

Blu Smith

B. KAMLOOPS,
BRITISH COLUMBIA
LIVES & WORKS IN
VICTORIA

ABOUT

Born in Kamloops, British Columbia, Blu Smith is a contemporary Canadian abstract painter whose work explores the dynamic relationship between structure, space, and the natural world. Living and working in Victoria, British Columbia, Smith creates luminous, large-scale paintings that move beyond literal representation, transforming organic forms and landscapes into radiant fields of colour, texture, and light. Rooted in abstraction yet inspired by nature, his work invites viewers to experience familiar environments through a new and imaginative lens.

Working primarily in acrylic, Smith builds his compositions through broad washes of colour, layered textures, and expressive mark-making before refining each surface with precise linear elements. The resulting paintings balance spontaneity with structure, creating atmospheric compositions that seem to shift and evolve with prolonged viewing. Exploring the space between foreground and background, solidity and openness, his work celebrates transformation while conveying a profound sense of movement and light.

After beginning his artistic career as a commercial artist and sign painter, Smith developed a distinctive abstract practice that has earned recognition throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe. His paintings are held in numerous private and corporate collections and continue to resonate with collectors through their vibrant palette, immersive compositions, and contemporary interpretation of the Canadian landscape.

EXHIBITIONS

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| 2026 | <i>New Works, Gibson Fine Art, Calgary, SOLO</i> |
| 2023 | <i>New Works, Gibson Fine Art, Calgary, SOLO</i> |
| 2021 | <i>New Works, The West End Gallery, Edmonton, SOLO</i> |
| 2021 | <i>2020 No Pressure, No Diamonds, Gibson Fine Art, Calgary, SOLO</i> |
| 2018 | <i>New Works, West End Gallery, Edmonton, SOLO</i>
<i>Dubai Meets the World, Aisha Allabbar Gallery, Dubai</i> |
| 2017 | <i>The Path of Least Resistance, The Avenue Gallery, Victoria, SOLO</i>
<i>IDS West Interior Design Show, Vancouver</i> |
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SOLO
Affordable Art Fair, New York
- 2015** *Gravity*, The Daffodil Gallery, Edmonton, SOLO
Art Basel Showcase, Highlights 2016, Etra Fine Art, Miami
Fractured, Avenue Gallery, Victoria
Coastal Inspirations, Avenue Gallery, Victoria
Affordable Art Fair, New York
Love Art Art Fair, Toronto
- 2014** *Physical Graffiti*, The Avenue Gallery, Victoria, SOLO
An Eye Not Told, Kurbatoff Gallery, Vancouver, SOLO
Ricochet, Webster Galleries, Calgary, SOLO
- 2013** *The Avenue Gallery*, Victoria, SOLO
- 2012** *Red Dot Art Fair*, Miami
Artistic Pairings Blu Smith and Ron Parker, Avenue Gallery,
Victoria
Transcending Reality, Webster Galleries, Calgary
- 2011** *The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria*, Victoria, SOLO
Go Big or Go Home, The Avenue Gallery, Victoria

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- 2010** *Gallery at Matticks Farm, Victoria, SOLO*
Nevada Museum of Fine Art, Las Vegas
- 2009** *Florence Biennale, Florence*
View St. Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2008** *On Canvas Art Gallery, Victoria, SOLO*
International Contemporary Masters 2009, California
Transformart, Vancouver
- 2004** *Hambleton Fine Art, Vancouver, SOLO*
- 2002** *Signature Spaces, Victoria, SOLO*
- 2001** *Hughes, Victoria, SOLO*
Romano Deco, Victoria, SOLO
- 1993** *Pop Gallery, Vancouver, SOLO*

AWARDS

- 2012** *Canadian Who's Who*
The Works Art & Design
- 2011** *Recipient of an ACDI Grant to Individuals*
Bruce Peel Special Collections Library
- 2005** *Edmonton Arts Council*
- 2002** *Alberta Foundation for the Arts*
- 2000** *Alberta Winter Games*

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2016** "Fine Art Intelligence", Feature Article
- 2014** Modern Home Victoria Magazine, Feature Article
- 2013** Galleries West Magazine, Featured Artist, Collectors Corner, Webster Galleries
- "International Contemporary Artists" Vol 6, Feature on Rear Cover, ICA Publishing
- "Art in the Color Blu", Boulevard Magazine, Featured Article
- 2011** "9 Artists to Consider Right Now", Galleries West Magazine, Featured Artist
- "Thinking About Painting," Focus Magazine, Cover and Featured Article
- 2010** "International Contemporary Artists" Vol 2, ICA Publishing
- 2009** "Contemporanea", "Biennale Internazionale Dell'Arte", Florence
- "Boulevard Magazine", Artsmart, Featured Artwork
- 2008** "International Contemporary Masters 2009", World Wide Art Books, Santa Barbara