

Christine Breakell-Lee

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LIVES & WORKS IN
VANCOUVER

ABOUT

Christine Breakell-Lee is a Canadian abstract artist whose richly layered paintings explore the emotional terrain between memory, intuition, and personal experience. Born in Ontario and raised in Vancouver, Breakell-Lee studied Visual Arts and Art History at Simon Fraser University, where her early practice spanned installation, sculpture, and painting before evolving into the expressive abstract works she is known for today.

Working in the spirit of Lyrical Abstraction, Breakell-Lee creates deeply intuitive compositions that function as visual diaries, atmospheric reflections of mood, curiosity, and the shifting emotional rhythms of daily life. Applying acrylic, oil paint, spray paint, pastel, and charcoal primarily with her hands and fingers rather than brushes, the artist establishes a direct and immediate connection with each surface. Her energetic gestures and layered passages of colour move fluidly between calm and chaos, transparency and concealment, grounding and transcendence.

Leaving sections of raw wood exposed throughout her paintings, Breakell-Lee embraces material honesty while allowing texture and grain to become active participants within the work. The resulting compositions are open, vital, and emotionally resonant meditations on vulnerability, freedom, and the complexities of identity.

Breakell-Lee lives and works in Vancouver, where she maintains a full-time studio practice in the historic 1000 Parker Building in the city's eastside arts district.

EXHIBITIONS

ONGOING

Art Rental & Sales Exhibitions, Vancouver Art Gallery Art Rental & Sales, Vancouver GROUP

ONGOING

Featured Artist Exhibitions, Gibson Fine Art, Calgary GROUP

ANNUAL/ONGOING

Eastside Culture Crawl, Parker Street Studios/Eastside Arts District, Vancouver GROUP

2025

Chil Interior Design Commission Presentation, Richmond BC GROUP

EXHIBITIONS

(CONT.)

2017

Abstract Design Showcase, Kimoto Gallery, Vancouver GROUP

Arts Umbrella Splash Art Auction & Gala, Arts Umbrella,
Vancouver GROUP

2010

Mixed Media, Independent, Vancouver SOLO

COLLECTIONS

QuadReal Property Group Corporate Collection, Calgary AB