

## **ELIZABETH LENNIE**

### **ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO**

Elizabeth Lennie lives in mid-town Toronto Canada. Her paintings are collected internationally, and are included in the collections of the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame, the University of Virginia Children's Hospital, Centre Hospital S.F. and the Naples Grande, Florida.

Water has been the backdrop to the significant events in my life. The reconstruction of radiant moments that exist in memory determine the images I choose to paint, of swimming in the liquid landscapes of northern Ontario and the aqua waters of the Caribbean. I work with oil paint on canvas, layering thin washes with thicker impasto. The images are often figurative and explore the dual reality of the Canadian hot and cold climate. The paintings are the map of my unconscious world, a journal in both abstract and narrative form. I look for archetypes in an attempt to explore notions of self within the landscape of shared memory. By isolating and extracting vibrant colours in a signature soft-focus style, a liquid landscape is explored, revealing the imagined mythography of our connected lives.

"How remarkable it is that you have chosen as two of your recurring themes, swimming in summer in the Canadian Shield, and skating on those same lakes when winter descends. Remarkable because you have lived your whole life in Canada, in Ontario even, and yet you have understood what is best about the place where you live. Most people have to move far away to figure that sort of thing out. They can only understand the nature of the mountain when they have seen it from the plain. You, my dear friend, have the wisdom to see the beauty of where you are, while you are there, and that ability is as rare as...the world becoming a skating rink over which you can fly." - Johnny Wales, Sado Island, Japan

## SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

### SOLO SHOWS

2023	Gardner Colby Gallery Beauty and the Beach
2023	Radiant Summer, Muse Gallery
2023	Solo show, Eisenhauer Gallery, Edgartown, Massachusetts
2022	The Summer Years, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2021	Imagined Landscapes, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2020	Aqua Vita, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2019	Timeless, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2019	Hold Still, Eisenhauer Gallery, MA
2018	Featured Artist, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2017	New Paintings, Trias Gallery, Toronto, ON
2015	Wish You Were Here, Art Interiors, Toronto, ON Welcome Back Summer, Crescent Hill Gallery, Mississauga, ON
2014	Design Annex, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton Toronto, ON The Artist Project, Toronto, ON
2013	New Work, Studiohouse, Prince Edward County, ON
2011 - 2012	The Artist Project, Toronto, ON

### GROUP SHOWS

2023	Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON Beauty and the Beach, Gardner Colby Gallery, Naples, FL 25th Anniversary, Gardner Colby Gallery, Naples, FL
2021	A New Day, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2018 - 2024	Group show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2019	Unwritten, Kontort Gallery
2018	Eisenhauer Gallery, Edgartown, MA
2017	New Work by Gallery Artists, Trias Gallery, Toronto, ON
2016	New Work by Gallery Artists, Trias Gallery, Toronto, ON Lake Ontario Waterkeeper Gala Auction, Contact Gallery, Toronto, ON Spring Group Show, Crescent Hill Gallery, Mississauga, ON
2015	Splash, C. Parker Gallery, Greenwich CT ArtExpo, New York, NY
2014	24th Autumn Art Sale, McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Vaughn, ON
2013	Annual Holiday Show, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON Summer Heat, Arta Gallery, Toronto, ON
2011	50th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON
2010	49th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON
2009 - 2023	Group Show, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON 48th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON AxD Art by Designers, Denison Gallery, Toronto, ON

2008 Fundarte Latinoamerica, Etobicoke Civic Centre Gallery, Etobicoke, ON  
2006 In Your Face, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON  
Yello, Lennox Contemporary, Toronto, ON  
2005 25th Anniversary Annual Juried Art Show, Arts Etobicoke, Etobicoke, ON  
Summer Heat, Praxis Gallery, New York, NY  
Elements, Lennox Contemporary, Toronto, ON

## **NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **EDUCATION**

Ryerson U. BAA Interior Design  
OCAD Foundation Year  
AGO Gallery School  
Toronto School of Art  
Project: Art

### **AWARDS**

Saatchi online Featured Artist  
Saatchi Print Catalogue Feature  
The Artist Project Faces Competition People's Choice Award  
Toronto Star Hockey Art - 3rd Place

### **COLLECTIONS**

Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame  
University of Virginia Children's Hospital  
Naples Grand Hotel, Naples Florida  
Centre Hospital, San Francisco  
Sandals Resorts, Bahamas  
The Breakers, Palm Beach