



CURTIS CUTSHAW

Born in Edmonton, Alberta 1967 Lives in Calgary, Alberta

Artist Statement

Curtis Cutshaw's paintings show us how a painting is made. Each step of the Artist's process can be seen. Each choice is there for the viewer to unravel, as if stopped in time. Each piece shows a choice, a step forward to the final realization of the complete painting.

Fractured and deconstructed images on individual birch wood tiles create a sense of removal of meaning. Scratched, rubbed, marked, erased and distressed images hint at repurposing and the multiple pieces appear to have had a history, where in fact the artist creates them. The viewers' mind wants to reassemble the pieces and use what is there to create what is not there. Cutshaw does not allow for the accidental. The works may appear spontaneous, yet every piece, every mark; whether it is painted, drawn or scratched, is intentional and created by the artist. The artists' touch, his hand and his construction are at the center of each work.

Cutshaw has an ongoing dialogue with the picture plane. Depending on what the artist does with each piece in the painting, he either adds to or denies spatial reference. A mark scratched into the surface flattens the picture plane, denying illusionistic space, bringing the viewers' eye to the surface; where half of a circle implies the whole, creating illusionistic space. Through Cutshaw's paintings, the viewer can experience this dichotomy and the viewer is able to see one choice and a thousand choices through assemblage. Each shape is a record of a moment that can be seen, experienced, and arrived.

Education

Curtis Cutshaw received his B.F.A from the Alberta College of Art + Design. While still a student, he was accepted into the New York Loft Program where he was mentored by well known American artists Peter Halley and David Diao. After graduation, Cutshaw attended the prestigious summer residency program at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Skowhegan, Maine, USA. At Skowhegan Cutshaw was mentored by British artist John Walker, as well as American artists Terry Winters, Connie Fox, Judy Rifka, Leon Golub and Bill King. Cutshaw also attended the International Artist Workshops in Emma Lake, Saskatchewan. Cutshaw has shown across the United States, Canada and internationally. His work is in numerous public and private collections including Nordstrom, Alberta Foundation for The Arts, Cenovus Energy, Encana Corporation, Mount Royal University, Shell Limited, and Wilson Laycraft LLP.

Education

- 1989 Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine, USA *Summer Residency Program*
- 1989 Alberta College of Art, Calgary, AB, Canada, *Diploma of Painting (with Distinction)*
- 1988 Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, New York, NY, USA *New York Loft Program*
- 1986 Red Deer College, Red Deer, AB, Canada *Summer Painting Residency Program*

Selected Exhibitions

- 2020 Organized Abstraction, Group Show. TEW Galleries. Atlanta GA
- 2020 Winter Group Exhibition, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2019 11th Annual Silent Auction, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2019 Five Hole, Solo Show, Herringer Kiss Gallery Calgary AB
- 2019 Summer ReFRESH Group Exhibition, Gilles Clement Gallery, Greenwich CT
- 2019 Summer Group Exhibition, Youn Gallery, Montreal, QC
- 2019 Black. A Group Show. Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2018 10th Annual Silent Auction, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2018 Geometric Generation, Curtis Cutshaw and Alex Couwenberg. Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver
- 2018 Curtis Cutshaw, North and South, Tew Galleries, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Group Show, Vancouver BC
- 2017 *50, solo show.* Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2017 *Summer Group Show,* Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2017 *20 Years Kostuik Gallery,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2016 *Construct,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2015 *Backroom,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2015 *Summer Group Show,* Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2014 *Levels and Constructs,* Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2014 *HK Summer 14 Group Show, The Painters,* Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2014 *Winter Group Show,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2013 *Group Show,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2013 *Art Rise.* The Art Gallery of Calgary.
- 2013 *Art for Food-Group Show.* Herringer Kiss Gallery
- 2013 *2013 Winter Group Show.* Herringer Kiss Gallery
- 2012 *Watermark,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2012 *Art for Food- Group Show.* Herringer Kiss Gallery
- 2012 *Watermark,* Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2012 *Indigo,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2011 *Art for Food-Group Show* Herringer Kiss Gallery
- 2011 *Pull,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2010 *Fresh Paint,* Alberta Foundation for the Arts Traveling Exhibition, AB 2010 *Sketchbook Project,* Art House Coop, Brooklyn NY
- 2009 *Group Exhibition,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2008 *Summer Group Exhibition,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 *Group Show,* Halde Galerie, Widen, Switzerland
- 2007 *The Dowsing Rod Series,* Skew Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2007 *Blindspot,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 *The Dowsing Rod Series,* SKEW Gallery, Calgary AB
- 2006 *Advent,* Halde Galerie, Widen, Switzerland
- 2006 *Curtis Cutshaw New Work,* Halde Galerie, Widen Switzerland
- 2005 *Sprung: Group Exhibition,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2005 *Breathing Light,* Skew Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2004 *Wet Paint,* Group Show, Skew Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2004 *A Hundred Cares,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2001 *Royer Group,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2001 *Abstraction,* Paul Kuhn Fine Arts, Calgary, AB
- 2000 *Fresh,* Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC 1998 *Miramar,* Paul Kuhn Fine Arts, Calgary, AB
- 1997 *Four Independents,* Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts, Calgary, AB
- 1995 *CUTSHAW, HALLIDAY, KOTTMANN,* Sebastian Yoon Fine Arts, Calgary, AB

- 1992 *Miramar, New Paintings by Curtis Cutshaw*, 371 Gallery, Alberta College of Art & Design, Calgary
 1989 *Twenty Painters*, Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine, USA
Graduating Students Exhibition, Alberta College of Art, Main Gallery, Calgary, AB
The First Annual Awards Reception Show, Alberta College of Art, Student Gallery, Calgary, AB
Fusion, Mount Royal College, Calgary, AB
Nineteen in 89-ACA Painting Graduates, Mixed Media Gallery, Calgary, AB
Works on Paper, Emily Carr College of Art & Design, Vancouver, BC
 1988 *Group Show*, Alberta College of Art, Student Gallery,
 Calgary, AB
Four Painters: Curtis Cutshaw, Barbra Leidl, Yvonne Markotic, Brenda Whiteman, DL Gallery,
 Calgary, AB
Pentimental, Alberta College of Art, Student Gallery, Calgary, AB
 1998 *Twenty Paintings by Curtis Cutshaw* Alberta College of Art, Mall Gallery, Calgary

Awards

The Alberta Award
 Laura Mae Stillings Award
 Skowhegan School of Painting &
 Sculpture
 Benniy & Smith Canada LTD. Award
 Illingworth Kerr Scholarship, New York Loft
 Program, Calgary Sketch Club Award

Art Fairs

- 2017 TIAF, Toronto International, Herringer Kiss Gallery, Toronto ON
 2016 Context Art Miami, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Miami FL
 2014 TIAF, Toronto International, Herringer Kiss Gallery, Toronto ON
 2012 artMRKT San Francisco, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, San Francisco CA
 2011
 Art Miami, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Miami FL
 2011 TIAF, Toronto International, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Toronto ON
 2010 TIAF, Toronto International, Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Toronto
 ON
 2007 *Photo Miami*, SKEW Gallery, Miami FL
 2006 *Photo Miami*, Miami Basel, Miami FL

Collections

Alberta Foundation for
 TheArts Encana
 Cenovus
 Canada Mount
 Royal
 University
 Shell Canada
 Limited
 Wilson
 Laycraft LLP
 Nordstrom
 Various Private Collections

Press

- 2017 Galleries West- Curtis Cutshaw 50
 2017 Canadian Art- Must See Show Curtis Cutshaw
 2017 Critics at Large- Tectonic: The Quantum Paintings of Curtis Cutshaw. Donald Brackett.
 2016 Alberta Foundation for the Arts- Influential Artists Nomination 2016
 2014 Fast Forward Weekly
 2014 Avenuecalgary.ca Avenue Magazine
 2014 Beatroute.ca- Arteries
 2014 Wherevent.ca
 2014 Canadian Art Magazine. Montreal, Canada.
 2014 Galleries West
 2012 Artsy-Dartsy.com
 2012 Vancouver Magazine- Artist invents new way of drawing.

- 2012 Art Pr Wire
- 2012 Swerve Magazine April 2012
- 2012 Preview the Gallery Guide, review April 2012, Mia Johnson
- 2007 Scott Rogers, *Strange Creatures: Curtis Cutshaw's subtle, energetic works*, FFWD Weekly,
May 24 2007
- Nancy Tousley, *Divining a new way of Drawing*, Calgary Herald, May 20, 2007, C4
- 2007 Canadian Art Magazine.
- 2007 National Post- Blindspot
- 2005 Emily Barnett, *Art & Style: A Guild to Art for the Home*, Beautiful Homes Magazine, Dec. 2005,
Nice Homes Magazine, May 2005 Page 32.
- Curtis Cutshaw*, Galleries West Magazine, Summer 2005, Page 30.
- 2004 CBC News, Evening News, Vancouver, BC. Lin Connery, *The Next Wave: Calgary's Rising Young Artists* Calgary Herald, Sept.4, 2000, pg. AG1 AG2.
- 1988 Kate Zimmerman, *Travel Broadens Students' Vistas*, The Calgary Herald, April 22, 1989, Sec D, p7

Professional Development

- 2001 *Saskatchewan Invitational Artist's Workshop*
University of Saskatchewan, Kenderdine
Campus, Emma Lake, Saskatchewan