

BAU - XI GALLERY

MICHELLE NGUYEN

b. 1993, Toronto, Canada

Michelle Nguyen's rich, allegorical paintings use human and animal bodies in varying states to explore notions of identity, existence, and historical erasure. Her canvases are populated by elegant, humorous or even grotesque figures, as well as carefully selected vegetation and objects - often iterations of classical motifs - that appear to be part dream, part nightmare. Nguyen uses oil, pastel, and vivid colours to illustrate worlds dense with mythology, symbolism, and narrative.

EDUCATION

2016 Bachelor of Environmental Design, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

RESIDENCIES

Aug - Sept 2018 Centre Pompadour Neofeminist Laboratory, Ercourt, France

Apr - May 2022 MakersLab (Tools for Change), Vancouver, BC

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Trick Mirror*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2024 *Before I Depart*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2023 *Ode To Proteus*, Gillian Jason Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Horror Vacui*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
Prayer for Safe Passage, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2021 *Water Features*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2019 *There's Always More Show*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2018 *Anatomical Venus*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2017 *Of Tristia, Forlorn!*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 *Your Mouth is an Open Wound*, Hatch Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2014 *Bricolage*, AMS Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Serving Gluttony*, Unit London, London, UK
- 2023 *Looking Forward*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
Hysteria, Gillian Jason Gallery, London, UK
Focal Point, Long Story Short Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Frieze Seoul Pop-Up*, Harper's X The Here and There Co., Seoul, South Korea
Sprout, Stems Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Double Trouble, Another Gallery, Paris, France

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- 2020 *Reclaiming the Nymph*, Gillian Jason Gallery, London, UK
Passion and Pretense, Be Contemporary Gallery, Innisfil, ON
- 2018 Art Toronto, Toronto, ON
Mortal Window, Bakery Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2017 Art Toronto, Toronto, ON
- 2016 *Art Waste*, Fortune Sound Club, Vancouver, BC
+/-, Hatch Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2014 *Concatenation*, AMS Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

PUBLICATIONS / PRESS

- 2022 Preview Gallery Guide, Nov - Jan issue, Michelle Nguyen: Horror Vacui
- 2021 The Great Refusal: in conversation with Michelle Nguyen, Public Parking
- 2021 Artist Michelle Nguyen Rewards You for Your Time, Natural Habitat
- 2018 Montecristo Magazine, *Michelle Nguyen: Empathy and Balance*
- 2018 Vancouver Mural Festival: Michelle Nguyen finds feminist approach
- 2017 Michelle Nguyen's Uninhibited Art, Galleries West Digital
- 2017 Must-See September Exhibitions, Nuvo Magazine
- 2017 Creators Vancouver
- 2016 "Thinking With Your Gut", Hello Friend
- 2016 "How Aram Saroyan Brings the Arbitrariness of the English Language" Hello Friend
- 2016 "A Hybrid Identity", Hello Friend
- 2016 "Andy Dixon ruined my life", Hello Friend
- 2013 Branch Magazine (Issue 3: Hunger)
- 2012 The Garden Statuary (Issue 2.1)
- 2010 Branch Magazine (Issue 11: Light + Shadows)

PUBLIC ARTWORKS

- 2018 Vancouver Mural Festival, Vancouver, BC

LECTURES:

- 2023 North Island College, Comox Valley, BC