ANNE GRIFFITHS

Anne Griffiths is a Canadian painter with a studio practice based in Victoria, British Columbia. She studied painting at Emily Carr University and has a diploma in design and illustration (1986) from Capilano University's IDEA Program. Post graduation, Anne had a successful twenty-year career as an art director in several of Vancouver's prominent design firms. The past decade Anne has shifted her creative pursuits to focus on her painting practice, building upon her experience pivoting from professional realms to imaginative ones. As such, her studio practice fixates on the interplay of colour and form, indulging in expansive colour palettes and exploring landscape intuitively.

As Anne has moved through a variety of disciplines her paintings beget a similar kind of evolutionary flow— shifting dimensions and spatial relationships build new places for the viewer to gaze upon, wander through or step away from.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2024 Artist, Vancouver & Victoria
- 2008-2011 Freelance Art Director/Artist, Vancouver
- 2006-2008 Creative Director, Lightroom, Vancouver
- 2005-2006 Freelance Art Director/Designer, Vancouver
- 2003-2005 Senior Art Director, Envisioning & Storytelling, West Vancouver
- 1999-2003 Founder/Partner, Senior Art Director, Stir Creative, Vancouver
- 1997-1999 Senior Art Director, Envisioning & Storytelling, West Vancouver
- 1994-1997 Freelance Art Director/Designer, Various Agencies, Vancouver
- 1988-1994 Senior Designer, Koo Creative (Identica), Vancouver
- 1986-1988Art Director, Simons Advertising, Vancouver
- 1983-1986 Capilano University, IDEA Program
- 1982-1983 Emily Carr University of Art + Design

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 The Nature Cure, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2023 Gliding In, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2023 Becoming The Story, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2022 From This Place, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2021 A Space Between, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2016 Duthie Gallery, Salt Spring Island
- 2014 Observations, Horseshoe Bay Trading Co., West Vancouver
- 2010 All of This, Tartooful Gallery, North Vancouver
- 2009 Passing Architecture, Private Gallery, Vancouver

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Holiday Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2023 Winter Show, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2023 Art Toronto, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2023 Art Toronto, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2022 Art Toronto, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2022 Uprising, Kristin Hjellegjarde Gallery, Schloss Goerne, Berlin
- 2022 Summer Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2021 Holiday Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2021 Winter Salon, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2021 Art Toronto, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2021 Summer Salon, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2020 *Winter Salon*, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2019 Summer Forecast, Curated by Tatum Dooley, Dianna Witte Gallery, Toronto
- 2017 Saltspring National Art Prize Auction, Salt Spring Island
- 2015 Arts In View, North Vancouver
- 2015 Ferry Building Gallery, West Vancouver
- 2015 Southend Gallery, Salt Spring Island
- 2015 Saltspring National Art Prize Auction, Salt Spring Island
- 2014 Southend Gallery, Salt Spring Island
- 2014 ECAS International Art Barn, Salt Spring Island
- 2013 Southend Gallery, with Hillario and Martha Sturdy, Salt Spring Island
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BAU-XI GALLERY

PUBLICATIONS/PRESS

- 2023 Artsy, Moments in Culture New Abstractions campaign, New York City, NY
- 2023 Art Maze Magazine, Feature, Volume 30/31, Vancouver
- 2022 Creators Vancouver, Feature, February 25th, Vancouver
- 2022 CBC/North By Northwest, Live Interview with Sheryl MacKay, Vancouver
- 2021 Canadian Art Forecast/Tatum Dooley (writer/curator), Profile piece, Toronto

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Varley, King's Road, London UK The Garrison Club at The Chelsea Barracks, London UK Walmer Castle Freehouse, London UK The House of KOKO, KOKO Concert Venue, London UK Handmaid's Tale, Television Production, Toronto, ON Chard Development, Victoria and Vancouver, BC Four Seasons Hotels, Bora Bora Hilton Hotel, Victoria, BC Scotiabank, Vancouver, BC Vancouver Centre, Vancouver, BC

Painting is often obsessed with labels: abstraction, minimalism, landscape, impressionist, modernist, and so on. But what about the paintings that don't fit the confines of art speak jargon? To me, these are the best paintings, ones that defy easy categorization; that are contemporary in their condensation of the past into something distinct. This, in a nutshell, is what makes Anne Griffiths' paintings so great—they seamlessly shift from landscapes to abstractions, from modernism to impressionism. Griffiths' painterly influences vary: the brushstrokes resemble those of Clyfford Still, the slivers of raw canvas invoke David Milne, while the intuitiveness of Griffiths' way of working reminds one of Peter Doig. What emerges is a distinct style of her own, one which articulates the landscapes of Canada with a contemporary lens.

- Tatum Dooley, Curator/Arts Writer, Canadian Art Forecast, Toronto

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