

CHRIS MILLAR

Born 1977 in Claresholm, Alberta
Lives and works in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

EDUCATION

- 2000 B.F.A., Painting Major, Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary, Alberta
1998 Fine Arts Diploma, Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, Alberta

EXHIBITIONS

Solo

- 2014 *Lost a cartful, Found a wagonload*, TrépanierBaer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
2012 *The Untimely Transmogrification of the Problem*, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
2011 *Looking Up at Icicles*, TrépanierBaer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
2010 *RIME*, Truck Contemporary Art Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
2009 *Simon & Farfenougan & Hunter*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
Bejeweled Double Festooned Plus Skull for Girls, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2008 *Sandwich and Burger Patch*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2007 *Boiyd Howses and Other Hatstands*, ThreeWalls Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2006 *Message in a Bottle*, Truck Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
1999 *Self-titled Debut*, Marion Nicoll Gallery, Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary

Group

- 2015 *Oh, Canada*, Glenbow Museum; The Esker Foundation; Illingworth Kerr Gallery at ACAD ; The Nickle Galleries at the University of Calgary – Calgary, AB
2014 *Oh, Canada*, Confederation Centre Art Gallery, Charlottetown, PEI; Owens Art Gallery, Sackville, NB; Louise and Reuben Cohen Art Gallery at the University of Moncton, NB; Galerie Sans Nom, Moncton, NB
Portrait, TrépanierBaer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
90 x 90: Celebrating Art in Alberta, Part I, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta; curated by Nancy Tousley
2013 *Le Project Peinture/The Painting Project*, Galerie de l'UQAM, Montréal, Québec; curated by Julie Bélisle, Louise Déry, Marie-Eve Beaupré; catalogue
1912/2012: Made in Alberta, Museum of Contemporary Art, Calgary, AB
2012/2013 *Oh, Canada*, MASS MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts
2012 Art Toronto with TrépanierBaer
2010 *It Is What It Is: Recent Acquisitions of New Canadian Art*, National Gallery, Canada
Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, Ontario with TrépanierBaer
Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Australia with TrépanierBaer
Timeland: 2010 Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
2008 ARCO, Madrid, Spain with TrépanierBaer
Thick and Thin, Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta
Graphic Visions, Art Gallery of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan
2007 ARCO, Madrid, Spain with TrépanierBaer
RBC Canadian Painting Competition, Galerie d'art Louise-et-Reuben-Cohen, Université de Moncton, New Brunswick; MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, Ontario;

- Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Emily Carr Institute of Art + Design, Vancouver, BC
- 2006 Art.Fair International, with TrépanierBaer, Cologne, Germany
ARCO, Madrid, Spain with TrépanierBaer
Found in Pop, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
Crazy Eights – emerging artists predict the future, part of *20 Years of Contemporary Art, Gossip and Lies: 1985 – 2005 at Stride*, Stride Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
- 2005 RBC Canadian Painting Competition, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Saint Mary's University Gallery, Bau-Xi Gallery, Galerie Sussex Gallery, *Alberta Biennial Of Contemporary Art Exhibition*, Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff, Alberta; Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2003 *Spread*, Artcity Festival Visual Arts Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta
- 2001 *The Brando Clubhouse*, New West Project, Art Gallery of Calgary Urbanart Program (UP), Curator: Luanne Martineau, Alberta (invitational), Calgary, Alberta
- 2000 *Crank Warriors*, Latitude 53, Projex Room, Edmonton, Alberta (two person show)
- 1999 *The University of Calgary Exchange Show*, Little Gallery, U of Calgary, Alberta
- 1998 *Neo-Fauvists*, Lebensraum Gallery, Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary
- 1998 *Optik Kandy*, Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, Alberta

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Artist Residency - Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff, Alberta
- 2007 ThreeWalls Artist-In-Residence Program, Chicago, Illinois
- 2005 *Alberta Biennial New Works* residency, Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta (Jan 10- Feb 26)
- 2001-02 Programming Assistant, The Stride Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

PUBLIC ARTIST LECTURES

- 2010 *It Is what it Is: Recent Acquisitions of New Canadian Art*, Artist talk, National Gallery of Canada
Pop Goes the World: The Relationship Between Popular Culture and the Fine Arts; 6th Annual Grande Prairie Regional College Fine Arts Symposium
- 2007 Visiting Artist Lecture, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
Visiting Artist Lecture, ThreeWalls Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

COLLECTIONS

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Art Gallery of Alberta
Glenbow Museum
National Gallery of Canada

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/VOLUNTEER

Stride Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
Truck Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2012 Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Award
- 2009 Calgary Public Library Foundation Literary Award, Art of the Book, 3-D Art for *Simon & Farfenougan & Hunter*
Canada Council Visual Arts Project Grant

- 2007 2007 RBC Painting Competition Runner-up
Canada Council, Project Grant
- 2005 Creation/Production Grant, Canada Council for the Arts
Short-listed for 2005 RBC Painting Competition
- 2003 Project Grant, Alberta Foundation for the Arts
- 1999 Study Grant, Alberta Foundation for the Arts
- 1998 Study Grant, Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Scholarship, Works Festival, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1997 Francis Henderson Klinge Scholarship, Grant MacEwan Community College
Randy O. Langley Purchase Award
Dr. Jim Henderson Purchase Award

PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 *Le Project Peinture/The Painting Project*, Galerie UQAM, with essays by Louise Déry, Julie Bélisle, Robin Anthony, Nicolas Marvrikakis, Jonathan Shaughnessy
- 2012 *The Untimely Transmogrification of the Problem*, RBC New Works Gallery, Art Gallery of Alberta, 2012 with essay by Nancy Tousley
- 2008 *RBC Painting Competition - Ten Years*, "Chris Millar's Vision of the Universe: To Be Continued," by Kitty Scott, Friesens, Altona, Manitoba
- 2006 *Crazy Eights – emerging artists predict the future*, part of *20 Years of Contemporary Art, Gossip and Lies: 1985 – 2005 at Stride*, exhibition brochure
- 2003 *The Making of a Beyonder*, G.W. Millar, Thousands Oaks, CA, Corwin Press, Illustrations
- 1995 *The Creativity Man: The Biography of E. Paul Torrence*, G.W. Millar, Norwood, NJ, Ablex Publishing Corporation, Illustrations

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2014 Ker, Lucas. "A Weird and Wild Wagonload," *Fast Forward Weekly*, April 10-16, 2014, p. 11
Roe, Jon. "Design Decoder: Chris Millar," *Swerve Magazine*, April 11-14, 2014, pp. 26-27
- 2012 McCoy, Heath. "Four Calgary artists honoured with Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Awards," *Calgary Herald*, June 14th, 2012
ALBERTA PRIMETIME, "Artist Chris Millar," Air date: February 6th, 2012
Ryan, Janice, "Escape into Chris Millar's wondrous fantasy world at AGA," *Edmonton Art Journal*, January 26, 2012
- 2011 McCoy, Heath, "Exhibit focuses on the art of the absurd," *Calgary Herald*, September 22nd, 2011
Ylitalo, Katherine, "Special Effects," *Galleries West*, Fall/Winter 2011, pp. 38-41
- 2010 Tousley, Nancy. "Fresh from the studio," *Calgary Herald, Art in the City Blog*, May 11, 2010
- 2009 Williamson, Andrea. "Art in the Age of Mechanical Toy Making at TrépanierBaer," *ShotgunReview.ca*, December 22, 2009
Tousley, Nancy. "Millar's imagination factory a wonder," *Calgary Herald*, December 5, 2009, pp. D1, D5
Sandals, Leah. "Behind the Music," *National Post*, July 2, 2009
Tousley, Nancy. "Stranger than fiction," *Calgary Herald*, June 21, 2009
Monast, Jahan. "Simon & Farfenougan & Hunter," *BeatRoute*, June 2009, p.71
VanGalen, Chad. "A Concrete Dreamer's Guide to Calgary," *Westjet up! Magazine*, June 2009, pp. 16-22
Tousley, Nancy. "3-D object takes flight," *Calgary Herald*, January 25, 2009

- 2008 *Akimbo*, "2008 Critics' Picks", December 17, 2008
 Tousley, Nancy. "Chris Millar kicks it up a notch", *Calgary Herald*, Section C - Books & the Arts, Sunday, January 20, 2008, pp. C1-C2
 Dubeau, Janelle. " Meanwhile, in the Burger Patch..." *FastForward Weekly*, January 3-9, 2008
 Johnson, Mia. "Chris Millar", *Preview*, Nov/Dec/Jan 2007/2008. p. 8
- 2007 Popoff, Martin. "Life in Black: Calgary Artist Wins Award by Portraying Norwegian Black Metal and Alternative Dentistry!", *Brave Worlds & Bloody Knuckles*, Wednesday, October 10, 2007
 Black, Anthea. "Death metal painting a big winner for Calgary artist", *FFWD Weekly*, October 4-10, 2007, p. 45
 Tousley, Nancy. "Calgary painter aims at over-the-top", *Calgary Herald*, Tuesday, September 25, 2007, p. E8
 "Galleries and Museums", *Chicago Reader*, September 21, 2007, p. 22
 Salsbury, Britany L. "Tip of the Week: Chris Millar", *Newcity*, September 13, 2007
 "Punking Dr. Crane", *Chicago Reader*, September 7, 2007, p. 23
 Foumber, Jason. "Night Moves", *Newcity*, September 6, 2007, p. 22
- 2006 "Chris Millar". *Legacy Magazine*, Fall 2006, p. 25
 Tousley, Nancy. "Chris Millar: Truck Gallery, Calgary", *Canadian Art*, Summer 2006, Volume 23, Number 2, p. 94
 Tousley, Nancy. "Waiting for the punchline?", *Calgary Herald*, Saturday, March 11, 2006
 Adams, Sarah. "Bad Ideas: The Work of Chris Millar", *BeatRoute*, February 2006, p. 38
 Lafortune, Wes. "I've got a fever..." *FFWD*, March 2-8, 2006, Vol. II, No. 12, 9. 23
- 2005 Bouchard, Gilbert A. "From Bart to Bosch", *The Edmonton Journal*, June 6, 2005, pp. B1, B3
- 2003 Black, Anthea. "Spreading the Art Around", *Fast Forward Weekly*, September 11, 2003, p.29