

## BAU - XI GALLERY

FREDERICK HAGAN

1918 - 2003

"I am particularly attached to my press, which has been a partner in many adventures."

Frederick Hagan, 1977

"There is no way of ever coming to the end of the thoughts and feelings inspired by Frederick Hagan's work, and that is possibly the ultimate test of an artist's value."

Martin Heavisides, 1977

"His art always flowed from a deep sense of who he was - there was a genuineness to it. Over the coming years, we'll see him increasingly as a figure of great significance."

Dennis Reid, 2003

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

- 1918 Born Robert Frederick Hagan in Cabbagetown, Toronto, second of eight children
- 1923 Begins to help father at Ryan and Hagan Cabinetmakers, after school and weekends
- 1931 Father dies of diphtheria
- 1934 Quits school at age sixteen to work at a furniture dealer, then a paper box factory
- 1935 Adapts garage for studio purposes and begins independent drawing and painting
- 1936 Evening classes in Drawing at Central Technical School. Meets Ross Bertram and later attends Bertram's Life Drawing Group. Attends Workers' Educational Association Life Classes
- 1937 Works at Canada Jewellery Case Company to 1939. Attends evening classes taught by John Alfsen, Franklin Carmichael, and Fred Haines at Ontario College of Art (to 1940)
- 1939 Meets Isabelle Jane Heald, whom he marries in 1943. They go on to have five children
- 1940 First of several rejections when he tried to enlist in the Canadian Military during WWII, ostensibly for medical reasons. His left-leaning politics were more likely the deciding factor
- 1941 Graphic illustrations published in two Canadian Forum issues  
Arts and Crafts Instructor, Pinecrest YMCA Boy's Camp, Muskoka (summers to 1944)  
Resident artist and master, Pickering College, Newmarket (to 1946)  
Moves to Newmarket, where he lives for the rest of his life
- 1942 Buys a second-hand lithograph press for \$75 and begins to teach himself lithography
- 1946 Appointed drawing, painting and printmaking instructor at the Ontario College of Art. Studies at the Art Students' League and George Miller's lithography shop in New York City. OCA makes lithography available to Canadian art students for the first time. Continues teaching at the College until his retirement in 1983
- 1946 Receives G.A. Reid Silver Award at Canadian Society of Painters-Etchers and Engravers Annual Exhibition
- 1952 Summer Resident Artist at Pendle Hill, Pennsylvania
- 1954 Completes the Ladder Series of 13 lithographs
- 1960 Summer Art Instructor for the Ontario Department of Education at Lakehead University (to 1965)
- 1963 Instructor, Hockley Valley School summer program (to 1964)
- 1965 Fantasy of a Print, a film by Allen Jarvis and Paul Kimberley features OCA print students, Fred Hagan, and prints in progress
- 1967 Awarded Canadian Centennial Medal
- 1971 First sabbatical year from Ontario College of Art. Travels to England, Wales, and France

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- 1976 Second sabbatical year, travels to Newfoundland and works at St. Michael's printshop  
1981 Visiting Winegard Professor, University of Guelph  
1983 Retires from the Ontario College of Art  
1984 Receives Class of 1842 Award from Pickering College, Newmarket  
1985 Commissioned by Canada Post to create 16 Exploration of Canada postage stamps, issued 1986 to 1989  
1986 Awarded AJ Casson Certificate for Service to Art Education by the Alumni Association, Ontario College of Art  
1987 Begins work on the Exploration Series of 55 lithographs, related to the stamp themes  
1989 Wife Isabelle dies  
1990 Instructor Emeritus, Ontario College of Art  
1998 Awarded the RCA Medal, Royal Canadian Academy of Arts  
2003 Dies in Newmarket at the age of 85  
2005 Cabbagetown Preservation Society erects a plaque at 262 Ontario Street honouring his birthplace  
2006 Town of Newmarket designates a new street Fred Hagan Court  
2009 City of Toronto designates a lane in Cabbagetown Hagan Lane

Exhibited with Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, Ontario Society of Artists, Canadian Society of Graphic Art, Society of Canadian Painters, Etchers and Engravers, Canadian Group of Painters

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 "Close to Home: Paintings from 1940-1990," Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2017 Ontario North: Frederick Hagan Lithographs 1942-1953, Art Gallery of Sudbury (circulated to Grimsby Public Art Gallery in 2019 and Timmins Museum National Exhibition Centre in 2022)  
2017 Frederick Hagan: Well Beyond the Ordinary, Newmarket Old Town Hall  
2016 Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2015 "Fred Hagan | Canadian Shield: A Collection of Watercolours," Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2013 "Lakeside Summers", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2011 "Frederick Hagan: Figure in Place", MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, Ontario  
"Figuring the Landscape", Campus Gallery, Georgian College, Barrie, Ontario  
"The Near North: Selected Watercolours 1950-1990", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2009 "Selected Watercolours from the 1950s", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2008 "Paintings from the Forties", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2006 "Fred Hagan's Toronto: Paintings from 1937 - 1941", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2004 "Paintings from the Nineteen Eighties", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2002 "Works from the Sixties and Seventies", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2001 via crucis Fred Hagan's City Series, Art Gallery of Ontario  
"Toronto Five", Kinsman Robinson Gallery, Toronto  
"Paintings from the Fifties", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
2000 "Paintings from the Forties", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
"One Man's Angle", Frederick Horsman Varley Museum, Markham  
1999 "Lithographs", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
"Romancing the Stone: The Lithographs of Frederick Hagan", Carleton University Art Gallery, Ottawa (catalogue published)  
1998 Frederick Hagan: Lithographs, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto

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- 1996 Frederick Hagan: Paintings 1940-1995, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
1992 "Ontario Northworks 1938-1991 Frederick Hagan", Laurentian University Museum and Art Centre, Sudbury, (catalogue published)  
1990 "Small Works Towards the Exploration Stamp Series", Madison Gallery, Toronto  
1989 "Frederick Hagan 50/50 A Point of Focus", Regional Municipality of Peel Art Gallery, Brampton  
"Frederick Hagan: Exploration", Madison Gallery, Toronto  
"Crossing Canada", Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
"Recent Drawings & Watercolours", Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
"Frederick Hagan: Early Drawings of Newmarket District 1942-1949 and Recent Watercolours", Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
Frederick Hagan: Approaching Exploration", Grimsby Public Art Gallery (circulated to other public art galleries)  
1986 Lithographic Prints, Survey 1954-1964, Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
1984 "Frederick Hagan: Toronto Paintings 1937-1941", Madison Gallery, Toronto  
"Frederick Hagan: Intimate Wanderings After 45 Years", Georgian College, Barrie  
"Frederick Hagan's Work from the Permanent Collection", Grimsby Art Gallery  
1983 "Lithographic Prints, Survey 1, 1944-1954", Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
"Poems for Alice", Grimsby Public Art Gallery, Grimsby  
1982 Recent Oil Paintings, Madison Gallery, Toronto  
1981 Chance Lithographs, Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
1980 "Recent Drawings and Watercolours", Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
"Paintings by Frederick Hagan", Art Gallery of Cobourg, Cobourg  
"Hagan", Grimsby Public Art Gallery, Grimsby  
1978 "Drawings & Recent Watercolours", Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto  
1977 Sisler Gallery, Toronto  
"Hagan: The Mind and the Hand", Grimsby Public Art Gallery, Grimsby, Ontario (catalogue published, exhibition circulated to 23 public art galleries in Ontario)  
1972 Art Gallery and Museum, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
1971 Frederick Hagan 71, Mount Saint Vincent Art Gallery and Museum, Halifax, NS (catalogue published)  
1969 Frederick Hagan, Erindale College, University of Toronto at Mississauga  
1968 Sarnia Library and Art Gallery, Sarnia  
1967 20 Lithograph Prints, Art Gallery of Ontario, circulated  
1963 Rodman Hall, St. Catharines  
Hart House, University of Toronto  
"Watercolours by Frederick Hagan", Picture Loan Society, Toronto  
1956 Ladder, Hart House, University of Toronto  
1954 Rocky Mountain Watercolours, Picture Loan Society, 1954  
1953 Watercolours by Frederick Hagan, Picture Loan Society, Toronto  
1951 Algonquin Park Watercolours, Woodsworth House, Toronto  
1950 Watercolours and Lithographs, Newmarket Town Hall  
1940 Oil Paintings of South River and Algonquin Park, Eaton's College Street Gallery, Toronto

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Fantastic Landscapes: Beyond the Ordinary, Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives, Brampton  
2025 "Landscaped", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

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- 2025 At Home in Toronto, The Market Gallery, Toronto
- 2024 Summer Solstice, Varley Art Gallery of Markham
- 2023 Mentor + Me: The Stone Lithographs of Frederick Hagan + Ted Fullerton, MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie (catalogue published)
- 2021 Selected Acquisitions 2015-2020, Western McIntosh Gallery, London
- 2020 Portraits from the MacLaren's Permanent Collection, MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie
- 2017 Across This Mighty Land: A Visual Debate - Carl Beam and Frederick Hagan, Grimsby Art Gallery
- 2016 Form Follows Fiction: Art and Artists in Toronto, Hart House Gallery, University of Toronto
- 2013 Toronto Imagined: The City in Words and Images, Art Gallery of Ontario (online)
- 2010 Selected Works from the Permanent Collection, Glynhurst Art Gallery, Brantford
- 2009 The Nude in Modern Canadian Art 1920-1950, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Québec City (circulated to Glenbow Museum and Winnipeg Art Gallery)
- 2008 Explorers and dandies in an open letter to Canada Post : Frederick Hagan & Kent Monkman, Art Gallery of Mississauga (catalogue published)
- 40 Years of Collecting, Peel Art Gallery, Museum + Archives, Brampton (catalogue published)
- 2001 toronto five: Retrospective ALFSEN FREIFELD HAGAN LA PIERRE NEWMAN, Kinsman Robinson Gallery, Toronto (catalogue published)
- 2000 The Stone Age: Canadian Lithography from its Beginnings, National Gallery of Canada
- 1999 "Monoprints", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 1998 "Working Drawings", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 1992 "Mask & Metaphor", McLaren Art Centre, Barrie
- 1991 "Recent Acquisitions", Regional Municipality of Peel Art Gallery, Brampton
- 1990 "Eight Artists Portraits", Aurora
- 1988 "Home Sweet Home", The Market Gallery, Toronto
- "Industrial Images", Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton
- 1986 "Christmas Stocking", Laurentian University Museum and Art Centre, Sudbury, circulating
- 1985 "The 1940's: A Decade of Painting in Ontario", Art Gallery of Ontario
- "From the Shadows: A Portrayal of Toronto in the 30's and 40's", The Market Gallery, Toronto
- 1984 "Woodcuts by Julius Griffith, Frederick Hagan, Leonard Hutchison, Walter Sawron, Gadatsy Gallery, Toronto
- 1983 "The Hand Holding the Brush", London Regional Art Gallery, touring
- 1981 "Art for Architecture", Macdonald Gallery, Queen's Park, Toronto
- 1979 "Dofasco Collection", Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton
- "The Child in Ontario Art", Macdonald Gallery, Queen's Park, Toronto
- 1976 "Of Human Bondage" Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa
- "100 Years of Ontario College of Art", Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
- 1972 "Contemporary Canadian Prints", Pratt Graphic Centre, New York
- 1970 "10 Canadian Printmakers", University of Guelph Canadian Printmakers Showcase, Carleton University, Ottawa
- 1967 "Friefeld, Hagan, La Pierre, Newman", Glenhurst Arts Council Gallery, Brantford
- 1966 Rodman Hall, St. Catharines
- "Canadian Watercolours, Drawings, Prints", National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
- 1965 "Contemporary Canadian Prints & Drawings"
- 1964 "Surrealism in Canada", London Public Library and Art Museum, London
- 1961 "Fourth Biennial of Canadian Art", National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
- 1959 "Figure Form Exhibition", Rodman Hall, St. Catharines
- 1951 "Harley Parker, Eric Friefeld, Frederick Hagan", Pickering College, Newmarket

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- 1950 "Annual Exhibition", Art Gallery of Hamilton (1951, 1955, 1958-62)  
"Exhibition of Contemporary Canadian Artists", Art Gallery of Toronto
- 1947 "Canadian National Exhibition", Toronto
- 1946 "Canadian Graphic Arts Exhibition", circulated to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1944 "John Alfsen, Don Stewart, Helen Fitzgerald, Hatley Parker, York Wilson, Hedly Rainnie",  
Roberts Gallery, Toronto
- 1943 "Twenty Canadian Artists", National Gallery of Canada & Washington, DC
- 1942 Canadian Group of Painters, Art Gallery of Toronto, circulating
- 1940 Ontario Society of Artists, Art Gallery of Toronto, circulating  
Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Art Gallery of Toronto
- 1939 Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts, Art Association of Montreal, circulating  
Sport in Art, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto (also 1947, 1960)
- 1938 Canadian Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers, Art Gallery of Toronto, circulating  
Canadian Society of Graphic Arts, Art Gallery of Toronto, circulating

## ARCHIVES

Frederick Hagan fonds, Edward P. Taylor Library & Archives, Art Gallery of Ontario  
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## COLLECTIONS

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| Art Gallery of Hamilton       | Museum London                                 |
| Art Gallery of Ontario        | National Gallery of Canada                    |
| Art Gallery of Sudbury        | OCAD University                               |
| Carleton University, Ottawa   | Peel Art Gallery, Museum + Archives           |
| Dofasco, Hamilton             | Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto                 |
| Varley Art Gallery of Markham | Royal Ontario Museum                          |
| Georgian College, Barrie      | University of Guelph                          |
| Grimsby Public Art Gallery    | University of Lethbridge                      |
| Imperial Oil, Toronto         | Western McIntosh Gallery                      |
| Library and Archives Canada   | Woodstock Art Gallery                         |
| MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie   | Numerous other public and private collections |
| Market Gallery, Toronto       |   |

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