

BAU-XI GALLERY

SHERI PAISLEY

Sheri Paisley's work explores the connection between internal and external landscapes, with a focus on breath, spirit, and wind. Through abstract and loosely rendered scenes, she examines the dynamic tension between form and formlessness, as well as the invisible forces that shape our experiences. For Paisley, painting is a way to engage more deeply with the world, using color, mark-making, and gesture to process life's complexities and connect with the flow of energy in nature. Drawing inspiration from the shifting winds and light of the Canadian West Coast, her work seeks to evoke a sense of wholeness and unity. Ultimately, Paisley aims for her paintings to create a meditative space where viewers can reconnect with the interconnectedness of all things.

Paisley received a BFA from Emily Carr University of Art and Design in 1998 and began exhibiting in 2002. She lives and works on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Paisley 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 including with Dubai's Emaar Properties, Enunciate Conferencing, Toronto Dominion Bank, UBC Psychiatric Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, BC, Swedish Hospital in Seattle, and Overlake Hospital in Bellevue. In 2026 Paisley was awarded the Takao Tanabe prize, a prestigious award given annually to one selected emerging artist and one mid-career artist based in British Columbia.

EDUCATION

- 2004 Artist in Residency, Pouch Cove, NL
- 2000 Vancouver Art Therapy Institute, Vancouver, BC
- 1999 Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- 1998 Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- 1998 Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC, BFA
- 1997 Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC, Diploma, Fine Arts
- 1995 Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC, Diploma, Fine Arts

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AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2026 10th Annual Takao Tanabe Prize – mid-career artist award recipient
- 1995 Award of Excellence in Photography, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- 1994 Liquitex Award of Excellence Binny & Smith Inc., Easton, PA
- 1994 Award of Excellence in Drawing, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- 1994 Award of Excellence in Sculpture, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- 1994 Arts Club Achievement Award, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- 1989 District Award, Ministry of Education, Nanaimo, BC
- 1989 District Scholarship Award, BC

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 'When You Were the Sea', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2025 'Lightscape', Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2024 'Aurora,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 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 'Breathe,' 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
- 2014 '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

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- 2011 'Let Nature Speak for Itself,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2010 'Special Places Initiative,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2010 'In Lieu of Flowers,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2010 'North Cascades,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2009 'Immortal Beloved' Cella Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 'Tree of Life,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2009 'The Sun Will Shine Regardless,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2008 'Voices: Howe Sound,' Foster/ White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2008 'The Silent Treatment: Desolation Sound,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 'Long Before the Sky Would Open,' Bau-Xi Gallery Toronto, ON
- 2007 'Learn Early to Search for Love,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2006 'Vacancy,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2006 'Coast to Coast: A Contemporary Look at Canadian Landscape,' The Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC
- 2005 'Vanier Park,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2005 'Night at Sea,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2004 'Newfoundland,' Bau-Xi Gallery Toronto, ON
- 2004 'The Emerging Sea,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2003 'Chasing the Wind,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2003 '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, BC
- 1996 'Arts Unlimited,' Filthy McNasty's, Nanaimo, BC
- 1989 'Sheri Bakes,' Nanaimo Arts Council, Nanaimo, BC

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 'Chroma', Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 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
- 2018 'Extreme Imagination', January 2019, Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland

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- 2018 'Extreme Imagination', March 2019, Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, UK
- 2016 'Washed by Water', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 'Deck the Walls', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 'Departure', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 50th Anniversary Exhibition, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 'Colour Lab' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC
- 2014 '3x3,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2014 Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC
- 2013 'The White Show' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2013 Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC
- 2012 'Carded,' Grunt Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2012 Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC
- 2011, Toronto Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC
- 2010 'Olive Branch,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2010 LA Art Fair, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON
- 2009 'Gallery Artists,' Cella Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 'Hot One-Inch Action,' Grunt Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2008 Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON
- 2008 'Carded,' The Butcher Shop, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 'Small Works Show,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2006 Hubert Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 'The Gift of Art: Small Works,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2005 Toronto International Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2005 'Bau-Xi Gallery's 40th Anniversary,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2004 Small Works Christmas Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2004 Toronto International Art Fair, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2003 Small Works Christmas Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2003 'Waterscapes,' Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2003 Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON
- 2002 Small Works Christmas Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2002 'Variations on a Bike Theme,' Dynamo Arts Association, Vancouver, BC
- 1997 'Student Grad Show,' Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 1997 'Art Auction,' Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 1996 Student Exhibit, Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 1995 Student Exhibit, Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC

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- 1995 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
- St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, BC
- UBC Psychiatric Hospital, Vancouver, BC
- Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, UK

MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 'Some People Can't See Mental Images. The Consequences are Profound', The New Yorker, Larissa MacFarquhar, November 3 issue
- 2019 'After A Stroke ...', CBC Arts
- 2017 'Art after a Brain Injury,' Canadian Art
- 2012 'Sheri Bakes: Hot Art Wet City,' Vancouver, BC
- 2010 'Sheri Bakes', Vancouver Courier
- 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, Quebec
- 2002 'Finding New Strength,' Georgia Straight, Vancouver, BC
- 2002 'Emerging Artist Rides the Wind,' Nanaimo News Bulletin
- 2002 'Painting Away Pain,' Nanaimo Daily News

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- 2002 'Inspired By the Wind, Charged with Spirit,' Victoria Times Colonist
- 1996 'An Art Exhibition of Extraordinary Proportions,' Arts Unlimited
- 1996 '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
- 1989 'Sheri Bakes,' The Daily Free Press, Nanaimo, BC
- 1988 'Budding Artists,' The Nanaimo Times, Nanaimo, BC
- 1988 'Young Art,' The Nanaimo Daily Free Press, Nanaimo, BC

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