

## BAU-XI GALLERY

### JANNA WATSON

Canadian [b. 1983]

Janna Watson is well known for her now iconic gestural abstract compositions. Her works possess a sophisticated and powerful yet light-hearted energy, created with a carefully balanced pairing of loose painting and gestural mark-making. They are honest, confident and evocative portraits of colour, texture, space, and movement – expressions of pure emotion.

Watson's work can be found in several significant collections including the TD Bank Financial Group, CIBC, and the Ritz Carleton Hotel. Notably, she was selected to create an 11x31 foot painting for the feature space in AURA, North America's largest condominium building, which has a strong focus on building a meaningful Canadian art collection.

Born in Flesherton, Ontario, Janna Watson lives and works in Toronto and has exhibited across Canada and internationally.

### EDUCATION

2003 - 2008 BFA Drawing and Painting (Honours), Ontario College of Art + Design University, Toronto, ON

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Undercurrent, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2025 Elementals, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Emotion Potion, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2024 Poems, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Speaking in Tongues, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023 The Heat of Blue, Kenise Barnes Fine Art, Kent, CT  
I Didn't Eat the Garnish, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Skywriting, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX  
Skywriting, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2022 Janna Watson, Northbridge Piazza, Perth, Australia  
Night Water, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
The Heat of Blue, Newzones, Calgary, AB  
Blue Moon, Blue Ocean, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Float, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Houston, TX
- 2021 Fruit for the Loom, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Finding Joy, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Seven Perfect Syllables, Kenise Barnes Fine Art, Kent, CT
- 2020 Dragging a Thought Over, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Falling Forward, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2019 Seven Perfect Syllables, Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
In the Fog Everything I See is Mine, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

## B A U - X I   G A L L E R Y

Suspended in Time, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Strange Legacy, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2018 Moody as Light, Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
Patterns of Up and Down, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Light is Heavy, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2017 Heavy with Dreams, Foster/White Gallery Seattle, WA  
Still Life, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Something in the Air, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2016 The Body Moves, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
There is No Dimmer, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Talking to Orchids, Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

2015 Out of Line, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2014 Silent Ocean, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
New Paintings, Couture Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden

2013 A Line with a Mind of its Own, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Levitation, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Inside: I Burst to Flames, Couture Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden

2012 Magic is Also Involved, Bau-Xi Gallery Vancouver, BC  
When Poets Hallucinate, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Come up to My Room, installation at annual Gladstone Hotel event, Toronto, ON

2011 Rooms with no Floors, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Put a Straight Jacket on a Fire, window installation, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON

2010 Light is Not Heavy, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Overexcited Sensitivity, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2009 The Objects Have Lost Their Colour, Median Contemporary, Toronto, ON

2008 Wet Tambourine, Fute Design, Toronto, ON

2007 Nervous Laughter, Soho Gallery, Toronto, ON

2006 Janna Watson, River Salon, Toronto, ON

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND ART FAIRS

2024 Primavera – Carly Allen Martin & Janna Watson, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX  
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Laura Rathe Fine Art, West Palm Beach, FL  
Eleven: 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group Exhibition, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX

2023 Beyond the Beyond – McKay Otto & Janna Watson, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Houston, TX  
Looking Forward, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Art Taipei, Bluerider Art, Taipei, Taiwan  
Art Toronto, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
DnA SHENZEN Design & Art Fair, Bluerider Art, Shanghai, China  
Method VI, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

2022 Art Taipei, Bluerider Art, Taipei, Taiwan  
Art Toronto, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Autumn, Bluerider Art, Taipei, Taiwan  
Method V, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto. ON  
Midnight Bloom, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX  
On Cloud 9, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX

2021 Imagine, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX  
Art Toronto, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON

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Method IV, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
OMG Art Fair, Kenise Barnes Fine Art, New York, NY  
Multimedia Trio Exhibition, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Houston, TX  
Art Cares, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Winter Showcase, Kenise Barnes Fine Art, Kent, CT

2020 Iris Blue Each Spring, Kenise Barnes Fine Art, Kent, CT  
Intersect Aspen, K Contemporary, Denver, CO  
Colour Theory (Colorado Governor's Mansion), K Contemporary, Denver, CO  
Method III, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
LA Art Show, K Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA

2019 Art Toronto, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Holiday, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Method II, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Mixed Media, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
FreshFaces, Newzones, Calgary, AB

2018 Holiday, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
A Deeper Shade of Blue, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Method, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, BC  
Revify, Kenise Barnes Fine Art, New York, NY  
Art Toronto, Toronto, ON

2017 Holiday, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
CONTEXT Miami, Miami, FL  
Seattle Art Fair, Seattle, WA  
Art Toronto, Toronto, ON  
Summer, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Focus, Spring 2017, New York, NY

2016 CONTEXT Miami, Miami, FL  
Art Toronto, Toronto, ON  
Through Forest, Sea, and Sky, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2015 CONTEXT Miami, Miami, FL  
Seattle Art Fair, Seattle, WA  
Art Toronto, Toronto, ON

2014 Art Toronto, Toronto, ON

2013 Art Toronto, Toronto, ON

2012 Miami Scope, Miami Basel, Miami, FL

2011 The Memory Project, Okanagan Heritage Museum, Kelowna, BC

2009 Queen West Art Crawl, Trinity Bellwoods, Toronto, ON  
Art Expo 2009, Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON  
Spring Exhibition, Hamilton Art Gallery, Hamilton, ON

2008 Winter Exhibition, Hamilton Art Gallery, Hamilton, ON  
Queen West Art Crawl, Trinity Bellwoods, Toronto, ON  
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, ON  
Our Space is Vast, Transit Space, Installation, Toronto, ON

2007 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillip Square, Toronto, ON  
Who Dunnit, Ontario College of Art + Design University (OCADU), Toronto, ON

2006 Art Fest, The Huron, Collingwood, ON

## COLLECTIONS

Regent Seven Seas Grandeur  
Oceania Vista  
The Well, Toronto  
200 Amsterdam NYC  
The Set NYC  
InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta  
Manulife, Toronto  
River Green, Vancouver  
Microsoft, Toronto  
Saks Fifth Avenue, Toronto  
Nordstrom, Canada & US  
AURA Condominium large-scale commission  
2014, Toronto, Ontario  
Cenovus Energy Inc. Calgary  
CIBC, Toronto

GZ International  
Hudson's Bay Company Global Art Collection,  
New York  
IIROC - Investment Industry Regulatory  
Organization of Canada  
Oni One, Toronto  
Relative Space- Window Installation, Toronto  
Rosa Properties, Vancouver  
The Keg, Toronto  
The Ritz Carlton, Toronto  
Soho Metropolitan Hotel, Permanent Painting  
Collection, Toronto  
TD Bank Financial Group, Toronto  
TELUS, Toronto

## MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

2019 'People- Janna Watson', Creators Vancouver, Feb 1  
2018 'Abstraction Attraction' by Movato Home, At Home in Canada, February 1  
2017 'Something in the Air', Galleries West, Feb 4  
2016 '10 Works to Collect at Seattle Art Fair' by Demie Kim, Artsynet, July 28  
'The Knockoff: Punchy abstract art gives room a boost' by Wendy Jacob, The Star, August 19  
'Gallery Surf: Janna Watson, Takao Tanabe, Deryk Houston and more for your weekend' by  
Amanda Siebert, Feb 12  
2015 'More for the floor: Meet the Toronto artisans behind Twofold reversible carpets," by Laura  
Beeston for the Globe and Mail, June 11  
2011 'Check in and Check out the art', Toronto Star article about Ritz Carleton artwork, March  
Featured by designer Kelly Deck on CityLine TV, February  
2009 NOW magazine Artist Feature, August  
New York Art's Magazine—Tips and Picks January/February issue, New York

## AS SEEN IN

2024 Law and Order Toronto: Criminal Intent	2011 Frenemies
2022 Wedding Season	2011 The Listener
2021 Maid	2011 The Firm
2021 In the Dark	2011 Being Erica
2019 Grand Army (Netflix)	2010 Being Erica
2018 Designated Survivor	2009 Being Erica
2017 Designated Survivor	
2016 Conviction, Warm Cases	
2014 Good Witch One Production	