

## **SHEILA DAVIS**

### **ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO**

My attraction is most definitely the play of light and movement in our natural environment. I am not attracted to 'landscapes' or 'pretty scenes'. It's the flash of colour and texture in a fleeting moment that gets my blood rushing.

While unfettered forests are my muse the subject has come to be the paint itself. The surface tension created with drippy transparent passages sliced with heavy opaque brushstrokes as well as hits of light where the brush barely touches the surface and calligraphic mark-making. All lending itself to more abstraction than an actual place.

My interest is the landscape, emphasizing the energy of the space as a whole. I paint it as I feel it – not as a physical likeness, but as an entire presence, involving the space of emotion, spirituality, temperature and the senses.

I find I am inspired by the friction and play of textures where surface planes meet. The tangled undergrowth competing for light and space. A play of forces, where colour and temperature meld or clash for dominance - a battle of the elements, Earth, Sky, Water and all they encompass. I believe an Artist interprets best what they know intimately...what surrounds them personally and they touch daily... what influences on a deep emotional level either conscious or unconscious. For me this is the untouched Ontario landscape... tangled, unfettered and unfinished...a work in progress, constantly growing and striving towards light, strength and freedom from constraint.

Using traditional oils, I work quickly and vigorously, laying in several layers of transparent colour and value using large dynamic brushstrokes combined with splatter and drip, these layers are each reworked with opaque brushwork and calligraphy as I attempt to portray what first excited me about the subject, the flash causing the rush of Adrenalin and the urge to 'get it down before the feeling dissipates.

I prefer to work in large format where I can apply movement and gesture to express the intense vitality and power I experience in the landscape. I want the viewer to experience the moment as if they are standing there with me.

## SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

### SOLO / GROUP SHOWS

- 2024 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023 Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2022 Autumn Edges' group show, Butter Gallery, Collingwood, ON  
Moving Light', Muse Gallery, Toronto ON
- 2021 'A New Day' group show, Muse Gallery, Toronto ON  
'In the moment" with Nancy Calder, Lorraine Roy and Jane Wright, Westland Gallery, London
- 2020 Off Road' with Andrew Sookrah , Westland Gallery, London ON  
'Under the Influence' at Koyman Galleries, Ottawa ON
- 2018 'From the Heart of the Wild' with Sarah Hillock at Westland Gallery, London ON
- 2017 "Inside Outside' with Greg Dow at Westland Gallery, London ON  
Gallery on the Lake with Wendy Bermingham, Buckhorn ON
- 2015 "Riding the Elephant (lake rd), Art Gallery of Bancroft "Two Voices - Sheila Davis and Lucy Manley" Lindsay Art Gallery"Double Vision", Lindsay Art Gallery
- 2013 "Borderlines", The Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora ON
- 2012 "Walk with Me" The Marianne van Silfhout Gallery in  
The St. Lawrence College, Brockville Campus
- 2009 'Reflections' , Effusion Art Gallery, Invermere BC
- 2003 'ColourScapes', Kent Farndale Gallery, Port Perry, ON  
Two Ways of Seeing', with Jean Kallmeyer - Poetry, Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery  
Figure This', Rails End Gallery, Haliburton

### JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Letters to the Earth -between despair and hope – Aurora cultural centre
- 2022 East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition- Dora Purdon Award for Best Oil  
Society of Canadian Artists Open National Online Juried Exhibition  
Ontario Society of Artists Conversations, OMAH  
Ontario Society of Artists, 150 Show, The Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queens Park, Toronto  
Paint Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Artists Toronto Chapter Summer Pleasures Exhibition
- 2021 Federation of Canadian Artists Signature Exhibition  
Federation of Canadian Artists Toronto Chapter Spring Forward Online Exhibition – 3rd place Paint Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Artists Abstract Exhibition
- 2020 Society of Canadian Artists Members Online Juried Exhibition – 'On the quiet side' award of merit Federation of Canadian Artists Painting on the Edge Exhibition  
Federation of Canadian Artists Landscapes Exhibition

- 2019 Federation of Canadian Artists Active Members Exhibition  
 Federation of Canadian Artists Artist's Choice Exhibition  
 Society of Canadian Artists Open National Online Juried Exhibition  
 Society of Canadian Artists Open National Online Juried Exhibition  
 Ontario Society of Artists Eastern Hub, 'Peripheral Visions', Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden  
 Oshawa Art Association Juried Exhibition, Robert McLaughlin Gallery – It's all Relative – Bronze  
 Federation of Canadian Artists Landscape Exhibition  
 Federation of Canadian Artists Shape and Form Exhibition
- 2018 Pineridge Art Council Annual Juried Exhibition – All that Jazz– Award of recognition  
 Federation of Canadian Artists Active Members Exhibition  
 Federation of Canadian Artists 'Artists Choice' Exhibition – Third Prize 'Leap of Faith'  
 Federation of Canadian Artists Abstracted Exhibition  
 Society of Canadian Artists National Online Juried Exhibition  
 Oshawa Art Association Juried Exhibition, Robert McLaughlin Gallery – Pacific Gravity – Award  
 Colborne Art Gallery Annual Juried Exhibition  
 Society of Canadian Artists Members Online Juried Exhibition  
 Society of Canadian Artists Open National Juried Exhibition
- 2017 Society of Canadian Artists National Online Juried Exhibition  
 Ontario Society of Artists MOSAIC Exhibition, Aurora Cultural Centre
- 2016 East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Award for Best Oil  
 Society of Canadian Artists National Online Exhibition  
 Colour and Form Society Biennial Open Juried Exhibition
- 2015 Ontario Society of Canadian Artists annual members Exhibition  
 East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Mystery of the Park Exhibition, 2nd place
- 2014 Ontario Society of Artists annual members Exhibition  
 Society of Canadian Artists annual members exhibition - Antoinette Stevens Award for best painting  
 East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Honourable Mention
- 2013 Ontario Society of Artists new members Exhibition  
 Ontario Society of Artists annual members Exhibition  
 Ontario Society of Artists Exhibition 'Continuum' Arts & Letters Club, Toronto  
 East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Honourable Mention  
 Carmichael Canadian Landscape Exhibition -Orillia Museum of Art & History
- 2012 Society of Canadian Artists 44th National Open Juried Exhibition  
 Ontario Society of Artists 140th Members Exhibition  
 A Brush with the Highlands Plein Air Festival Juried show – Dorset Tower Award and Juror's Choice
- 2011 East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Dora Purdon Award  
 A Brush with the Highlands Plein Air Festival Juried show - The Hawk River Log Chute Award and The  
 Environmental Narrative Award
- 2009 McMichael Canadian Art Collection Autumn Art Show & Sale

2007	East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show
2006	Society of Canadian Artists Annual Members Juried show
2005	Scarborough Arts Council Juried Show 'Fragments' East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show
2004	Society of Canadian Artists Annual National Open Juried Show Colour & Form Society Annual Juried Show East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show
2003	East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Rose Baker award Scarborough Arts Council juried show 'Elements'
2002	East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery Viewers Choice Veni Vidi Art Gallery, Port Perry, ON, "Nudes" Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts Annual Juried Show
2001	East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show – 1st prize. East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery Viewers Choice – 1st prize floral – 3rd prize landscape
2000	Orillia Museum of Art and History 'Blooming Art' Orillia Museum of Art and History- 'Blooming Art' Veni Vidi Art Gallery, Port Perry ON -'Oil & Water- Portraits' Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts Annual Juried Show

## **NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **EDUCATION**

Graduate of Loretto Abbey, Toronto ON.  
Self Taught and attendend numerous workshops

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Federation of Canadian Artists - Senior Signature Status  
Society of Canadian Artists- Elected member  
Ontario Society of Artists - Elected member  
East Central Ontario Art Association (ECOAA) – Fall workshop co-ordinator,  
website design & management, Past Newsletter Editor

### **MEDIA**

HGTV Candice Tells All  
HGTV Income property  
CityTV Steven & Chris  
Film Production: Pixels

## **INSTRUCTION & DEMONSTRATION**

Beyond the Easel – weekend workshop in professional development for artists with computer instruction.

Beyond the Easel - lectures with the CSPWC, RHGA, SOYRA etc.

Oshawa Art Association – painting demonstration

Scarborough Arts Guild – painting demonstration

Art Gallery of Bancroft – painting workshop “Brush it Bold”

Markham Artists – painting workshop “Brush it Bold”

Oakville Art Society – painting workshop “Brush it Bold”

Meta4 Gallery – painting workshop “Brush it Bold”

Brush it Bold - self run painting workshops

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Art Gallery of Ontario – AGO Insider featuring ‘Light Interrupted’ from ‘Conversations’ at the OMAH

Author of Beyond the Easel - Professional Development for Visual Artists.

Brock Citizen April 22, 1997 News of Georgina Arts Centre

Brock Citizen April 5, 2002 Library Exhibition

V. Krause Nurseries, 2001 Fruit Catalogue. Cover Image

## **PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

Beaverton, Cobourg, Toronto, Ottawa, Niagara Falls, Orillia, England, Finland, Hungary, Brazil, The United States, Germany

## **CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Province of Ontario Archival Collection

Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP)

Gottschalk Forensic Accounting & Valuations Inc., Toronto, ON

Fredenberg & Gullette Attorney, Phoenix, AZ

Dr. Shawn Moore Optometrist, Orillia, ON

RCIM Family Law, Calgary, AB

Henderson Partners LLP, Oakville, ON

RBC, Toronto, ON

Mark Motors of Ottawa