

## SU SHEEDY

### ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO

Su Sheedy, based in Kingston, Ontario, Canada has been a full-time encaustic artist since 2001. As a material based artist, she enjoys mixing encaustic with other mediums. Pressed tin, carded wool, corrugated steel, and birch bark are a few of the materials she works with. Texture is her subject matter, and narrative markings result from pouring, routing, or persistent scraping gestures. Sheedy has always had a great deal of interest in the preservation of the Canadian wetlands, which can be seen across all of her previous painting series titled Marsh, Pond, Bog, and Lichen. Her abstracts appear to be a lush blend of wildflowers, vines, grasses and reeds with patches of water or even snow. Su Sheedy's works are anything but typical paintings – they have a frenetic energy that is calmed and restrained by her use of natural beeswax and tree resin. The translucence of the beeswax and her dynamic colour range engages the viewer like the 3D atmosphere of a backlit aquarium. "I began the Pond series in 2009 as a homage to the wetlands near my home in Kingston, Ontario. My painting process is instinctual, spontaneous and quite physical. Rich layers of pigmented beeswax are gouged into, poured, and torched creating rowdy and random markings." A profusion of repeated forms, strokes and textures result in what could be described as 'tactile expressionism.' Unsurprisingly, given the tactility of her work, she cites the art of Paterson Ewen and Cy Twombly as formative influences.

Sheedy, 20 years a Massage Therapist, remains interested in cellular memory, sensory perception, and our visceral response to texture.

Sheedy's work has appeared on TV shows, movies, and documentaries. Her work resides in a number of collections including the Visual Art Collection of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. She has taught workshops and given lectures in her medium. She has been Chief Hanger and Adjudicator in several art exhibitions and is represented by Muse Gallery, Toronto, Galerie St Laurent + Hill, Ottawa, and Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, Ontario.

## SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

### SOLO SHOWS

- 2022 POND Series, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2020 New Work : Solo Show, Galerie St Laurent + Hill, Ottawa, ON  
2019 New Work, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2018 New Work, Galerie St Laurent + Hill, Ottawa, ON  
2017 New Work, Gallery 3, Ottawa, ON  
2016 Quiet out Loud, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2015 Pre Permian, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Lichen at Large, Gallery 3, Ottawa, ON  
2013 Lichen, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2012 Moor Moss Mire Mud, Terence Robert Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
I Am Marsh, Muse gallery, Toronto, ON  
2011 Pond, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2010 Swamp Bog Marsh Fern, Terence Robert Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2009 Solo Studio Watch Series, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, ON  
Beautiful Bogs, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2008 Swamps and Playgrounds, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2007 Recent Work, Sandra Whitton Gallery, Kingston, ON

### GROUP SHOWS

- 2023 Duo Exhibit, Galerie St Laurent + Hill, Ottawa, ON  
2007 - 2023 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2021 A New Day, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2017 Movements of Media', Glass Studio & Gallery, Kingston, ON  
'I Love This Piece', Studio 22, Kingston, ON  
2016 DIG, Anges Etherinton Art Centre, Kingston, ON  
2015 Elemental Immersion, Glass + Studio Gallery, Kingston, ON  
OKWA, JK Tett Centre, Kingston, ON  
Contemporary Art at Large, First Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto Love Art Fair, ON  
2014 Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre, Kingston, ON  
2013 I AM WATER, Curator& Artist, PumpHouse Museum, Kingston, ON  
2012 I AM WATER, Curator& Artist, Window Art Gallery, Kingston, ON  
Take Note, Modern Fuel Gallery, Kingston, ON  
OKWA Annual Exhibition, Kingston, ON  
2011 OKWA Annual Exhibition, Kingston, ON  
Mother daughter Art Show, Academy Gallery, Bath, England  
The Rough Edge of Beauty, Modern Fuel, Kingston, ON  
Beeline, Kobalt Gallery, Provincetown, MS  
2010 Select Artists, First Canadian Place, Toronto, ON  
Winter Olympics Select Works, Whistler Art Gallery, Whistler, BC

2009 Select Artists, Oeno Gallery, Prince Edward County, ON  
OKWA Annual Exhibition, Kingston, ON

2008 Fibonacci Series, Studio 22, Kingston, ON

2007 OKWA Annual Winter Show, Wilson Room, Kingston, ON  
Voices Studio 22 Gallery, Kingston, ON  
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON  
Group Show, Oeno Gallery, Prince Edward County, ON

2006 The Illuminati group, Sole Gallery, Toronto, ON  
OKWA Mixed media Juried show, KAC gallery, Kingston, ON  
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON  
Waxworks, Galerie Sandra Goldie, Montreal, QB

## **NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **AWARDS**

- Mayor Arts Award – City of Kingston
- Community Foundation for Kingston Grant, Dear Kingston Art exhibition
- Honourable mention, adjudicated OKWA members show
- KAC Annual Juried Salon Adjudicators Award, Kingston, Ontario
- OKWA Annual Members Show Adjudicators Award, Kingston, Ontario
- OKWA Annual Members Show Adjudicators Choice, Kingston, Ontario