

## **CHRIS CARBONE**

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

For me, painting is about the act of making marks, the interplay of colours, and the contrast between light and dark. I try to capture brightness, drama, and a powerful sense of atmosphere in each painting. My work represents a dialogue between spontaneous abstract gestures and figurative landscapes, balancing these two reference points to create captivating and thought-provoking images. The interaction of these elements is endlessly intriguing.

My paintings reflect my daily observations and experiences, which are brought to life on the canvas. I draw inspiration from various settings, including urban and rural landscapes, vibrant sunsets, dramatic cloud formations, and distant views of land and water. These diverse sources of inspiration enrich the depth and meaning of my work.

I am engaged in a creative process that is an ongoing journey of experimentation, embracing an improvisational approach that is immediate, spontaneous, intuitive, and, at times, contemplative. This allows for “happy accidents” that often lead to unexpected beauty. Each painting evolves from observations, reflections, and decisions made in the moment, shaping the work at every stage. The complexity of each piece, hints at something recognizable, emerging from incorporating an element of random abandon and risk in every composition, as well as layering paint to create the final artwork. My commitment to experimentation continues to endure.

### **BIO**

I was born in Toronto, and my passion for art started at a young age when I discovered my talent for drawing. My journey as an artist has been a process of self-discovery and exploration. My paintings have been exhibited in numerous galleries across Canada and have been collected internationally. With over 40 years of professional practice, I have developed distinct techniques that create unique visual experiences in each painting. In addition to Muse Gallery I am also represented by Galerie St-Laurent + Hill, Ottawa, Ontario.

## SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

### SOLO / TWO ARTIST SHOWS

- 2013 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
2008 Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2006 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Winsor Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Vanderleelie Gallery, Edmonton, AB  
1990 Annex Fine Art, Toronto, ON

### GROUP SHOWS

- 2024 Westland Gallery, "Square Foot Show", London, Ontario  
2024 Square Foot Show.com, "Earth, Sky and Sea"  
2024 Summer Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2023 Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2015 - 2023 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2014 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2013 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2012 Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC  
2011 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
2010 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, SK  
Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
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Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2008 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Terence Robert Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2007 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Terence Robert Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
Winsor Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2006 Galerie D'Avignon, Montreal, QC  
Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Winsor Gallery, "Vivid", Vancouver, BC  
Winsor Gallery, "Juice II", Vancouver, BC  
2005 Galerie D'Avignon, (Toronto International Art Fair), Toronto, ON  
Hollander York Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Winsor Gallery, "Defrost II", Vancouver, BC

## **JURIED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2003 Art Gallery of Peel, "30th Annual Juried Exhibition", Peel, ON
- Riverdale Art Walk, "The Little Art Show", Toronto, Ontario
- 2002 Art Gallery of Mississauga, 25th Annual Juried Exhibition, Mississauga, ON
- Art Gallery of Peel, "29th Annual Juried Exhibition", Peel, ON
- Riverdale Art Walk, "The Little Art Show", Toronto, ON
- 2001 The Mill Gallery, Bowmanville, ON
- Art Gallery of Mississauga, 24th Annual Juried Exhibition, Mississauga, ON
- 1995 University of Toronto, F.E.U.T., Toronto, ON
- 1992 The Artist's Market, Juried Exhibition, Toronto, ON
- Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, "31st Annual Juried Exhibition", Toronto, ON

## **NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **EDUCATION**

- Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Ontario - Continuing Education - 3D Illustration
- University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario - Fine Art Studio / Fine Art History, B.A.
- Humber College of Applied Arts, Toronto, Ontario - Communication & Design

### **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

- King Media Group, Toronto, Ontario
- York Realty, Edmonton, Alberta
- Copeman Healthcare Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Minto Urban Communities, Inc., Toronto, Ontario
- Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia
- University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry, Toronto, Ontario
- Mitch Foster Barrister & Solicitor, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Design Stream Ltd., Toronto, Ontario
- Michael Klein Barrister & Solicitor, Vancouver, British Columbia
- C.C.G.I. Credit Union, Toronto, Ontario