

## ALLAN THOMAS

Allan Thomas is a Contemporary Realist who focuses on urban landscapes. His work documents the relationship between people and their urban environments. Allan chooses to portray ordinary, contemporary places that might not draw much attention as they are the everyday streets and buildings that surround us, often overlooked and taken for granted. He invites the viewer to find beauty in the mundane with an acute attention to detail. Allan focuses on dynamic compositions, integrating colour and texture into the environment depicting strong images through the interaction of light and shadows creating a distinct representation that evokes feeling and is pleasing to the eye.

Allan's photorealistic paintings are done in oil paint on birch panel. His scratchboard work is created using an x-acto knife on black clayboard.

*"I work with photo references that are all taken by me that I capture while traveling. But as photos often distort images, I redraw everything, fixing perspectives, adding or deleting things to help with the overall composition. While working, I try to respect the areas I paint by not changing much of the visual representation. I'm interested in the way that urban architecture can take on the personality of its surroundings, the same way a pair of shoes can take on the characteristics of its owner. For me, an old building, street or alleyway has a story to tell."*

*"When I am travelling and in a new environment, it heightens my awareness which helps me choose the places I take pictures that will be used as reference for my work. I am influenced by images that aren't city specific and stay away from picture postcard images. Instead, I choose places that people anywhere might walk by every day without paying much attention to. I'm influenced by older buildings and neighbourhoods because they have the character and history you get from years of living. I love the interaction you get from things like fire escapes, old signage, flaking brick and layers of old graffiti that is ever changing."*

Allan Thomas is an Artist residing in Edmonton, Canada. Allan does photorealistic urban landscapes that he has been showing in galleries in Canada for many years. Allan is also an accomplished mural painter who has done work internationally and in Canada for over 25 years.

## EXHIBITION

2024	<i>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show</i>	Peter Robinson Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2024	<i>Mind Games</i>	Peter Robinson Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2022	<i>Winter Group Exhibition</i>	Peter Robinson Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2020	<i>Red</i>	Front Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2018	<i>Connectivity</i>	Front Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2018	<i>Christmas Salon</i>	Front Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2017	<i>Occupied People</i>	Front Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2017	<i>Disseminate</i>	Front Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2016	<i>L'Allure</i>	Lotus Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2016	<i>LE Figure</i>	Lotus Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2016	<i>Centre of Your Mind</i>	Lotus Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2016	<i>Touching the Void</i>	Harcourt House Gallery, Edmonton, AB

## MEDIA

*Sturgeon Creek Post – Art for Downtown, October 12, 2022*

*Fox Creek News – Bringing Artwork to Life, August 18, 2020*

*Art Because – Connectivity, Interview with Allan and Dave Thomas, July 2018*

*The Edmonton Sun – Duo has designs on Success, May 22, 2005*

*Global Morning News with Lorraine Mansbridge - 1999*