

# BAU-XI GALLERY

## VICKY CHRISTOU

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Vicky Christou explores the illusionary play between colour, proportion and pattern to construct a dimensional surface within the pure form of the grid. Her abstract paintings are her way of encoding a series of personal experiences. The metaphor of the shield and veil inform the poetic interplay of her most recent work, which is composed of multiple layers of thick impasto that resemble paint-constructed bas-relief works, working together to form a grid with incredible depth. The application of the paint in repetitive patterns in various orders and consistency becomes an industrial system for Christou, constructing surfaces that appear both sculptural and painterly. A grid of acrylic impasto - suggestive of an architectural tapestry- thread throughout the top surface offering varying glimpses into the layers of colour that form the composition. A record of accumulated paint lines are seemingly cast out for a thematic search of the netted form, inviting an optical play between the pigments solidity and illusionary characteristics.

Born in Melbourne, Australia, Christou immigrated to Canada in 1969 and is a graduate of the Emily Carr College of Art and Design.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Undertone, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2014 Glimpse, Newzones, Calgary AB
- 2003 New Work, Tracey Lawrence Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2001 Cypher, Tracey Lawrence Gallery, Vancouver BC

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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Candy, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver BC  
2017 Five, Winchester Gallery, Victoria BC  
2017 Darrell Bell Gallery, Saskatoon SK  
2016 Monochromish Minimalistic, Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2013 East Side Culture Crawl, Parker Building, Vancouver BC  
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2000 Summer Group Show, Tracey Lawrence Gallery, Vancouver BC  
1999 Seasonal Exhibit, Critical Mass Gallery, 100-Mile House, BC Bldg.55, A Multi-discipline Art Exhibition, Vancouver, BC  
1990 The Strong Painting Show, 163 Gallery, Vancouver BC  
1989 The New Landscape, The Helen Pitt Gallery, Vancouver BC  
1988 Group Painting Show, curator – Doris Shadbolt, Charles H. Scott Gallery, Vancouver BC  
Group Painting Show, curator – Greg Murdoch, Concourse Gallery, Vancouver BC  
1987 Group Painting Show, Hellenic Community Centre, Vancouver BC  
1986 The Leading Edge Group Show, Park Place, Vancouver BC

## EDUCATION

- 1991 Emily Carr College of Art and Design BFA program  
1986-1989 Emily Carr College of Art and Design Painting Major – Graduate with Honours  
1984-1986 Vancouver Community College Langara Fine Arts Program – Painting and Design Honour Award

## ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

- 2001 Cypher, Tracey Lawrence gallery, Vancouver BC  
2000 (in)visible, Tracey Lawrence gallery, Vancouver BC