

## AMY DRYER

### ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO

My gestural style – characteristic of German Expressionism – emphasizes the subjective expression of inner experiences. The truest picture of a moment – the figure of a place – occurs in a balanced abstraction of everyday perspectives. To convey this I combine line, form and colour to represent and yet slightly distort my subject matter. This creates a field of view that is both familiar and enigmatic.

Amid the organized chaos of Amy Dryers Studio, a bright canvas depicts a joyful little girl in a flower print dress, below it, an urban streetscape, the sky divided by wires and poles. They're representative of her impressionistic style, deftly constructed of deep, contrasting colours and big painterly brushstrokes applied with refined economy. They walk the line between representation and abstraction. Dryer's images are about finding the extraordinary in the everyday. Finding that magic in paint is about discipline and experience, long hours at the easel. She doesn't dwell on the process, but rather the "right on moments" when intuition takes over and it all comes together. – Ian Doig

Amy Dryer attended the Alberta College of Art and Design, the Glasgow School of Art (Scotland) and the Fine Art program at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, to receive her Bachelor of Fine Arts. In 2014, she was among the Top 40 Under 40 Recipients chosen by Avenue Magazine, and in 2008, she was on the cover of Avenue Magazine as 'Calgary's Best.' She has been featured as a 'Profiled Artist' in both Essential Magazine and Galleries West.

Amy completed an artist residency at Emma Lake, Saskatchewan in 2009 and at the Banff Centre in 2013. She attended an artist residency in January of 2017 in Reykjavik, Iceland. Dryer's paintings are in a number of collections throughout Canada, and the US, including the Alberta Foundation for the Arts public art collection. Amy is based in Calgary.

## SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

### SOLO / TWO ARTIST SHOWS

2023	Place, Spicer Merrifield Gallery, Saint John, NB
2022	Pivoting, Solo Show, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2021	Rebuild/Renew, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB
2020	Dwelling Place, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2019	The Ancient New, Buckland Merrifield Gallery, Saint John, NB
2019	New Works, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2018	Equilibrium, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB
2018	Primary, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2017	Stella Polaris, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
	Turning East, Buckland Merrifield Gallery, Saint John, NB
2016	Immanence: Devoted to the Ground, Close to the Sky, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB
	Algonquin, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2015	Viewpoint, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2014	Voyage, The Front Gallery, Edmonton, AB
	Traces of Memory, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2013	Urban Blueprints, Axis Contemporary Art, Calgary, AB
2012	A Collection of Notes, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB
	Unfolding, Trinity Galleries, Saint John, NB
2011	Stage, Axis Contemporary Art, Calgary, AB
2010	Men and Women: Private Moments, Propeller Centre for the Arts, Toronto, ON
2009	Awaiting the Butterfly, Arthouse, Calgary, AB
2005	Ways of Knowing, Untitled Artist Society, Calgary, AB
2004	Home, Trinity Galleries, Saint John, NB

### GROUP SHOWS

2024	"NOCTALGIA: Sky Grief" Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB
2023	Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
	Renewal, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB
2018 - 2024	Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
2021	A New Day, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
	Best of 150 Years of Canadian Art, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
2019	Slow Reflections, Mortar & Brick Gallery, Lethbridge, AB
2018	Toronto Art Fair, Masters Gallery, Toronto, ON
	Enough, ArtPoint, Calgary, AB
	Trains, Assiniboia Gallery, Regina SK
2017	40th Anniversary Exhibit, Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, SK
	Peoples Portrait Prize, cSpace, Calgary, AB
	It helps to anticipate things that have not happened, SIM Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
	LOOK2016, Contemporary Calgary, Calgary, AB
	Calgary Artist Ranch Project, Calgary Stampede, Calgary, AB

- 2016 Prescribed Burn, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB  
New Artists Group Show: Buckland Merrifield Gallery, Saint John, NB
- 2015 Small Works Group Show, Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, SK
- 2014 Traces of Memory II, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB  
The Tattooed Ladies, Women's Resource Centre, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
- 2013 New Artist Group Show, Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, SK  
Cultivation, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB  
New Works, Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, SK
- 2012 The Object Ethnography Project, NY University, New York, NY
- 2011 Body of Evidence, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, AB  
First & Second Annual Brush Off Competition, Galerie Avenue, Montreal, QU  
Masterpiece Contemporary, Art Gallery of Calgary, Calgary, AB  
ASA Forest Show, Alberta Traveling Exhibit, AB  
New Artists Group Show, Axis Contemporary Art, Calgary, AB
- 2010 Rebirth, Trinity Galleries, Saint John, NB  
Winter Juried Art Show, The Old School House Arts Centre, Qualicum Beach, BC
- 2009 The Bare Skin Show, Trinity Galleries, Saint John, NB
- 2008 ROUTES, Arthouse, Calgary, AB  
Being Human: An International Juried Exhibition, Leighton Centre, Calgary, AB
- 2007 FLIGHT, Arthouse, Calgary, AB
- 2006 National Open Portrait Exhibition, Red Deer Museum, Red Deer, AB
- 2005 The Picnic Project, Swoon Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2004 Square Foot Show, AWOL gallery, Toronto, ON  
Spring Art Exhibition, Hummingbird Center, Toronto, ON
- 2000 Exchange Students Exhibit, Glasgow School of Art, UK

## REVIEWS AND MEDIA

- 2022 Interview with Ryan Green, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB  
Cloutier, Jennifer, Process Talks & Interview, Kaffee Klatch, Calgary, AB  
Life in Calgary IG Feature, Calgary, AB
- 2021 Artist on Artist: Interview with Maggie Hall, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB  
Marishka, Anna, Rebuild/ Renew Film Feature, Calgary, AB
- 2020 Green, Ryan, Art Stories, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB  
Process Talks, Hosted by Jennifer Cloutier, Jennifer Cloutier Production, Montreal  
Masters Gallery Art Stories: Dwelling Place featuring Amy Dryer, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2019 On-location painting, Fashion-Forward / Home Front 2019, Holt Renfrew Pop-up Show and presentation, Calgary, AB  
On-location painting, Tiny Footprints Gala 2019, Calgary, AB
- 2018 Jennifer Price, Artist Amy Dryer on motherhood, the energy of Berlin and her newest paintings, Calgary Journal, Calgary AB  
Caitlyn Rinne, Out of the Studio Interviews, Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB

- Jennifer Price, Stella Polaris Exhibit and Youtube video, Calgary, AB  
 Deaniell Cordero, Amy Dryer expresses her travels, her muses and her life through her pieces, Calgary Journal, Calgary AB
- 2017  
 Jeremy Fokkens, Behind the Scenes Video & An Artist Named Amy, Calgary, AB  
 Jennifer Cloutier, Process Talks & Interview, Calgary/ Montreal  
 The Maritime Edit, Saint John Picks, Saint John, NB  
 Theater Junction Blog, Expose, Calgary, AB
- 2016  
 Heindricks, Lisa, Awesome People Movement, Audio Interview, Calgary, AB
- 2015  
 Zarzycki, Agatha, A Magical Reality, Where, Calgary, AB
- 2014  
 Raddazt, Stephanie, Alberta Primetime CTV Interview Segment, Calgary, AB  
 Czarnecka, Marzena, Amazing Calgarians: An Afternoon with Amy Dryer, Business with Attitude Blog, Calgary, AB  
 Czarnecka, Marzena, Top 40 Under 40 Article, Avenue Magazine, Calgary, AB  
 Doig, Ian, Memory on Canvas, Hot Art, Where, Calgary, AB  
 Singh, Jaspreet, Traces of Memory Interview, Banff Centre Blog, Banff, AB  
 MacPherson, Alex, Tree Line, Verb Regina, Regina, AB
- 2013  
 Alexander, Rob, Exhibition honors those who inspire, Rocky Mountain Outlook, Canmore, AB  
 Clayton, Tessa, Calgary Artist paints AIrdirondack Chair, Airdrie Echo, Airdrie, AB  
 Hardy, Tom, Previews and Profiles, Galleries WestSummer  
 Doig, Ian, Hot Art, Where Magazine, Calgary, AB
- 2012  
 Alexnader, Rob, Branches, Skies Transposed, RockyMountain Outlook, Canmore, AB  
 Doig, Ian, Artists to Watch: Two Takes on Artistic Process, ESSENTIAL Calgary 2012/13  
 Doig, Ian, Editor's Pick, Where Magazine, Calgary, AB
- 2010  
 Hayes, Scott, Human form uncovered for exhibit: Go Figure Opening at Studio Gallery, Preview, St-Albert
- 2008  
 Neighbors, Route finding takes painters on artistic voyage, The Arts, Calgary Herald, Calgary, AB  
 Attwell, Karen, Best Of Calgary, AVENUE, Calgary, AB
- 2007  
 Bennett, Fern, Hopping for Saint John culture, here, Saint John, NB
- 2006  
 Blagrave, Sheila, Alumni Profile: Recent Fine Arts Grad Living her Dream, RECORD No. 81, Sackville, NB
- 2005  
 Kerr, Kate, Saint John Art scene is hopping, Saint John Telegraph Journal, SJ, NB
- 2004  
 Rai, Illiki, Rising Women, Calgary, AB

## **NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **EDUCATION**

Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary, AB

## **ART RESIDENCIES**

SIM Residency, Berlin, Germany

SIM Residency, Reykjavik, Iceland

The Dizziness of Correspondences Themed Residency, The Banff Centre, Banff, AB  
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Emma Lake Residency, Saskatoon, SK

Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB

Glasgow School of Art, Scotland, UK

## **AWARDS**

Master Mentor Program, Levelling Up, Calgary, AB

Top 40 Under 40 Avenue Magazine, Calgary, AB

University of Calgary Panel Speaker, U of C, Calgary, AB

Alberta Foundation for the Arts Purchase Award, Calgary, AB, Recipient

Heritage Property Corporation Art Competition, Winner

Best Of Calgary, Avenue Magazine, Calgary, AB

Printmaking Award, 3rd Year, Mount Allison, Sackville, NB

West Irwin Scholarship, Calgary, AB

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Alberta Foundation for the Arts

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

Medical Ministry International

TransCanada

Heritage Property Corporation

AGS Energy

Whiskey Jack Resources

Courtyard Group

Pengrowth

Strathcona Tweedsmuir School

The Calgary Children's Hospital

The Doorway

Lazy Poet Creative