

ERIC ROBITAILLE

ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO

Eric Robitaille is a self-taught contemporary artist from Montreal, Quebec. He is currently represented by galleries in Quebec, Ontario and the U.S., and has shown works in several group and independent shows across Canada and internationally.

Robitaille demonstrates a unique combination of vibrant realism and modern abstraction. Building each painting using a very complex construction of intricate detailing and layers, Robitaille allows a large space for the abstract process and flow. Robitaille has a graphic design and illustration background which allows him to create stencils for certain motifs and geometric shapes that would otherwise be impossible to achieve free-hand. This introduces a distinct contrast to the canvas, which he then uses to create balance or unbalance in certain areas of the piece. Other than brush and palette knife, his camera and computer are key tools in the creation of his work; although his canvases remain 100% oil creations. Two other techniques used are multiple layers and the fine lines produced by scratching. The artist has always been strongly inspired by nature and wildlife. Diverse animal and plant life play a large role in his recent series, primarily to symbolize human behavior and life mechanics. His animal subjects display human characteristics and virtues, while carrying messages of “being your best self”.

Through many years of experimentation, his style has evolved into a very unique combination of vibrant realism and modern abstraction. The distinctive integration of contrasting elements, colours and layers result in creations that are visually dynamic and intriguing, but above all communicates to perfection the story and significance of each piece.

SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

SOLO / GROUP SHOWS

- 2023 Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
Salmagundi, DECORAZON gallery, Chelsea, NY
Arcadia, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
The Affordable Art Fair NYC, New York, NY
- 2022 Brute, Art Plus Gallery, Ottawa, ON
Commissioned Poster for the 100th Anniversary of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Lunar Year of the Tiger, DECORAZON gallery, Chelsea, NY
- 2019 “Quintessence” solo exhibition at Decorazon Gallery, Chelsea, NY
The Artist Project Toronto
- 2018 Wine and cheese evening à la Galerie Bloom Montréal, QC
Shackles Den Gallery in Kuwait
Affordable Art Fair NYC, Represented by Decorazon Gallery
Reveal Art Fair, Represented by Decorazon Gallery, NY
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition
The Artist Project Toronto
- 2017 Art of 9, Private group show at The Jam Factory, Toronto
Artfest Toronto
The Artist Project Toronto
- 2016 Montréal en Arts 17e édition
- 2015 The Artist Project Toronto
- 2014 Group show, Galerie Saint-Dizier, Montreal