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LOUISE SOLECKI WEIR

Louise has a BFA from York University, maintains her registration as an art therapist, and performs locally as a singer with her husband. She has been a visiting artist in several local schools and has just stepped down from the board of the Sculptors' Society of BC after 10 years of service. She has studied in Italy, England and the United States, recently having taken courses in Forensic Reconstruction. Her reconstruction of the skull found in the grave of Tom Thompson has recently been featured nationally. Included in the list of her commissioning bodies to create sculptures are the Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Vancouver Law Courts.

Education

Master Class in Facial Reconstruction Sculpture with Karen T. Taylor
Texas State University, TX, USA (2015)

Forensic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture with Karen Taylor
Scottsdale Art School, AZ, USA (2014)

Master Class
The Society of Portrait Sculptors, London, England (2009, 2011)

Medallion Workshop
Geert Maas, Kelowna, BC (2006)

Figurative and Portrait Classes
Vancouver Art Institute, Vancouver, BC (1997-98)

Capilano College Art Institute, North Vancouver, BC (1992-93)

Masters Level Diploma in Art Therapy
Toronto Art Therapy Institute, Toronto, ON (1987-1989)

Bachelor of Fine Art Degree, Honours
York University, Toronto, ON (1982- 1985)

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Studies Abroad Program – in Cortona, Italy
University of Georgia (1981)

Diploma in Fine Arts
Vancouver Community College, Vancouver, BC (1979-1981)

Solo Exhibitions

- 2012 Kitsilano Community Center, Vancouver, BC
- 2011 Byng Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2010 “Portraits of Recover”, Place des Arts, Port Coquitlam, BC
- 2007 Jericho Arts Center, Vancouver, BC
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- 1984 Winters Gallery, Toronto, ON

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 Parker Art Salon, 1000 Parker, Vancouver, BC
Cityscape Gallery with SSBC, April 28-June 3
- 2016 Leigh Square (July and August), SSBC Exhibition, Port Coquitlam, BC
Sculpture in VanDusen Garden – Organized by the SSBC, Vancouver, BC
East side Culture Crawl, 1000 Parker, Vancouver, BC
“Wood, Clay, Stone and Beyond”, Sculpture Northwest Gallery, Bellingham, WA, USA
- 2015 Sculpture in VanDusen Garden – Organized by the SSBC, Vancouver, BC
SWARM 16, ACME Studios, Vancouver, BC
East Side Culture Crawl, Vancouver, BC
Group Show, Avenue Gallery, Victoria, BC
- 2014 6th Annual H’Arts for the Homeless, The Imperial, Vancouver, BC
SWARM 15, ACME Studios, Vancouver, BC
Sculpture in VanDusen Garden – Organized by the SSBC, Vancouver, BC
“Artists in our Midst” Studio Tour and Roundhouse Exhibition, Vancouver, BC
- 2013 “Small Works”, Petley Jones Gallery, Vancouver, BC
“Tribute to David Marshall Exhibition”, Big Rock Sculpture Garden, Seattle, WA, USA
Sculpture in Van Dusen Gardens, Sculptors’ Society of BC, Group Exhibition, Vancouver BC, Canada

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- 2013 Artists in our Midst Studio Tour and Roundhouse Exhibition, Vancouver BC, Canada
Bloedel Conservatory, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver BC, Canada
- 2012 Petley Jones Gallery with the MPA, Vancouver BC, Canada
"ArtSpacific" Juried Exhibition, Delta, BC, Canada
Sculpture in VanDusen Garden, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver B, Canada
Byng Arts Community Show, Vancouver BC, Canada
- 2011 Sculpture in VanDusen Garden, Sculptors' Society of BC, Group Exhibition, Vancouver BC, Canada
Flowers for Food, Roundhouse Community Centre, Vancouver BC, Canada
Byng Arts Community Show, Vancouver BC, Canada
Artists in our Midst, Studio Tour and Roundhouse Exhibition, Vancouver BC, Canada
"For the Love of Art", Scotia Bank, Vancouver BC, Canada
Autumn Brook Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2010 "Contemporary Sculpture Exhibition" Place des Arts, Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada
Perspectives on Identity, International Village, Vancouver BC, Canada
Autumn Brook Gallery, Vancouver BC, Canada
Byng Arts Community Show, Vancouver BC, Canada
Sheraton Landmark Wall Centre, Feature Gala Artist
Gallery Gachet, Vancouver BC Canada.
- 2009 Sculpture in VanDusen Garden, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver B.C.
"Winter White" Laura Jewitt Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Byng Arts Community Show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Artists in our Midst Studio Tour and Roundhouse Exhibition, Vancouver BC, Canada
Autumn Brook Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2008 Sculpture in VanDusen Garden, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver B.C.
Byng Arts Community Show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Van Ypren Jewellers , Vancouver, BC, Canada
Artists in our Midst Studio Tour and Roundhouse Exhibition, Vancouver BC, Canada
Autumn Brook Gallery
- 2007 The Sanctuary Gallery, Grace Church, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Burnaby Art Gallery, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver BC, Canada
Byng Art Gallery, Vancouver BC, Canada
- 2006 VanDusen Garden, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Pendulum Gallery, Sculptors' Society of BC, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2000-3 Commissions from Gardenstone Statuary. Vancouver
- 1986 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1987 Weller Potovsky Gallery, Toronto Ontario, Canada
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- 1985 Winters Gallery York University

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Commissions

Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, Bronze Bust of St. John Paul II
Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, Bronze Statue of St. John Paul II
Commission for the Vancouver Law Courts, Bust of Chief Justice Allan McEachern (Unveiling in June 2017)

Collections

Louise's art is featured in a number of private collections in Canada including the Catholic Archdiocese in Vancouver as well as private collectors in the USA, England, Australia and the Netherlands.

Teaching

Kerrisdale Artists Group
Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
Private workshops in Studio
UBC, support for Next Gen U online programming, 2012
Byng Arts, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Professional Memberships

SSBC, Sculptors' Society of British Columbia
FIDEM, Federation of International Medallists
MASC, Medallists Association of Canada
American Art Therapy Association

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