dance - "the Stand", 1987
- Sets & Costumes for "Thisness" - a monodrama by composer Istvan Anhalt 1986
- C.B.C. Radio - The Hornby Collection, 1983. Poet & Painter Eldon Grier and Sylvia Tait

## PUBLICATIONS

Sylvia Tait: Journey, Burnaby Art Gallery, 2018

Home Design, Elizabeth Godley, 2016

ALELLE, 2014

Cover for Gerard Bouchard, L'Interculturalisme, Boréal, 2012

Cover for Istvan Anhalt, "Pathways and Memory", Toronto Press, 2004

Assassination of Colour - poems by Eldon Grier, 1978. Cover by Sylvia Tait, Fiddlehead Press

Programme Cover for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, January 1976

Canadian Fiction Magazine - Winter issue, 1976, Cover and six pages. Geoff Hancock, editor

ScanEvent, Volume 4. No.3, 1975

Western Living, "Painting the Landscape Go Feeling", West Vancouver Museum, 1975

Three Hours Later, 1974

Roundstone Council for the Arts, Volume 11 1973/4

Pictures on the Skin - by Eldon Grier, Delta, BC, 1967

## COLLABORATION OF GRAPHICS

Painter's Workshop by Leonard Brooks, Reinhold publisher

A Ring of Ice - poems by Eldon Grier. Cover & illustrations by Sylvia Tait - Cambridge Press

For a Lark - Birderells by John Huberman, drawings by Sylvia Tait

## PRESS

Westcoast Homes & Design, Review by Elizabeth Godley, Spring 2014

"Sylvia Tait: A Classical Spirit is a mini-retrospective of a West Coast original", Georgia Straight,

Review by Robin Laurence, Vancouver, 2011

North Shore News, October 21, 1988

The Vancouver Sun - Review by Elizabeth Godley, September 1988

The Vancouver Sun - Anna Wyman Dance review by Susan Mertens, May 1987

The Vancouver Province - Review by Max Wyman 1987

Vanguard - Review by Robin Laurence, February 1985

News (Prints), Burnaby Art Gallery, September 1985

Arts Magazine - Review by Mia Johnson, Fall 1983

"Intriguing Coincidences Don't Make Art Equal", Vancouver Sun, Review by Robin Laurence, Nov. 25, 1995

Chop - Review by Russell Keziere for Malaspina

Printmakers Show - Burnaby Art Gallery

The Vancouver Sun - Review by Susan Mertens, August 1981

Vanguard - Review by Alan Wood, November 1981

The Vancouver Sun - Review by Susan Mertens, November 1981

Vancouver Calender Magazine - Review by Maureen Korman, August 1981

Artscanada 1980

The Vancouver Sun - Review by Andrew Scott 1978

The Vancouver Sun - Review by Wayne Edmonston 1977

News - Bau-Xi Gallery - May/June 1977

The News, Dawson Creek 1976

Pacific Time - Winter 1975 - 1976

Western Living 1975

The Vancouver Province - Review by Art Perry, 1975

La Gazette des Arts, February 1974

The Vancouver Sun - review by Joan Lowndes, September 1974

The Peak, 1974

Hamilton Press review of Canadian Group of Painters - review by Hugh Buchanan

The Montréal Gazette - Review 1967

La Presse, Montreal, February 1967

The News - Mexico 1959

Photo-Journal, Montréal 1953

The Vancouver Sun - Review by Mary Fox