



GIBSON FINE ART

Richard Cole

About the Artist:

Painter Richard Cole was born in Edmonton and did his art training in Alberta before moving to Vancouver in 1995. He continues to sell his work in galleries in Vancouver, Banff, Victoria, Whistler, Edmonton, Seattle, New York, Switzerland, and Hong Kong. In 2013, he published his first children's book, *The Boy Who Paints*, with writer K. Jane Watt.

Richard's work celebrates the vast spaces of Alberta's prairie lands and the natural beauty of BC's West Coast, sometimes across the expanse of a canola field in bloom or down the long view of a reach of the Fraser River framed by trees and sky. But his work also celebrates small moments that mark the changing of seasons: bright clover against new grass, the colours of wheat, apple blossoms against the bare branches from which they grew.

Change and movement are captured by Richard's brush in dramatic ways, including the advance of waves on an isolated Pacific shore and their pull on the sand as they retreat, or the shape of the wind in prairie grass. But so too are stillness and hush – the moment of silence that precedes the crash of a storm, the windless pause that settles the pond the corner of a field, the quiet surface of a river channel that hints at the power below.

"I am inspired by the wonders of the changing landscape," Richard says. "And I try to paint the intangible – the ever-changing light in the sky, the smell of the weather before a storm, or the movement of the air around you."

Richard continues to paint landscapes large and small and has been incorporating the luminosity of silver leaf into some of his new work. And recently he has expanded his repertoire by looking homeward and into memory. He has been working on capturing the human figure—especially his young family—in giant portraits that reflect the gestures and glances that make up everyday life, and he has returned wholeheartedly to the changing prairie landscapes of his childhood.

Biography:

EXHIBITIONS

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| 2019 | <i>Mountain</i> , Halle Galerie, St. Moritz, Switzerland, Solo |
| | <i>Lumiere</i> , Charles Clark Gallery, Vancouver, Solo |
| 2018 | <i>Prairie</i> , West End Gallery, Edmonton, Solo |

2017 *Portraits*, Arbutus Gallery, Kwantlen University, Surrey, Solo
Fleeting Moment: Figure, Land, Animal, Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo

2015 *New Work*, Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo

2014 Release of children's book *The Girl Who Writes*, Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo
West End Gallery, Edmonton, Solo

2013 Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo
Ian Tan Gallery, Hong Kong, Group

2012 West End Gallery, Victoria, Solo

2011 Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo

2010 Ian Tan Gallery, Hong Kong/Vancouver, Solo

2009 West End Gallery, Victoria, Solo
Canada House Gallery, Solo

2008 Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, Group

2007 Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo
Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, Solo
West End Gallery, Edmonton, Solo
Halde Galerie, Switzerland, Group

2005 Halde Galerie, Widen, Switzerland, Solo
Canada House Gallery, Banff, Solo
Lambert Gallery, Vancouver, Solo
Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, Group
Halde Galerie, Widen, Switzerland, Group
Nan Miller Gallery, Rochester, NY, Group

2004 Portfolio Gallery, Vancouver, Solo
Fountainhead Gallery, Seattle, Group
Halde Galerie, Wide, Switzerland, Group
Lambert Gallery, Vancouver, Group

2003 Van Dop Gallery, New Westminster, Solo
Portfolio Gallery, Vancouver, Solo
Whistler Village Art Gallery, Group
Roche Bobois, Vancouver, Group
Seymour Art Gallery, Deep Cove, BC, Group

2002 Portfolio Gallery, Vancouver, Solo
Van Dop Gallery, New Westminster, BC, Group

2001 Bruce, Vancouver, Group

1997 Browser, Artopolis, Vancouver, Group

1996 The Auburn, Calgary, Solo
Wolf and Wold Gallery, Edmonton, Group
Painted Arrow Gallery, Jasper, Group

1995 The Seoul Gallery, Calgary, Solo
Myxdmedia Gallery, Calgary, Solo
Provenance Gallery, Calgary, Group
Paul Khun Gallery, Calgary, Group

1993 Newzones Gallery, Calgary, Group

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 City of Calgary Mayor's Office, Calgary, Group
1991 Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary, Group
1990 Latitude 53, Edmonton, Group

MEDIA COVERAGE

The Girl Who Writes, Children's Book, by Richard Cole and K. Jane Watt, Fenton Street Publishing House, 2014

The Boy Who Paints, Children's Book, by Richard Cole and K. Jane Watt, Fenton Street Publishing House, 2013

Richard Cole, Recent Work, Galleries West, by Dina O'Meara, 2013

Cover of Best Homes, Western Canada, 2012

Richard Cole, The Forest, Galleries West, by Beverly Cramp, 2004

Artist Richard Cole, Calgary Herald, 2004

Gold Winner, Best Design Home, Western Living Magazine, 1993

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