

JANE THEODORE

ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO

Jane Theodore lives and paints in Guelph, ON, Canada. With a background in graphic design and illustration, she has had a successful career as a printmaker. In 2013, Jane shifted her focus exclusively to painting. Jane's work is a process-driven, spontaneous exploration of gesture, form and colour. Compositions are revealed as layers of paint are added and subtracted, forms appear and disappear, and the paint is scratched or scraped, exposing what lies beneath. Working on both paper and canvas, the paintings' foundation is high-intensity colour, and invites an intuitive and visceral reaction. Jane's latest paintings are joyful, fresh, buttery smooth and energetic, the work never appears overworked or tired. This is visual candy created by an experienced hand motivated by pure originality of thought. Jane's inspired visual delights parallel the finest confections, they always leave you wanting more.

Jane has worked in fine arts since 1992, her background includes exhibited work in galleries, representation by international art distributors Progressive Fine Art, and Chicago Center for the Print, and publication by fine art publishers Verkerke Reproducties N. V., of Holland. Jane's work is included in the Collections Canada website, Women Artists in Canada, and represented in numerous collections throughout North America.

"In the work of the artist, Jane Theodore the compositions and the contrasts of shades are in the forefront. Strong colours appear as a translation of magic and harmonious intangible elements and allow you to understand the intimate resonance with the sensitivity of the artist who makes these paintings living works. To give shape to her abstract vision, Jane Theodore works with a wide range of possibilities, transposes the conceptualization and makes you, the observer of her art, an accomplice."

- José Roberto Moreira - Curator, Colorida Art Gallery

SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

SOLO SHOWS

- 2022 "always a storm" Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2021 "impermanence" Jones Gallery, Saint John, NB
- 2020 place, Artwrk Gallery, www.artwrk.ca
- 2019 collapsing into joy, Muse Gallery, Toronto ON
- 2018 here comes the dreaming, Muse Gallery, Toronto ON
- 2017 I've no need to wonder why, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON
The Pathway to the Heart, Angolino Restaurant, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Colorida Art Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2014 Paper Trail, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON

GROUP SHOWS

- 2023 Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023-2024 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2021 Rise, Jones Gallery, Saint John, NB
A New Day, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2020 Winter Exhibition, Galerie d'arts contemporains, Montreal, QC 2020
Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
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- 2019 Art Gallery of Hamilton Art Sale, Hamilton, ON
Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Up Close | Far Away (three-woman show), Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON
Ontario Society of Artists Juried Exhibition, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON
Members' Exhibition, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON
Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2017 You have to take the stairs, public art at 55 St.Clair W., Toronto, ON
Colour Emotion, Arta Gallery, Toronto, ON
Quest Art Gallery 13th Annual Juried Exhibition, Midland, ON
Art Gallery of Hamilton Art Sale, Hamilton, ON
Collective 20, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON
Salon XI, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Bright Lights at Night, Red Head Gallery, Toronto, ON
Art Gallery of Burlington Art Auction, Burlington, ON
Salon X, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2015 Bridgepoint Health, Corporate Installation, Toronto, ON
NEXT, Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, ON
Art Auction, Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington, ON
- 2014 Insomnia Salon Soirée, Red Head Gallery, Toronto, ON
Migration, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON
Summer Emerging Artists Exhibition, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON
- 1994 Bountiful Women, Group Show, Hamilton, ON
- 1993 Woman's Work, Jane Theodore and Vesna Trkulja, Carnegie Gallery, ON

NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION

- George Brown College
- Dundas Valley School of Art
- Red River College

PUBLISHING

- Elaine Fleck's Catalogue of Contemporary Fine Art, Fall/Winter 2013
- Verkerke Reproducties N. V., Holland
- Women Artists in Canada (Canadian Digital Collections, Government of Canada)