

BAU-XI GALLERY

JANNA WATSON

Janna Watson is a shining example of a young emerging artist who is making a significant mark on the Canadian art scene. Watson is well-known for her compelling abstract compositions, which use colour, line, and energetic brushstrokes to evoke emotion in the viewer. Watson views her work as a visual expression of emotion, externalized through paint. The work possesses an elegant and peaceful energy, created with a carefully balanced pairing of architectural line work and loose painting. The artist's work has a fresh, contemporary quality, which has not gone unrecognized. Her work can be found in several significant collections including the TD Bank Financial Group, CIBC, and the Ritz Carleton Hotel. Most recently, she was selected to create a magnificent 11x31 foot painting for the feature space in AURA, North America's largest condominium building with a strong focus on building a meaningful Canadian art collection. The Toronto-based artist has exhibited across Canada and internationally.

b. 1983, Flesherton, Ontario, lives and works in Toronto Canada

EDUCATION

2003 to 2008 BFA Drawing and Painting (Honours), Ontario's College of Art and Design (Toronto, Ontario)

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SOLO EXHIBITONS

2018 Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

2018 Light is Heavy – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

2017 Still Life – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

2017 Something in the Air – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

2016 The Body Moves – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

2016 There is no dimmer – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

2015 Out of Line – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

2014 Silent Ocean – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

New Paintings – Couture Galleri (Stockholm, Sweden)

2013 A Line with a Mind of its Own – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

Levitation – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

Inside: I Burst to Flames – Couture Galleri (Stockholm, Sweden)

2012 Magic is Also Involved – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

When Poets Hallucinate – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

Come up to my room - installation at annual Gladstone Hotel event (Toronto, Ontario)

2011 Rooms with no Floors - Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

Put a Straight Jacket On A Fire, window installation – Gallery 1313 (Toronto, Ontario)

2010 Light is not Heavy – Bau-Xi Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

Overexcited Sensitivity – Bau-Xi Gallery (Vancouver, British Columbia)

2009 The Objects Have Lost Their Colour - Median Contemporary - (Toronto, Ontario)

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2008 Wet Tambourine – Fute Design (Toronto, Ontario)

2007 Nervous Laughter– Soho Gallery (Toronto, Ontario)

2006 Janna Watson – River Salon (Toronto, Ontario)

COLLECTIONS

Aura condominium large-scale commission 2014 (Toronto, ON)

Cenovus Energy Inc. (Calgary, Alberta)

CIBC

GZ International

Hudson’s Bay Company Global Art Collection, New York

IIROC – Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada

Oni One (Toronto, Ontario)

Relative Space– Window Installation- (Toronto, Ontario)

The Ritz Carlton (Toronto, Ontario)

Soho Metropolitan Hotel – Permanent Painting Collection – (Toronto, Ontario)

TD Bank Financial Group

TELUS

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITONS

2012 Miami Scope – Miami Basel, (Miami, Florida)

2011 The Memory Project – Okanagan Heritage Museum (Kelowna, BC)

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- 2009 Queen West Art Crawl- Trinity Bellwoods (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2009 Art Expo 2009 – Toronto Convention Center (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2009 Spring exhibition- Hamilton Art Gallery (Hamilton, Ontario)
- 2008 Winter exhibition- Hamilton Art Gallery (Hamilton, Ontario)
- 2008 Queen West Art Crawl – Trinity Bellwoods (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2008 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – Nathan Phillips Square (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2008 Our Space is Vast – Transit Space – Installation (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2007 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – Nathan Phillip Square – (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2007 Who Dunit – OCAD – (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2006 Art Fest – The Huron – (Collingwood, Ontario)

MEDIA

- 2015 ‘More for the floor: Meet the Toronto artisans behind Twofold reversible carpets,” by Laura Beeston for the Globe and Mail, June 11 2015
- 2011 “Check in and Check out the art”, Toronto Star article about Ritz Carleton artwork, March
- 2011 Featured by designer Kelly Deck on CityLine TV program, February 2011
- 2009 NOW magazine Artist Feature, August 2009
- New York Art’s Magazine—Tips and Picks January/February issue – (New York, USA)