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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:

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013	Canada House Gallery, Banff Alberta
2012	West End Gallery Victoria BC
2011	Canada House Gallery Banff Alberta
2010	Ian Tan Gallery, Hong Kong/ Vancouver
2009	West End Gallery, Victoria BC
2009	Canada House Gallery, Banff Alberta
2007	Canada House Gallery, Banff Alberta
2007	Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2007	West End Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2005	Halde Galerie, Widen Switzerland
2005	Canada House Gallery. Banff Alberta
2005	Lambert Gallery, Vancouver BC
2004	Portfolio Gallery, Vancouver BC
2003	Van Dop Gallery, New Westminster BC
2003	Portfolio Gallery, Vancouver BC
2002	Portfolio Gallery, Vancouver BC
1996	The Auburn, Calgary, Alberta
1995	The Seoul Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1995	Myxdmedia Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1992	Newzones Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2013	Ian Tan Gallery, Hong Kong
2008	Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2007	Halde Galerie, Switzerland
2005	Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2005	Halde Galerie, Widen Switzerland
2005	Nan Miller Gallery, Rochester, NY USA
2004	Fountainhead Gallery, Seattle WA USA
2004	Halde Galerie, Widen Switzerland
2004	Lambert Gallery, Vancouver BC
2003	WhistlerVillage Art Gallery
2003	Roche Bobois, Vancouver BC
2003	Seymour Art Gallery, Deep Cove BC
2002	Van Dop Gallery, New Westminster BC
2001	Bruce, Vancouver BC
1997	Browser, Artropolis, Vancouver, BC.
1996	Wolf and Wolf Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
1996	Painted Arrow Gallery, Jasper, Alberta
1995	Provenance Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1995	Paul Khun Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1993	Newzones Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1992	City of Calgary Mayor's Office, Calgary
1991	Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1990	Latitude 53, Edmonton, Alberta

EDUCATION

1987-1991 Alberta College of Art, Calgary, Alberta

Visual Arts Diploma major in Painting

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

2003- Orcas in the city, B.C. Lions Society, Vancouver, BC

2002 -20012 Splash; Arts Umbrella, Vancouver. BC

2001 Seva, A room with a view, Vancouver BC

1997 Access Artist run centre fundraiser, Vancouver, BC

1995 Edmonton Opera fundraiser, Edmonton, Alberta

1991-1995 New Gallery fundraiser, Calgary, Alberta