

## BAU - XI GALLERY

VICKI SMITH  
b. 1958

Vicki Smith studied fine art at the Ontario College of Art, graduating in 1981 with honours. Her fourth year of study was completed in Florence, Italy. Smith became known for her paintings of female figures which explored the effects and limitations of gravity. Often suspended in dark air, twisted and upside down, falling into and out of the picture plane, the figures could be so precariously placed upon the canvas that they threaten to slip away. Even in these positions, they were always balanced.

Recent years have seen Smith's female figures explore the concept of gravity and identity in waterscapes. Her swimmers float, fly, dive and emerge on the broken surface of the water, first depicted in swimming pools, then in lakes; the water fills the composition edge-to-edge, becoming a space of weightlessness without boundaries. The paintings possess a beautiful, deep calm, the subjects entirely at peace in their surroundings.

### Education

1977-1981      Ontario College of Art Toronto and Florence, Italy

### Exhibitions

2025            'Liminal,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2024            'Larger Than Life', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2024            'Flora and Fauna', Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2023            'Ripple Effect', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2023            'Good Medicine', Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2021            'You Are the Sky. Everything Else is Just the Weather.', Bau-Xi Gallery. Vancouver, BC  
2020            'Holding Space', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2020            'Matter and Memory', Bau-Xi Gallery. Toronto, ON  
2019            Art Toronto, Toronto, ON  
2019            'Her', group show Bau-Xi Gallery - Toronto, ON  
2018            Art Toronto, Toronto, ON  
2018            'A Theory of Relative Happiness' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2017            Summer Feature, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2015            'Two Generations' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2013            'Under a Brighter Sky' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2012            'Group Show Featuring Vicki Smith' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2010            'Summer In the City' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2007            Lehmann and Leskiw, Toronto, ON  
2005            John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2005            Lehmann and Leskiw, Toronto, ON  
2005            Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON  
2004            Women's Art Association of Canada, Toronto, ON  
2004            Museum London, London, ON  
2004            Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON  
2004            Michael Gibson Gallery, London, ON  
2003            Etobicoke City Hall, Etobicoke, ON  
2003            Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, ON  
2002            Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON  
2002            Grimsby Public Art Gallery, Grimsby, ON

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2002 Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, ON  
2002 Zypr Gallery, Toronto, ON  
1999 Mississauga Living Arts Center, Mississauga, ON  
1993 Feminine Viewpoint, Toronto, ON  
1983 Pauline McGibbon Cultural Center, Toronto, ON  
1983 Greenwood Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario  
1983 Art Invesco Gallery, Toronto, ON  
1981 Gallery 76, Toronto, ON  
1981 O.C.A., Florence, Italy  
1979 Nikkola Gallery, Toronto, ON

### Media and Publications

2025 Now TO, "Figurative Artist Vicki Smith Unveils "Liminal" At Bau-Xi Gallery"  
2023 The Walrus, "Ripple Effects", Connor Garel, Vol. 20, Number 5, July/August 2023  
2020 Border Crossing online magazine, Interview.  
2020 Vicki Smith: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, published by Bau-Xi Gallery  
2017 Blank Spaces Magazine, In Conversation with Erin Saunders, September 2017  
2007 "Vicki Smith at Lehmann and Leskiw Fine Art", Martinboys.com, November 28 2007  
2007 "Vicki Smith-Balance", published by Lehmann and Leskiw Fine Art  
2004 "Flawless Skin", Ash Wittig, The Gazette, April 8 2004  
2004 "Showing a lot of Skin", Tess Parkins, Scene Magazine, March 18 2004  
2003 "Arts Mississauga", Carmen Elisa Jaime, El Mundo Latino News, January 17 2003  
2003 "Abstract Art Rules the Day", Sandy Millar, The Mississauga News, January 1 2003  
2002 Arts, The Korea Times Daily, January 25 2002  
2002 "What's On - Galleries", The Toronto Star, January 17 2002  
1999 "Perspectives - A Unique Exhibition of Art by Women", published by Pratt & Whitney Canada  
1983 "The Feminine Viewpoint - Works by Contemporary Women Artists", published by Boutique Jacob Inc.