

## **SARAH CARLSON**

### **ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO**

Carlson pushes paint past the picture plane to playfully translate dynamic natural environments, some of which reference Canadian art history. Painted outdoors in and around the Muskoka region, which is on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg peoples, Carlson gratefully engages with these lands and waterways as a learner and guest.

Her paintings explore the restorative power of immersion within the natural world, with each composition offering moments of meditation. Carlson's paintings celebrate vibrant ecosystems we so often forget we are intimately entangled with. Featuring representations of sweeping vegetation and life-giving water bodies, each energetic landscape invites the viewer into a rich medley of hues and thick, unruly texture, in an effort to evoke a sense of spatial presence, immersion and interconnection.

Sarah Carlson holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours (York University, Ontario, 2009), a Bachelor of Education specializing in Visual Arts (University of Toronto, 2010) and a Master of Fine Arts (OCAD University, 2019). Sarah Carlson has been selected by jury for numerous artist residencies in Canada, Spain (2015) and Italy (2018). Her practice spans painting, sculpture and installation. Carlson has several solo and group exhibitions to her credit and has work in public and private collections in North America and Europe.

## SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

### SOLO / TWO PERSON SHOWS

- 2025 Upcoming Duo Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2022 Slow Burn, Cloud Gallery, Orillia, ON
- 2021 Forest Bath, Cloud Gallery, Orillia, ON  
Chrysalis, Galerie Montcalm, Gatineau, QC
- 2019 Figuring Depths, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON  
Gardens & Grottoes, Ignite Gallery, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Sojourn, The Roundhouse Gallery, Steam Whistle Brewing, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Transcendent, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON  
ReWilding, Graven Feather Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Out of the Woods, Baka Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2015 Within Grain, The Algonquin Theatre Gallery, Huntsville, ON

### GROUP SHOWS

- 2024 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023 Own the Light, Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2021 - 2023 Group Show, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2020 Earth Art, curated: Liza Zhurkovskaya, Arta Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2019 A Stone-Transforming Smile, Red Head Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Unmade, curated: Jill Price, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, ON  
(Re)constructed Landscapes, The Graduate Gallery, OCAD University, Toronto, ON  
Grow Op, curated: LeuWebb Projects, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Always Already, The Graduate Gallery, OCAD University, Toronto, ON  
Hunter's Moon, Experimental Media Space, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Trace, The Graduate Gallery, OCAD University, Toronto, ON  
Feminist Art Conference, curated: Ilene Sova, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2016 SURFACE II, curated: Pam Lobb, Artscape Sandbox Toronto, ON  
Feminist Art Residency Show, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto, ON  
Urban Wild, curated: Naama Bar-David, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON  
Eco Art Exhibition, curated: Phil Anderson, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON
- 2015 Made Here, Graven Feather Gallery, Toronto, ON  
SURFACE, curated: Pam Lobb, 99 Sudbury, Toronto, ON  
The Bees (and the Birds), curated: Christine Pensa, Graven Feather, Toronto, ON  
Emerging Artists 2015, curated: Phil Anderson, Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON
- 2014 Spirit of the Red Pine, The Pearl Company, Hamilton, ON

## NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### AWARDS

2017	Dean's Entrance Scholarship, OCAD University, ON
2016	Project Grant, Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC), BC Travel Bursary, Canadian Wilderness Artist Residency, YT
2015	Selected Artist in Residence, Algonquin Provincial Park, ON
2014	Can Serrat Stipend for Residency, Catalonia International Art Centre, Spain
2010	Best Student Cinematography Finalist, Canadian Society of Cinematographers
2009	Lynne Sarah Torode Memorial Award, academic and artistic excellence, York U

### EDUCATION

2019	OCAD University, Master of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Art, Media and Design
2010	OISE, University of Toronto, Bachelor of Education, Visual Art
2009	York University, Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) Film Production + Visual Art

### ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2023	Cloud Gallery Mini Residency, Snug Harbour, ON
2018	Murmur Land Studios, Miguasha National Park, QC Florence Contemporary, OCAD University, Florence, Italy
2016	Canadian Wilderness Artist Residency, Whitehorse to Dawson City, YT Feminist Art Conference Residency, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto, ON Perennial Threshold Residency, Algonquin Provincial Park, ON
2015	Can Serrat Artist Residency, Montserrat, Barcelona, Spain Graven Feather Artist Residency, Toronto, ON

## EVENTS

- 2024 Meet the Artist Live Painting at Cloud Gallery
- 2023 Plein Air Painting Participant, Yport Normandy, France  
Dundas Valley School of Art, Fundraiser Auction, Dundas, ON  
Art Auction for Old Growth, Art Fundraiser curated by Kyle Scheurmann, BC
- 2020 Dundas Valley School of Art, Fundraiser Auction, Dundas, ON
- 2017 Bombay Sapphire Competition, Regional semi-finalist, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Riverside Arts Festival, juried, Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson, YT  
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, juried, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, ON
- 2015 A Nuit Blanche Event, Graven Feather, Toronto, ON  
Queen West Art Crawl, juried, Trinity Bellwoods Park, Toronto, ON
- 2015 Harvest Art, juried, Whole Foods Market, Oakville, ON
- 2014 Art in the Park, juried, Oakville Art Society, Oakville, ON

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 The Globe and Mail, Muse Gallery presents Sarah Carlson, 2 July
- 2021 Boulianne, Mario. Réouverture de la Galerie Montcalm à Gatineau, Le Droit
- 2020 Interview with Sarah Carlson, Curator on the Go Podcast, 1 December
- 2020 Porous Bodies: Trans-corporeality and Passages of Becoming, Win  
Network Journal Issue 2
- 2019 Gardens & Grottoes: An Interdisciplinary Investigation into Passages of  
Becoming, OCADU
- 2016 She Does the City, Open Studio: FAC at Artscape Gibraltar Point  
Ahmed, Samaa, Meet the Artists: Sarah Carlson, Factoronto  
Pelot, Alice, Sarah Carlson: ReWilding at Graven Feather, Artoronto
- 2015 Rogers, Esther. L'art, par exemple, MISC Magazine
- 2014 Bain, Brinae. Queen Street West Art Crawl 2014, Artoronto  
Beattie, Samantha. Artists Paint to save northern Ontario old-growth  
forest, The Hamilton Spectator

## ARTIST TALKS

- Podcast, The Soul Diaries: "Hello Sunshine", Toronto, ON
- Interview, Curator on the Go, Toronto, ON
- Trace Panel Discussion, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- Art Outdoors, Arc'teryx Yorkdale, Toronto, ON
- Survey of Recent Works, SURFACE II, Artscape Sandbox, Toronto, ON
- Emerging Artists Under 33, Younger Than Beyoncé Gallery, Toronto, ON

## **COLLECTIONS**

The Felt Store, Braunschweig, Germany

Nomi Resort, Harcourt, ON

Steam Whistle Brewing, Toronto, ON

Jim Creeggan Private Collection, Barenaked Ladies, Toronto, ON

The Brand Private Collection, Braunschweig, DE

Can Serrat Permanent Collection, Barcelona, ES

The Chapman Family Collection, Banff, AB

The Bryan Bowers Collection, Vancouver, BC