



GIBSON FINE ART

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Joel Mara

About the Artist:

BC based painter Joel Mara spent his childhood years on the beaches of Vancouver Island. Here he developed an appreciation for nature that grew into an artistic pursuit..

Mara paints evocative landscapes with undulating colorful brushstrokes where his is drawn to the drama and immediacy of nature. When viewed from a distance, viewers will appreciate the sweeping vision of his work; close up, they can witness the intricate, energetic dance of the individual brushstrokes that make up the whole. “The concept of my work is to create a landscape using less drawing and more color,” he explains. “I simplify as much as I dare.”

Joel Mara currently works and paints in Vancouver.

Biography:

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2013 Sisko Gallery, Seattle, WA, USA
- 2013 Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
- 2012 Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2012 Agora Gallery, New York ,NY (August 30 – September 23)
- 2012 Burnaby Counselling Group Fundraiser, The Italian Cultural Center, Vancouver, BC
- 2011 Havana Gallery Solo Show, Vancouver, BC (July) 2011 Darts Hill Art Fair, White Rock, BC (June)
- 2011 Casa Del Cafe Solo Show, North Vancouver, BC (April)
- 2011 Main Street Art Collective Group Show at Raw Canvas, Vancouver, BC (February - March)
- 2010 Elliott Louis Gallery Group Show / Golden Brush Competition, Vancouver, BC (October)
- 2010 The Anonymous Art Show, North Vancouver Community Arts Council (December)
- 2010 Paint for Peace, Douglas College, New Westminster (September)
- 2009 Douglas College Gallery, New Westminster, BC (August 15 – October 23)
- 2009 Arnold Mikelson Art Show, White Rock, BC (July 05 - 16)
- 2009 Riverside Optometry Clinic (Solo Show), Coquitlam, BC (April -September)
- 2009 Darts Hill Art Fair, White Rock, BC (June 18)
- 2009 Art In The Garden, North Vancouver, (June 11,12)
- 2008 Mission Art Gallery, FCA Group Show, Mission, BC (Aug 15 - 24)
- 2008 Arnold Mikelson Art Show, White Rock, BC (July 05 - 16)
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- 2007 Jabez Coffee House, Surrey, BC (September - January)

EDUCATION

- 2008 Oil Painting & Color Techniques with Susan Falk (July – August)
- 2004 Graphic Design & Illustration Diploma, Capillano College
- 2002 Graphic Design Certificate, Mckay Technical Institute

ARTIST STATEMENT

As we look out on nature I think all of us feel the power and glory of the physical world we live in. It can be seen as a vast living creature upon which we live and thrive. Some of us are content to feel these things privately, but others have a need to celebrate what they see by making their own worlds, based upon those they have seen. These worlds on canvas are neither solely a natural phenomenon or solely a human creation. They are a synergy of both and are unique in this respect. It gives me a thrill to create space on a flat surface, to make light dance on water, to form great mountains in the distance. This, to me, is something I must do.