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DAVID PIRRIE

An avid climber and ski mountaineer, Vancouver based David Pirrie creates artwork that is multi-dimensional and conceptually layered. Pirrie employs bold coloring and architectural intervention to create his signature mountain portraits, monumentalizing the majesty of the individual mountain by removing it from the context of its surrounding topography. His works draw attention to concepts regarding framing and mapping, while also reminding the viewer of the handmade aspect of complex painting. By excising the mountain from its location, Pirrie abolishes perspective, placing the mountain within and without the picture plane. Pirrie's art approaches scientific inquiry as his grids, dots, and formal ideas point to the intersection between human time and geological time.

EDUCATION

1993 B.F.A., Concordia University, Montreal.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 "Stone Canvases" Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2018 "This Mountain Home". Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2016 "Mapping the Rockies". Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2014 "Mapping the Teton's". Diehl Gallery, Jackson Wyoming.
2014 "The Mountain Survey Project". Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2008 "Codified Topographies". Douglas Udell Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2006 "Western Drift". Simon Fraser University, Vancouver BC.
2006 "Risk Analysis". Douglas Udell Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2005 State Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2004 "Subduction Zone". Verge Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2004 "The Loneliest Highway". Atelier 31 Gallery, Seattle Washington.

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2023 "Pop". Diehl Gallery, Jackson Wyoming.
2021 "Nature". Centre for the Arts, Jackson Hole, Wyoming.
2020 "The Northerners, an Exhibition of Canadian Artists. Diehl Gallery, Jackson Wyoming.
2019 "Art Of The National Parks". Eiselle Gallery, Cincinnati Ohio.
2016 "The Fete". Diehl Gallery, Jackson Wyoming.
2016 "Affordable Art Show". CoCo Gallery/Appleton Art, New York.
2015 "Fall Arts Show". Diehl Gallery, Jackson Wyoming.
2014 "New works". Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2008 "Search Re-Search, contemporary landscapes", Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey BC.
2007 "Fall Show". Douglas Udell Gallery, Vancouver BC.

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- 2007** "Spring Show". Douglas Udell Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2006 "Roadrunner". Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna BC. Curated by Linda Sawchwyn
2006 "20th Anniversary Exhibition". Douglas Udell Gallery, Vancouver BC.
2005 "Arte Fiera"(Bologna Art Fair). GAS Gallery, Turin Italy.
2004 "Bites". Atelier 31 Gallery, Seattle Washington.
2004 "Tra Est o Ovest". GAS Gallery, Turin Italy.

DOCUMENTARY FILM "LANDSCAPE AND TIME"

- 2010** A twenty minute documentary where director Greg Hewitt followed the artist for one year documenting his process. Released by Handcut Films.

CATALOGUES AND PUBLICATIONS

- "Search Research, contemporary landscapes.** Published by the Surrey Art Gallery, 2008.
"David Pirrie, Risk Analysis". Published by Rich Fog, Toronto, 2006.
"David Pirrie, Independent Curator's Selection". Published by Rich Fog, Toronto, 2008.
"Roadrunner". Published by the Kelowna Art Gallery, 2006.
"2004 Art Auction". Vancouver Art gallery, 2004.
"Tra Est o Ovest, Ritratti di gallerie internazionali 2 La Galleria Atelier 31Seattle". Published by GAS Gallery, Turin Italy, 2004.
"Subduction Zone". Published by Verge Gallery, Vancouver, 2004.

PRINT MEDIA

- "Mapping the Rockies". Artsy Forager Blog Post. April 2016.
"Landscape Painter Connects the Dots". Vancouver Westender. Kelsey Klassen. April 2016.
"Artist Scales the Heights". DZine Trip Blog. John Thompson. April 2016.
"David Pirrie Works His Way Through the Rockies". North Shore News. Christine Lyon. April 2016.
"Stone Canvas". Monticristo Magazine. Alison Sinkowicz. April 2016.
"Rock Star". Mountain Living. Feature article. Sept/Oct issue 2015. Denver.
"Landscape art gets complicated". Kevin Griffith. The Vancouver Sun May 31st 2008.
"Pirrie Fire". Ion Magazine. Jen Selk. Winter edition 2007.
Gustafson, Paula: "David Pirrie". Artichoke Magazine of the arts, 2005.
Rubiffini, Emanuela: "Giovani Artisti Italiani". Torino Italy 2004.
Brayshaw, Christopher. The Georgia Straight Vancouver. 2004.

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Engelson, Andrew: "SW Pick". The Seattle Weekly, 2004.

Nicholls, Jim: "Memory". Arcade, The Journal for Architecture and Design in the Northwest, Seattle. 1997.

COLLECTIONS

Microsoft Canada. Vancouver BC.

Deloitte. Vancouver head office.

Cathay Pacific Airlines. VIP Lounge, YVR.

The Four Seasons Resort, Whistler BC.

The Pan Pacific Resort, Whistler BC.

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC.

Earls Restaurant, Calgary AB.

Google, California.

Grosvenor Canadian Head Office, Vancouver BC