

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

- 2024 Poems – Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver
- 2023 The Heat of Blue – Kenise Barnes Fine Art / Connecticut
I Didn't Eat The Garnish – Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto
Skywriting – Laura Rathe Fine Art / Dallas
Skywriting – Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver
- 2022 Janna Watson – Northbridge Piazza / Perth
Night Water – Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto
The Heat of Blue – Newzones / Calgary
Blue Moon, Blue Ocean – Bau-Xi Gallery / Vancouver
Float – Laura Rathe Fine Art / Houston
- 2021 Fruit for 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, Ontario)
- 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)

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- 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)
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

Regent Seven Seas Grandeur
Oceania Vista
The Well, Toronto
200 Amsterdam NYC, New York
The Set NYC, New York
InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta
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

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TELUS, Toronto

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITONS

- 2024 Primavera – Carly Allen Martin & Janna Watson / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Dallas
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary / Laura Rathe Fine Art / West Palm Beach
Eleven: 11th Anniversary Group Exhibition / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Dallas
- 2023 Beyond the Beyond – McKay Otto & Janna Watson / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Houston
Looking Forward / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto
Art Taipei / Bluerider Art / Taipei
Art Toronto / Bau-Xi Gallery / Toronto
DnA SHENZHEN Design & Art Fair / Bluerider Art / Shanghai
Method VI / 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
Midnight Bloom / Laura Rathe Fine Art / Dallas
On Cloud 9 / 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

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- 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
Art Expo 2009 / Toronto Convention Center / Toronto, Ontario
Spring exhibition / Hamilton Art Gallery / Hamilton, Ontario
- 2008 Winter exhibition / Hamilton Art Gallery / Hamilton, Ontario
Queen West Art Crawl / Trinity Bellwoods / Toronto, Ontario
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition / Nathan Phillips Square / Toronto, Ontario
Our Space is Vast / Transit Space / Installation / Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition / Nathan Phillip Square / Toronto, Ontario
Who Dunit / OCAD / Toronto, Ontario
- 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 1st
- 2017 'Something in the Air', Galleries West, Feb 4th
- 2016 '10 Works to Collect at Seattle Art Fair' by Demie Kim, Artsynet, July 28th, 2016
'The Knockoff: Punchy abstract art gives room a boost' by Wendy Jacob, The Star, August 19th
'Gallery Surf: Janna Watson, Takao Tanabe, Deryk Houston and more for your weekend' by Amanda Siebert, Feb 12th
- 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)

AS SEEN IN

- 2024 Law and Order Toronto: Criminal Intent
- 2022 Wedding Season
- 2021 Maid
- 2021 In the Dark
- 2019 Grand Army (Netflix)
- 2018 Designated Survivor
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- 2016 Conviction, Warm Cases
- 2014 Good Witch One Production
- 2011 Frenemies

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2011 The Listener
2011 The Firm
2011 Being Erica
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2009 Being Erica