

Jill Thomson

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LIVES & WORKS IN
EDMONTON

ABOUT

Jill Thomson is a contemporary Canadian painter whose work celebrates the vibrant relationships between people, place, and community. Living and working in Edmonton, Alberta, Thomson creates richly layered paintings inspired by neighbourhoods, gardens, cafés, libraries, and the everyday spaces that bring people together. Drawing from memories of a prairie childhood, her years in Montréal, and a lifelong appreciation for urban life, she transforms familiar environments into imaginative, collage-like compositions that celebrate connection, belonging, and the rhythms of daily life.

Working primarily in acrylic and oil, Thomson builds her paintings through luminous colour, intricate pattern, and multiple shifting perspectives that blur the boundaries between interior and exterior space. Homes, gardens, bicycle paths, and city streets unfold across layered surfaces, creating visual narratives that encourage viewers to explore each composition while discovering new relationships between architecture, nature, and community. Her distinctive visual language balances observation with memory, revealing the beauty and vitality found within the places we inhabit every day.

A graduate of Concordia University in Montréal, Thomson has exhibited extensively throughout Canada and her work is held in numerous public, corporate, and private collections, including the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and the Edmonton Arts Council. Through her joyful use of colour and thoughtful exploration of place, Thomson continues to create paintings that celebrate the enduring connections between people, neighbourhoods, and the landscapes they call home.

EXHIBITIONS

2025

City & Story: The Art of Place, Gibson Fine Art, Calgary, s

AGA Art on the Block, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, g

Images in Research Award – Emergent Landscapes, University of Alberta, Edmonton, g

2024

Urban Tapestry: A Trio of Views (with Kari Duke & Sarah Kidner),
Gibson Fine Art, Calgary, g

AGA Art on the Block, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, g

2022

Intergenerational Community Garden, Canterbury Foundation,
Edmonton, g

EXHIBITIONS**(CONT.)****2021**

2021 Women X Women, Alberta Foundation for the Arts TREX
Traveling Exhibition

Globe and Mail / Travel Alberta "Warm Winter" Commission

AGA Art on the Block

2020

Alberta Cultural Days, Urban Gardens by Jill Thomson, Northlands
Urban Garden, Edmonton

Main Street Views, Gibson Fine Art

Jill Thomson Artwork Open Studios, House Concerts and Theatre
Events from Home Studio

2019

AGA Art Rental, Small Works Sale

Feature Artist, Kaleido Festival, The Carrot Community Coffee
House

AGA Art on the Block

AGA Art Rental and Sales, "Meet the Artist"

AGA Feature Artist Blog

2018

Gibson Fine Art Holiday Show

2017

Featured Artist, Gibson Fine Art

Recent Artwork by Jill Thomson and Sara Norquay, The Carrot
Community Arts

Coffee House

2016

Summer Group Show, Gibson Fine Art

Artworks by Pierre Bataillard and Jill Thomson, AGA Art Rental and
Sales Gallery

Dream City, Rivne International Film Festival, "Heritage Quarter"

Collaborative

Video selected for competition

Hinckley Opera Festival, Film Short projection of "Heritage
Quarter"



EXHIBITIONS

(CONT.)

2014

*Curator and Artist, Nest Tree Confidences, Skirtsafire
Multidisciplinary Art*

Festival, Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts

2012

Unfolding Neighbourhoods, Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts

2005

Rochester International Jazz Festival, Rochester, NY

2001

Rochester International Jazz Festival, Rochester, NY

1992

Harcourt Gallery, Duo Artist Exhibits

1990

Harcourt Gallery, Duo Artist Exhibits

1987

Concordia University, Visual Arts Gallery, Montreal

1986

Wellington Warehouse Exhibit, Montreal