

SEAN WILLIAM RANDALL

Biography

Sean William Randall is a Canadian-born visual artist. In 1992, he left his career as an architect to devote himself entirely to painting. Sean's works have been exhibited in public and private galleries and can be found in corporate, private and public collections in Canada and the U.S.A. He lives and works in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

A brilliant colour sensibility coupled with incisive awareness has made Sean William Randall one of Canada's most interesting painters working today. Brash confidence is evinced in his work where one minute he demonstrates a profound love for Canadian landscape painting, and the next moment setting the tradition on fire by painting flaming wreckage streaking across the pastel prairie sky. His work invokes meta-cycles concerning image inundation and the way these images function in our subconscious and mediate our experiences as citizens of the 21st century.

Steeped in a pervasive sense that there ought to be something there that isn't, the paintings hang in eerie suspense. Toying with a subtle surrealism, he uses aesthetic interruptions to play with illusion, surface and depth. Haunting landscapes of unconscious feeling, his paintings beg a variety of questions, alluding to possible narratives through the use of symbolic motifs and atmospheric effect. The pictures refrain from overt description however, rather allowing a space for the viewer to be seduced by the mystery, and to get lost in its painstaking detail. By playing to the psychology of our attraction to the unknown, Randall's work poses a challenge – to continue moving forward, deeper into the maze, through the tunnel, hurtling across the sky, and towards the future.

Education

University of Manitoba, Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Architecture 1988

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 "Becalmed" solo show, Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2021 "Golden Light", solo show, Mayberry Fine Art, Winnipeg, MB
- 2020 "Catch the Sun", solo show, Mayberry Fine Art, Toronto, BC
- 2020 "On the Horizon", solo show, Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2018 "New Work", solo show, Mayberry Fine Art, Toronto, ON
- 2018 "In the Blue Future" solo show, Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2017 "Irremeable" solo show Mayberry Fine Art, Toronto ON
- 2015 "Weather to Fly" solo show, Mayberry Fine Art, Toronto, ON

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2014 "Country Down" solo show, Christine Klassen Gallery, Calgary, AB
2012 "Twenty Paintings" solo show, Nouveau Gallery, Regina, SK
2011 "Prairie Mix Up", solo show, Rouge Gallery, Saskatoon, SK
2008 "New Paintings", solo show, Rouge Gallery, Saskatoon, SK
2007 "Plans and Elevations," solo show, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, ON
2007 "New Paintings", solo show, Keystone Gallery, Calgary, AB
1998 "Borrealisms: Life in the Boreal Forest", solo show, Grand Marais, MN
1995 "Media Centre Exhibit", solo show, World Nordic Ski Championships, Thunder Bay, ON

Group Exhibitions

2023 "Winter Group Show" Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2022 "Limited Edition Prints Group Show" Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2017 "That night in Toronto" group show curated by Danielle Krysa, Mayberry Fine Art, Toronto, ON
2012 "Introductions," group show, Christine Klassen Gallery, Calgary, AB
2010 "Building Pride: Saskatchewan Roughriders Centennial Exhibition" Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, SK
2008 "New Artists," group show, Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, SK
2007 "New Visions of Landscape," group show, Keystone Gallery, Calgary, AB
2005 "Alberta Landscapes", group show, Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, AB
2000 "Northern Contours", group juried exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, ON
1998 "Tweed Contemporary Artists Series", Group show, Tweed Museum and Art Gallery, Duluth, MN
1997 "Sea Change", group exhibition, Vancouver, BC
1996 "Summer Survey", group exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, ON
1991 "Vancouver Annual Juried Exhibition", group show, Vancouver, BC

Selected Commissions

Geist Magazine 2023
Burton Snowboards Inc. 2022
Joe Grass album art 2022
Vinyl Moon album art 2016
Grain Magazine 2015
Commission, Canada House – Canadian High Commission, London, UK (2014)
Four paintings were selected by the Canadian High Commission and translated to handmade carpets for the High Commissioner's office, Deputy High Commissioner's office, and the MacDonald Room.
Commissioned Sculpture, Neyes Provincial Park Interpretative Centre, ON (2011)
Commission, Robbins Pavilion, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, AB (2009)
Commission, SaskTel on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, Regina, SK (2007)

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Commissioned sculptural seating, "Bench at Bay", Pigeon River Park-Ontario Parks, ON (2002)
Commissioned sculpture, Island Drive Bridge, Thunder Bay, ON (2002)
Commissioned sculpture, Pennock Creek Trail Butterfly Garden, Thunder Bay, ON (2001)
Commissioned sculpture, City of Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay, ON (2000)
(Short-listed) Commission, Vancouver AIDS Memorial Competition, Vancouver, BC (1996)

Collections

Taylor McCaffrey LLP
The Co-operators Group Limited
Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc.
Deloitte Canada
Cenovus Energy
The Mosaic Company
Virtus Group
Lakehead University
Angel Entertainment
City of Regina
Robbins Pavilion, Royal Alexandra Hospital
Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club
Suncor Energy
Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS)
SaskTel
Ontario Parks
Government of Ontario
Cyrville Chrysler
Weiler, Maloney, Nelson, Barristers and Solicitors
North Star Mercedes Benz
Saint Joseph's Care Group
The Lakehead Motors Limited
Victoria Inn
City of Thunder Bay
London Motor Cars