

DAVID McKAY, RCA  
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David McKay was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick in 1945. He graduated from Fredericton High School in 1964 and the Saint John Institute of Technology in 1967. He is self taught as an artist.

Following is a chronological list of highlights since his first one-man show in 1971 at *the Unitarian House* in Fredericton, NB.

- 1972 • Began painting on a full time basis exhibiting locally in New Brunswick art galleries.
- 1972 - 1975 • Solo exhibitions at: *the University of New Brunswick*, Fredericton, NB; *The Morrison Art Gallery*, Saint John, NB; *Cassel Galleries*, Fredericton, NB; *Gallery One*, Moncton, NB
- 1976 • Began showing with *the Shayne Gallery* in Montreal, QC and *the Aggregation Gallery* in Toronto, ON
- 1977 - 1981 • Solo shows with: *the Shayne Gallery*, Montreal, QC; *Gallery One*, Moncton, NB; *Manuge Galleries*, Halifax, NS; *Cassel Galleries*, Fredericton, NB; *Morrison Gallery*, Saint John, NB; *Ring Gallery*, Saint John, NB and *Landmark Gallery*, Fredericton, NB
- 1982 - 1983 • Commissioned to paint *the MacDonald Farm Historic Park* for *Bell Aliant*. The resulting four paintings were reproduced on *Bell Aliant's* telephone directory covers that year and are in *Bell Aliant's* permanent collection.
  - Solo show at *the Shayne Gallery*, Montreal, QC
- 1984 - 1986 • Work selected for the *NB Juried Exhibition* organized by *the Beaverbrook Art Gallery*
  - Conducted a series of workshops on the technique of egg tempera painting for various art groups and art educators in New Brunswick.
  - Exhibited in *Four New Brunswick Painters*, *Ring Gallery*, Saint John, NB
  - Painting commissioned by the Province of New Brunswick and presented to *His Royal Highness Prince Andrew* during his royal visit in 1985.
  - Major work commissioned by *Irving Oil Limited*, Saint John, NB
- 1987 • Both entries chosen for the *NB Art Competition* at the *Beaverbrook Art Gallery*, Fredericton, NB
  - Paintings purchased for the permanent collection of *the Owens Art Gallery*, *Mount Allison University*, Sackville, NB
- 1989 • Work selected for *the Marion McCain Juried Exhibition of Art* at the *Beaverbrook Art gallery*, Fredericton, NB

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- 1990
  - Exhibited in *Celebration 100*, Moncton Museum, Moncton, NB
  - Solo shows at: *Ring Gallery*, Saint John, NB; *The Andrew and Laura McCain Gallery*, Florenceville, NB; *Gallery 78*, Fredericton, NB
  - Featured in *ASN-TV* special "Off the Wall"
  - Feature interview with Kevin Ryan, Main Street, *CBC Radio*, October 16th.
- 1991
  - Solo show at *Ring Gallery*, Saint John, NB
  - All three entries accepted for the biennial *Marion McCain Exhibition of Art* at the *Beaverbrook Art Gallery*, Fredericton, NB
  - Judged annual exhibition for *Moncton Society of Artists*
- 1992 - 1996
  - Selected for *Works in Progress*, *Beaverbrook Art Gallery*, Fredericton, NB
  - Solo shows at *Gallery 78*, Fredericton, NB and *Ring Gallery*, Saint John, NB
  - Included in *Vision 20/20* at *Gallery 78* (20th anniversary exhibition October, 1996)
- 1997 - 2001
  - Two person show with *Gordon Dunphy* at *Gallery 78*, Fredericton, NB
  - Lecture and demonstration of the egg tempera painting technique *Saint John Art Centre*, Saint John, NB
  - Solo shows at *Madras Gallery*, Gagetown, NB and *Peter Buckland Gallery*, Saint John
  - Solo show with *Canada Media Marketplace*, New York City, New York, USA
- 2002
  - *CBC Radio Canada* half hour feature: *Artiste dans l'Ame*
  - Included in *Atlantic Canadian Artists* at the *Beaverbrook Art Gallery*, Fredericton, NB
  - Solo show at *Moncton City Hall Gallery*, Moncton, NB
  - Solo show at *Gallery 78*, Fredericton, NB
- 2003
  - *Beaverbrook Art Gallery* purchases watercolour painting, *Old Apple Tree and Summer* for permanent collection
  - *Bravo TV* nationally televised, *Spirited Artists*
- 2005
  - *Beaverbrook Art Gallery* acquires egg tempera painting *Still Waters* for permanent collection
- 2006
  - Elected to membership in *The Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (RCA)*
  - Solo exhibition at *Gallery 78*, Fredericton, NB
- 2007
  - Exhibited at *Toronto International Art Fair*, Toronto, ON
- 2008
  - Included in *The Drawing Show*, Peter Buckland Gallery, Saint John, NB
  - Work chosen for *Docents Choice*, *Beaverbrook Art Gallery*, Fredericton, NB
  - Exhibited at *Boston International Fine Art Show*, Boston, Mass, USA
- 2009
  - *Portraits-New Brunswick Painters*, New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, NB  
(with accompanying book of the same title by Wilson, Larocque, Buckland)

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- 2010
  - *McKay, Scott and Wilson*, three person show at Peter Buckland Gallery, Saint John, NB
  - *Fields and Generations*, solo show at Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB
  - Included in *Wolostoq (Beautiful River): The Saint John River Project*, Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, NB
- 2011
  - Solo show at *Argyle Fine Art*, Halifax, NS
  - Solo show at Moncton City Hall Gallery, Moncton, NB
  - Paintings projected as backdrop for Theatre New Brunswick's production of *David Adams Richards "Hockey Dreams"*
- 2012
  - Appointed to Board of Directors of *the Canada Council for the Arts*
- 2013
  - Solo show at Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB
- 2014
  - Solo exhibition at the Saint John Art Centre, Saint John, NB (September and October)
- 2015
  - *Hibernus*, Royal Canadian Academy juried show, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
  - *Making Things Matter: 5 Painters*, Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB
- 2016
  - *Ancestral Roots*, one person show at Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB
  - *The Paintings of David McKay*, Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery, Florenceville, NB
- 2018
  - Received the *Senate 150 Anniversary Medal*
- 2019
  - Solo exhibition at Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB
  - Received the Fredericton Arts Achievement Award
  - Work chosen for Marion McCain Exhibition of Atlantic Art at Beaverbrook Art Gallery
- 2021
  - Elected to membership in Society of Canadian Artists (SCA)
  - *SCA 53rd. Open International Juried Exhibition*, Papermill Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
  - Won the *Duggan Canadian Landscape Award* in the 53rd. Open International Exhibition
  - Juried in to the *SCA Elected Members Juried Exhibition*
- 2022
  - Painting chosen for the SCA, Atlantic Regional Exhibition at 14 Bells Fine Art Gallery, Halifax, NS
  - *David McKay: After 50 Years*. Solo exhibition at Gallery 78, Fredericton NB

During his fifty year career, David McKay has been interviewed numerous times on local and national radio and television. Articles on his work have appeared in: *Art Magazine*, #22 and #25; *The Atlantic Advocate*, June 1977; *Atlantic Insight*, May 1979 and January 1983; *Halifax*, September 1980; *Arts Atlantic* nos. 11, 14, 18, 19, 24, 25, 36, 38, 43, 47, 49 and 55; *Salon (Telegraph Journal)*, January 27, 2007 and August 1, 2009; *The Canadian Who's Who*.

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David McKay's paintings are in the collections of:

*The Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, NB*  
*Owens Art Gallery (Mount Allison University), Sackville, NB*  
*His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, England*  
*Esso Resource Centre, Calgary, AB*  
*The New Brunswick Art Bank, Fredericton, NB*  
*Confederation Art Gallery, Charlottetown, PEI*  
*University of New Brunswick (both Fredericton and Saint John campuses), NB*  
*Royal Bank Building, Ottawa, ON*  
*Pagurian Press, Toronto, ON*  
*Cities of: Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton, NB*  
*Universite de Moncton, Moncton, NB*  
*The New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, NB*  
*Le Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne, Fredericton, NB*  
*Bank of Nova Scotia, Fredericton, NB*  
*Irving Oil Limited, Saint John, NB*  
*McCain Foods Ltd., Toronto, ON*