



GIBSON FINE ART

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Blu Smith

About the Artist:

As a young man Blu worked as a sign painter and commercial artist, developing his skills for accuracy and precision. These are the very attributes that he found restricting in his painting. His mature style as an abstract painter began as an exercise to free himself from the technical restraints of realism. Non representational abstract became a creatively freeing direction that evolved into his unique voice as an artist. "I look at my paintings not as individual pieces but rather as a living, breathing and constantly evolving body of work. It really does take on a life of its own." His subject matter is based from organic shapes with strong ties to nature. The organic structures are balanced with cavernous spaces and are filled with light that glow with an atmospheric quality. Typically, he begins with broad washes and textures, then pulls out and develops 3 dimensional shapes within the structures, finally resolving the surface with incisive drawing. The results are glowing organic abstractions. "My work is about the diversity of two different states and the transitions between the two. The real interest lies in bridging the gap between structure and space, foreground and background." Victoria, on the west coast of Canada, is where Blu lives and works with his wife and growing young family. Blu has exhibited his work throughout Canada, Europe and the U.S. for several years.

Biography:

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2011 SPLASH. Live Art Auction. Vancouver, BC
2016 Nov.- The Avenue Gallery, Victoria, Canada
2016 Feb- Kurbatoff Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
2015 April- The Daffodil Gallery, Edmonton, Canada
2014 September- The Avenue Gallery, Victoria, Canada
2014 February- Kurbatoff Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
2013 September- Webster Galleries, Calgary, Canada
2013 February - The Avenue Gallery, Victoria, Canada
2011 March- The Art Gallery Of Greater Victoria, Canada
2010 April- Gallery at Matticks Farm, Victoria, Canada
2008 February- On Canvas Gallery, Victoria, Canada
2004 November- Hambleton Fine Art, Vancouver, Canada
2002 August- Signature Spaces, Victoria, Canada
2001 August- Romano Deco, Victoria, Canada,
1993 Pop, Vancouver, Canada

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITONS

2016 March- The Affordable Art Fair, New York, NY USA

2015 Sept- The Affordable Art Fair, New York, NY USA

2015 April- Love Art Fair, Toronto, Canada

2012 December- "Red Dot" Art Fair, Miami Florida, USA

2012 March- "Artistic Pairings" Blu Smith and Ron Parker, Avenue Gallery, Victoria

2012 February- "Transcending Reality", Webster Galleries, Calgary Ab

2011 September- "Go Big or Go Home", Avenue Gallery, Victoria

2010 September- "Art in Cognito" Vancouver school of Art, Victoria

2010 February- Nevada Museum Of Fine Art, Las Vegas Nevada, USA

2009 December- Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy

2009 February- View St Gallery, Victoria

2008 December- "International Contemporary Masters", California

2008 October- "Transform Art", Vancouver