SHERI BAKES

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sheri Bakes' work stems from an interest in wind: the atmosphere in motion. Her work pulls in and out of focus, from windswept, loosely rendered landscape to abstraction. Fine attention to light and its stippling effect is built up through layers throughout a wide variety of landscapes and atmospheric moods. The work is intended to serve as a source of respite, and aids with meditation. It grows with the viewer over time, shifting through the days as the light changes.

Bakes lives with Aphantasia (internal blindness or no "mind's eye") and works from her own many photographs.

Bakes received a BFA from Emily Carr University of Art and Design in 1998 and began exhibiting with Bau-Xi Gallery in 2002. She lives and works on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Kevin Chong wrote for the Globe and Mail: "Her brooding wind-swept scenes highlight tensions not only between the sky and land, but also between the physical landscape and the world of the mind."

Bakes has exhibited in Europe, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver. Her work has been placed in numerous private collections across North America and Europe, and in permanent collections with Emaar Properties, Dubai, UAE, Enunciate Conferencing, Toronto Dominion Bank, UBC Psychiatric Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, BC. and Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

2004 Artist in Residency, Pouch Cove, NL2000 Vancouver Art Therapy Institute, Vancouver, BC

1999 Malaspina University -College, Nanaimo, BC

1998 Malaspina University -College, Nanaimo, BC

Emily Carr Institute, Vancouver, BC, BFA

1997 Emily Carr Institute, Vancouver, BC, Diploma, Fine Arts

1995 Malaspina University- College, Nanaimo, BC, Diploma, Fine Arts

Award of Excellence in Photography, Malaspina University- College

1994 Liquitex Award of Excellence Binny & Smith Inc., Easton, PA

Award of Excellence in Drawing, Malaspina University -College

Award of Excellence in Sculpture, Malaspina University- College

Arts Club Achievement Award, Malaspina University -College

1989 District Award, Ministry of Education, Nanaimo, BC

District Scholarship Award, BC

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 'An Origami of Wind,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2023 'Wonderland Trail', Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2022 'The Company of Stars,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2021 'Sunset Garden,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2020 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2019 'Empathy for the Earth", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2019 'Landscapes', Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2018 'Open the World", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2017 'Wind Songs', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2017 'Celestial Navigation', Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2016 'Stars in Flowers, For my Mom', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2016 'Falling for the Sky,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2015 'Bramwell's Garden,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2015 'Even in the Dark,' Foster White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2014 'Into the Life of All Things,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

'Flowers for the Dark,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2013 'Windsong,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2012 'Sure as the Weather,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2011 'Arrangements,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

'Let Nature Speak for Itself,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2010 'Special Places Initiative,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

'In Lieu of Flowers,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'North Cascades,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2009 'Immortal Beloved' Cella Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

'Tree of Life,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'The Sun Will Shine Regardless,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2008 'Voices: Howe Sound,' Foster/ White Gallery, Seattle, WA

'The Silent Treatment: Desolation Sound,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2007 'Long Before the Sky Would Open,' Bau-Xi Gallery Toronto, ON

'Learn Early to Search for Love,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2006 'Vacancy,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

"Coast to Coast: A Contemporary Look at Canadian Landscape,' The Nanaimo Art Gallery,

Nanaimo, BC

The Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC

2005 'Vanier Park,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

'Night at Sea,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2004 'Newfoundland,' Bau-Xi Gallery Toronto, ON

'The Emerging Sea,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2003 'Chasing the Wind,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

'Pipers Lagoon,' Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB

2002 'Squall: Neck Point,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2001 'Penny Paintings,' H.C.R.B. Gallery, Port Theatre, Nanaimo, BC

1997 'The Graveyard Series,' The Closet Gallery, Nanaimo, BC1996

'Arts Unlimited,' Filthy McNasty's, Nanaimo, BC

1989 'Sheri Bakes,' Nanaimo Arts Council, Nanaimo, BC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 'Looking Forward,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2021 'Holiday Group Show' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2020 'Holiday Group Show' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2019 'Holiday Group Show' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2018 'Extreme Imagination', Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts, Norwich, England

'Extreme Imagination' January 2019, Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland

'Extreme Imagination' March 2019, Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, UK

'Holiday Group Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2017 'Holiday Group Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2016 'Holiday Group Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Washed by Water', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2015 'Deck the Walls', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Departure', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

50th Anniversary Exhibition, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Colour Lab' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC

'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2014 '3x3,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC

2013 'The White Show' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC

2012 'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Carded,' Grunt Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC

2011 'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC

2010 'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Olive Branch,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

LA Art Fair, Los Angeles, CA

2009 'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON

'Gallery Artists,' Cella Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

'Hot One-Inch Action,' Grunt Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2008 'Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery Vancouver, BC

Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON

'Carded,' The Butcher Shop, Vancouver, BC

2007 'Small Works Show,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2006 Hubert Gallery, New York, NY

'The Gift of Art: Small Works,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2005 Toronto International Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

'Bau-Xi Gallery's 40th Anniversary,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2004 'Small Works Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto International Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2003 'Small Works Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Waterscapes,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON

2002 'Small Works Christmas Show,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Variations on a Bike Theme,' Dynamo Arts Association, Vancouver, BC

1997 'Student Grad Show,' Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC

'Art Auction,' Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC

1996 Student Exhibit, Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC

1995 Student Exhibit, Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Student Exhibit, Malaspina Theatre, Nanaimo, BC (curate/exhibit)

1994 'Progressions,' Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC

1989 'Banners in the Streets,' Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC

1989 Local Student Art Works, Nanaimo Arts Council, Nanaimo, BC

COLLECTIONS

Aptitude Investment Management, Vancouver, BC

Dominion Funding, Vancouver, BC

Swedish Hospital, Seattle, WA

Emaar Properties, Dubai, UAE

Enunciate Conferencing, Ottawa, ON

Toronto Dominion Bank, Toronto, ON

Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC

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St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, BC
UBC Psychiatric Hospital, Vancouver, BC

REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

2019 'After a stroke ...", CBC Arts

2017 'Art after a Brain Injury,' Canadian Art

2012 'Sheri Bakes: Hot Art Wet City,' Vancouver, BC

2007 Intimacy Through Nature, Parkhurst Exchange, Montreal, QC

2006 'Coast to Coast: a Contemporary Look at Canadian Landscape,' NAG Newsletter,

Nanaimo, BC

2004 'Nanaimo artist travelling with the wind,' Victoria Times Colonist

2002 'Seven Days,' Vancouver Sun, Queue

'Finding new strength,' Georgia Straight, Vancouver, BC

'Emerging artist rides the wind,' Nanaimo News Bulletin

'Painting away Pain,' Nanaimo Daily News

'Inspired by the wind, charged with spirit,' Victoria Times Colonist

1996 'An Art Exhibition of Extraordinary Proportions,' Arts Unlimited

'Sheri Bakes, Arts Unlimited,' (interview) Shaw Cable

1997 'Closet Gallery Opening,' the Nanaimo Times Newspaper

1994 'Progressions '94,' the Nanaimo Art Gallery and Exhibition Centre Newsletter

1989 'Eagle Eyed,' the Nanaimo Times, Nanaimo, BC

'Sheri Bakes,' The Daily Free Press, Nanaimo, BC

1988 'Budding Artists,' The Nanaimo Times, Nanaimo, BC

'Young Art,' The Nanaimo Daily Free Press, Nanaimo, BC