

KEN FAULKS

ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO

Ken Faulks was born in Victoria BC in 1964 and grew up in View Royal, on the Portage inlet. Faulks has been interested in drawing and design from an early age and begun freelancing as a visual artist in 1983. He has produced work for illustration and design projects, his work encompasses murals, logos, illustrated posters, cards, book covers, children's books, cartoon characters, technical drawings, product illustration, and website design. In 1989, Ken began painting "en plein air" employing the methods and media used by the Group of Seven; oil paint on small wood panels. Highly portable and durable, these enable the artist to work in the field with relative ease. Although he frequently takes these small pieces into the studio and translates them into immersive larger works, the "en plein air" technique has become Faulks' greatest strength. He has captured the grand skies, log strewn beaches and other striking landscapes from around southern Vancouver Island in a series of paintings filled with lush brushstrokes, a vibrant bold palette and a keen compositional sense. Faulks reminds us that his love of landscape has to be transposed into something that is both physical and engaging. "When you come away from painting outdoors, what do you have? Not mountains and rivers, but paint. The paint has to be visually interesting, the paint becomes the subject. I love paint." Faulks uses impasto to give his paintings a thick buttery surface, a visual candy that pulls you in and provides a new level of interest. The surface of his canvases are activated and seem to undulate with the thick oil paint colours often mixed right on the surface of the canvas while being applied. The impasto brushstrokes provide energy and a direction of movement. Impasto is a technique used in painting, where paint is laid on an area of the surface very thickly, usually thick enough that the brush or painting knife strokes are visible, complete with highlights and shadows. When dry, impasto provides texture, the paint appears to be coming out of the canvas like a low relief sculpture.

Ken has been exhibiting in galleries since 1989, having both group, and solo shows, his work can be found in private and corporate collections around the world. In 2022 he became a Juried Member with the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour.

SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

SOLO SHOWS

- 2019 "Ken Faulks - New Works": West End Gallery, Victoria BC
2018 "Ken Faulks - Commercially Viable": Burnaby Art Gallery/Bob Prittie Library, BC
2017 Featured Artist, Muse Gallery, Toronto
2016 A Solo Exhibition of New Work, West End Gallery, Edmonton
New Works, West End Gallery, Victoria
2015 An Exhibition of New Work, Community Arts Council Gallery, Victoria
2014 Looking Forward, West End Gallery, Edmonton
2013 Paintings of Western Canada, West End Gallery, Edmonton
A Breath of Fresh Air, West End Gallery, Victoria
2012 New Work, Victoria Gallery / Victoria
2011 Bringing Home The Light, Victoria Gallery, Victoria
2010 The Old School House Gallery, Qualicum
New Plein Air Works, Victoria Gallery, Victoria
Other Places, Victoria Gallery, Victoria
2009 Going Places, Victoria Gallery, Victoria
2002 Elements, The Martin Batchelor Gallery, Victoria
1999 Bean Around the World Bistro and Gallery, Victoria
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1997 Recent Landscapes ,The Lounge Gallery, Victoria
1995 Given Space, Hidden Space Gallery, Sooke BC
1994 Soho Village Bistro, Victoria

GROUP SHOWS

- 2016 - 2024 Group Show, Muse Gallery. Toronto, ON
2023 "Victoria FCA Fall Show": Fortune Gallery, Victoria BC
2023 "WaterWorks 2023 – A Watercolour Exhibition": ArtSea Gallery, Sidney BC
2023 "Peninsula Plein Air Painters 2023": ArtSea Gallery, Sidney BC
2022 ArtSea Studio Tour, Group Show, Sidney BC
Peninsula Plein Air Painters, ArtSea Gallery, Sidney BC
WaterWorks, Watercolour Exhibition, ArtSea Gallery, Sidney BC
Inspirations, CSPWC Watercolour Exhibition, Ranger Station Art Gallery,
Harrison Hot Springs
CSPWC, BC Plein Air Paint Out, Harrison Hot Springs BC
Kilby Plein Air Paint Out, Kilby Historic Site, Kilby BC
2021 Peninsula Plein Air Painters, ArtSea Gallery, Sidney BC
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Canadian Whisky Painters, Coast Collective Art Centre, Collwood BC
2019 "Canadian Whisky Painters": Coast Collective Gallery, Colwood BC
2018 "Success!" - Federation of Canadian Painters Gallery, Vancouver BC
2017 Big Canadian Stuff, Coast Collective Art Centre, Victoria
2016 AI Frescoes of Victoria, Coast Collective Art Centre, Victoria
2015 The Alfs, Community Arts Council Gallery, Victoria

2014 20th Anniversary Collection, West End Gallery, Victoria
Penticton Plein Air Paint-Out & Exhibition, Penticton Art Gallery, Penticton
Ashcroft Plein Air Paint-Out & Exhibition, Ashcroft
Paint The Peninsula Plein Air Paint-Out & Exhibition, Port Angeles,

2013 Al Frescoes of Victoria, Coast Collective Art Centre, Victoria

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Journeys, The Old School House Gallery, Qualicum

2009 Ho Ho Part 1 & 2, View Art Gallery, Victoria

2008 Out of Plein Air, Victoria Gallery, Victoria

2005 The Small Christmas Show, The Avenue Gallery, Victoria

2003 Contrasts, Caswell Lawrence Fine Art Gallery, Victoria

2002 New Works, The Martin Batchelor Gallery, Victoria
Faulks and Mix, The Goward House Gallery, Victoria
The Painted Landscape, The Maltwood Gallery, Victoria
Group Show, The Paprika Bistro and Gallery, Victoria

2001 First Show, Caswell Lawrence Fine Art Gallery, Victoria
Capturing an Idea, Bamberton Cement Plant

1998 Recent Works, The Martin Batchelor Gallery, Victoria

1997 Landscapes, The Hidden Space Gallery, Sooke

1996 Recent Works, The Michelle Frost Gallery, Victoria
From Sketch to Painted Picture, The Hidden Space Gallery, Sooke BC

1994 "Ken Faulks / Nick Pearce": Herald St. Cafe, Victoria BC
"Ken Faulks / Philip Mix": Winchester Galleries, Victoria BC

1993 "The 2 1/2": Chateau Victoria Hotel, Victoria BC

1992 "The 2 1/2": Swans Hotel, Victoria BC

1991 "The 2 1/2": Sheck Gallery, Chemainus BC