

JOHN OGILVY

My art deals with landscape and our civilization's impact on it. I realize that our subtle impacts on the land can arguably be more aesthetically interesting than the raw wilderness that preceded them. In my paintings I like to include things that I know exist in the landscape, which usually are considered unsightly in a work of art. When looking at a scene, one tends to overlook these objects. By bringing attention to them in my work, I offer the viewer, in some ways, a more realistic view of a typical scene.

The paintings are often of no specific place, but rather are synthesized from many experiences and memories. I travel a fair amount, often internationally, accumulating these ideas before painting them in my studio on Gabriola Island, B.C. Canada or in Lima, Peru. I do not foresee any sudden thematic changes in my work, but rather a continuation of the artistic progression I've been making for more than twenty years.

Education

1979

Graduated from F. H. Collins Secondary High School, Whitehorse, Yukon

1980 – 1981

Studied at University of Victoria, Major in Music, Victoria, British Columbia

1982 – 1985

Graduated from Red Deer College, Diploma in Fine Arts, Red Deer, Alberta

1985 – 1988

Graduated from Emily Carr College of Art and Design (Honours), Diploma in Fine Arts with Painting Major, Vancouver, British Columbia

Exhibitions

2001 - 2008: Artworks Gallery, Gabriola Island, B.C.

2005: Solo Exhibition at Art Works Gallery, Gabriola Island, B.C.

2002: Solo Exhibition at Art Works Gallery, Gabriola Island, B.C.

2000: Solo Exhibition at Malaspina College Public Gallery, Nanaimo, B.C.

1998: Solo Exhibition at Acme Fine Art, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

1996: Solo Exhibition at Yukon Arts Centre Public Gallery, Whitehorse, Yukon

1992: Solo Exhibition at Heritage Gallery, Whitehorse, Yukon

1989: Solo Exhibition at Woltjen/Udell Gallery, Vancouver, B.C.

1988: Group Show at Woltjen / Udell Gallery, Vancouver, B.C.

1988: "Images and Objects" Group Juried Exhibition, Vancouver and Kimberly, B.C.

1988: Emily Carr College Graduation Student Art Show, Vancouver, B.C.

1987 – 1988: "Artists in the Square" Group Juried Exhibition, Vancouver, B.C.

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Collections

Yukon Permanent Art Collection

Yukon College Public Art Collection

Yukon Development Corporation

Northwestel Corporate Art Collection

Andrew Philipsen Law Centre Public Art Collection

Yukon Workers Compensation Public Art Collection

Various public and private companies and individuals throughout Canada and the U.S.

Awards

1988 \$8,000. – Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation, Montreal, Quebec

Publications

“Songs of the Wild” Beautiful British Columbia Book, 1982