

# BAU-XI GALLERY LTD.

## VICKI SMITH

Vicki Smith studied fine art at the Ontario College of Art, graduating in 1981 with honours. Her fourth year of study was completed in Florence, Italy.

Smith became known for her paintings of female figures which explored the effects and limitations of gravity. Often suspended in dark air, twisted and upside down, falling into and out of the picture plane, the figures could be so precariously placed upon the canvas that they threatened to slip away. Even in these positions, they were always balanced.

Recent years have seen Smith's female figures explore the concept of gravity and identity in waterscapes. Her swimmers float, fly, dive and emerge on the broken surface of the water, first depicted in swimming pools, then in lakes; the water fills the composition edge-to-edge, becoming a space of weightlessness without boundaries. The paintings possess a beautiful, deep calm, the subjects entirely at peace in their surroundings.

Born - 1958 Ontario

Education - 1977-1981 Ontario College of Art Toronto and Florence, Italy

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 'Larger Than Life', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2024 'Flora and Fauna', Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023 'Ripple Effect', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2023 'Good Medicine', Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2021 'You Are the Sky. Everything Else is Just the Weather.', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2020 'Holding Space', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2020 'Matter and Memory', Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2018 'A Theory of Relative Happiness' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2015 'Two Generations' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2013 'Under a Brighter Sky' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2007 Lehmann and Leskiw, Toronto, ON
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- 2002 Zypr Gallery, Toronto, ON

### Group Exhibitions

- 2022 'Swimmers' Vicki Smith and Joshua Jensen-Nagle, Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2019 'Her', group show Bau-Xi Gallery - Toronto, ON
- 2018 'A Deeper Shade of Blue', Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2017 Summer Feature, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2016 'Two Generations' Vicki Smith and Hugh Mackenzie, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2012 'Group Show Featuring Vicki Smith' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2010 'Summer In the City' Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2007 Lehmann and Leskiw, Toronto, ON
- 2005 John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2005 Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON
- 2007 Lehmann and Leskiw, Toronto, ON
- 2004 Women's Art Association of Canada, Toronto, ON

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- 2004 Museum London, London, ON
- 2004 Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON
- 2004 Michael Gibson Gallery, London, ON
- 2003 Etobicoke City Hall, Etobicoke, ON
- 2003 Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, ON
- 2002 Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON
- 2002 Grimsby Public Art Gallery, Grimsby, ON
- 2002 Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, ON
- 1999 Mississauga Living Arts Center, Mississauga, ON
- 1993 Feminine Viewpoint, Toronto, ON
- 1983 Pauline McGibbon Cultural Center, Toronto, ON
- 1983 Greenwood Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario
- 1983 Art Invesco Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 1981 Gallery 76, Toronto, ON
- 1981 O.C.A., Florence, Italy
- 1979 Nikkola Gallery, Toronto, ON

### Media and Publications

- 2023 The Walrus, "Ripple Effects", Connor Garel, Vol. 20, Number 5, July/August, p.70-73
- 2020 Vicki Smith: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, published by Bau-Xi Gallery
- 2020 "Vicki Smith: A Remembered Sensation", Visionary Arts Collective, October
- 2020 "Dear Summer - Vicki Smith", Bowen Zhang, Boulevard Magazine, August 7
- 2020 Border Crossing online magazine, Interview.
- 2020 Feature article, Cowley Abbott Auction Catalogue, September, page 88
- 2019 "French Connection", Emily Evans, Canadian House & Home, Volume 41, Number 11, p. 53
- 2019 Everyday Mindfulness Magazine, July/August, p. 127
- 2017 Blank Spaces Magazine, In Conversation with Erin Saunders, p. 19-25
- 2016 "Artist Profile #4", Peter Harris, thisisseltzer.com, July
- 2016 "Go Figure", Max Gillies, Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine, Volume 14, Issue 1, p. 79
- 2014 Buddhadarma Magazine, Fall Issue
- 2014 "Two Truths - Indivisible", Tsoknyi Rinpoche, Lion's Roar p. 18-23
- 2013 "Going Out - Art", Toronto Life Magazine, p. 108
- 2013 "Liberation", Unvarnished Magazine, Issue 2
- 2013 Slate Gallery Guide, back cover, August/September
- 2007 "Vicki Smith at Lehmann and Leskiw Fine Art", Martinboys.com, November 28
- 2007 "Vicki Smith-Balance", published by Lehmann and Leskiw Fine Art
- 2004 "Flawless Skin", Ash Wittig, The Gazette, April 8
- 2004 "Showing a lot of Skin", Tess Parkins, Scene Magazine, March 18 2004
- 2003 "Arts Mississauga", Carmen Elisa Jaime, El Mundo Latino News, January 17
- 2003 "Abstract Art Rules the Day", Sandy Millar, The Mississauga News, January 1
- 2002 Arts, The Korea Times Daily, January 25
- 2002 "What's On - Galleries", The Toronto Star, January 17
- 1999 "Perspectives - A Unique Exhibition of Art by Women", published by Pratt & Whitney Canada
- 1983 "The Feminine Viewpoint - Works by Contemporary Women Artists", published by Boutique Jacob Inc.