

# BAU-XI GALLERY LTD.

## JANNA WATSON

Janna Watson is a shining example of a young emerging artist who is making a significant mark on the Canadian art scene. Watson is well-known for her compelling abstract compositions, which use colour, line, and energetic brushstrokes to evoke emotion in the viewer. Watson views her work as a visual expression of emotion, externalized through paint. The work possesses an elegant and peaceful energy, created with a carefully balanced pairing of architectural line work and loose painting. The artist's work has a fresh, contemporary quality, which has not gone unrecognized. Her work can be found in several significant collections including the TD Bank Financial Group, CIBC, and the Ritz Carleton Hotel. Most recently, she was selected to create a magnificent 11x31 foot painting for the feature space in AURA, North America's largest condominium building with a strong focus on building a meaningful Canadian art collection. The Toronto-based artist has exhibited across Canada and internationally.

b. 1983, Flesherton, Ontario, lives and works in Toronto Canada

## EDUCATION

2003 to 2008 BFA Drawing and Painting (Honours), Ontario's College of Art and Design (Toronto, Ontario)

## SOLO EXHIBITONS

- 2023 Skywriting Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver
- 2022 Night Water – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
The Heat of Blue Newzones / Calgary  
Blue Moon, Blue Ocean – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
Float Laura Rathe Fine Art / Houston
- 2021 Fruit of the Loom – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Finding Joy – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
Seven Perfect Syllables Kenise Barnes Fine Art / Connecticut
- 2020 Dragging a Thought Over – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
Falling Forward Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto
- 2019 Seven Perfect Syllables – Foster White Gallery (Seattle, Washington)  
In the Fog Everything I See is Mine – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Suspended in Time – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
Strange Legacy – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2018 Moody as Light – Foster White Gallery (Seattle, Washington)  
Patterns of Up and Down – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Light is Heavy – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)
- 2017 Heavy with Dreams – Foster White Gallery (Seattle, Washington)  
Still Life – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Something in the Air – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)
- 2016 The Body Moves – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
There is no dimmer – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

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- Talking to Orchids – Foster White Gallery (Seattle, Washington)
- 2015 Out of Line – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2014 Silent Ocean – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
New Paintings – Couture Galleri (Stockholm, Sweden)
- 2013 A Line with a Mind of its Own – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
Levitation – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Inside: I Burst to Flames – Couture Galleri (Stockholm, Sweden)
- 2012 Magic is Also Involved – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
When Poets Hallucinate – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Come up to my room - installation at annual Gladstone Hotel event (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2011 Rooms with no Floors - Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)  
Put a Straight Jacket On A Fire, window installation – Gallery 1313 (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2010 Light is not Heavy – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)  
Overexcited Sensitivity – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)
- 2009 The Objects Have Lost Their Colour - Median Contemporary - (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2008 Wet Tambourine – Fute Design (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2007 Nervous Laughter-- Soho Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2006 Janna Watson – River Salon (Toronto, Ontario)

### COLLECTIONS

Manulife, Toronto  
River Green, Vancouver  
Microsoft, Toronto  
Saks Fifth Avenue, Toronto  
Nordstrom, Canada & US  
Aura Condominium large-scale commission 2014. Toronto, Ontario  
Cenovus Energy Inc.. Calgary, Alberta  
CIBC, Toronto, Ontario  
GZ International  
Hudson's Bay Company Global Art Collection, New York  
IIROC – Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada  
Oni One, Toronto  
Relative Space-- Window Installation, Toronto  
Rosa Properties, Vancouver  
The Keg, Toronto  
The Ritz Carlton, Toronto  
Soho Metropolitan Hotel, Permanent Painting Collection, Toronto, Ontario  
TD Bank Financial Group, Toronto  
TELUS, Toronto

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITONS

- 2023 Looking Forward / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto
- 2022 Art Taipei Bluerider Art / Taipei  
Art Toronto / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto  
Autumn Bluerider Art / Taipei  
Method V / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto

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## BAU-XI GALLERY LTD.

- Midnight Bloom / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Dallas
- 2021 Imagine / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Dallas  
Art Toronto / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto  
Method IV / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto  
OMG Art Fair / Kenise Barnes Fine Art / New York  
Multimedia Trio Exhibition / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Houston  
Art Cares / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
Winter Showcase / Kenise Barnes Fine Art / Connecticut
- 2020 Iris Blue Each Spring/ Kenise Barnes Fine Art / Connecticut  
Intersect Aspen/ K Contemporary / Denver  
Colour Theory (Colorado Governor's Mansion) / K Contemporary / Denver  
Method III / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
LA Art Show / K Contemporary / Los Angeles, California
- 2019 Art Toronto – Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
Holiday / Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver, Canada  
Method II / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
Mixed Media Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
FreshFaces – Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art / Calgary, Alberta
- 2018 Holiday / Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver, Canada  
A Deeper Shade of Blue / Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver, Canada  
Method / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
Revivify – Kenise Barnes Fine Art / New York, NY  
Art Toronto / Toronto, Ontario
- 2017 Holiday / Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver, Canada  
CONTEXT Miami / Miami, Florida  
Seattle Art Fair / Seattle, Washington  
Art Toronto / Toronto, Ontario  
Summer/ Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto, Canada  
Focus, Spring 2017 / New York, NY
- 2016 CONTEXT Miami / Miami, Florida  
Art Toronto / Toronto, Ontario  
Through Forest, Sea, and Sky / Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver, Canada
- 2015 CONTEXT Miami / Miami, Florida  
Seattle Art Fair / Seattle, Washington  
Art Toronto / Toronto, Ontario
- 2014 Art Toronto / Toronto, Ontario
- 2013 Art Toronto / Toronto, Ontario
- 2012 Miami Scope / Miami Basel / Miami, Florida
- 2011 The Memory Project / Okanagan Heritage Museum / Kelowna, British Columbia
- 2009 Queen West Art Crawl / Trinity Bellwoods / Toronto, Ontario
- 2009 Art Expo 2009 / Toronto Convention Center / Toronto, Ontario
- 2009 Spring exhibition / Hamilton Art Gallery / Hamilton, Ontario
- 2008 Winter exhibition / Hamilton Art Gallery / Hamilton, Ontario
- 2008 Queen West Art Crawl / Trinity Bellwoods / Toronto, Ontario
- 2008 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition / Nathan Phillips Square / Toronto, Ontario
- 2008 Our Space is Vast / Transit Space / Installation / Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition / Nathan Phillip Square / Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 Who Dunnit / OCAD / Toronto, Ontario

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2006 Art Fest / The Huron / Collingwood, Ontario

### MEDIA

- 2019 'People- Janna Watson', Creators Vancouver, Feb 1st
- 2018 'Abstraction Attraction' by Movato Home, At Home in Canada, February 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2017 'Something in the Air', Galleries West, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2016 '10 Works to Collect at Seattle Art Fair' by Demie Kim, Artsynet, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
'The Knockoff: Punchy abstract art gives room a boost' by Wendy Jacob, The Star, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
'Gallery Surf: Janna Watson, Takao Tanabe, Deryk Houston and more for your weekend' by  
Amanda Siebert, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 'More for the floor: Meet the Toronto artisans behind Twofold reversible carpets," by Laura  
Beeston for the Globe and Mail, June 11 2015
- 2011 "Check in and Check out the art", Toronto Star article about Ritz Carleton artwork, March 2011  
Featured by designer Kelly Deck on CityLine TV program, February 2011
- 2009 NOW magazine Artist Feature, August 2009  
New York Art's Magazine—Tips and Picks January/February issue – (New York, USA)