

AMY SHACKLETON

Toronto, ON

BIOGRAPHY

Canadian born Amy Shackleton is a professional visual artist – a skilled urban landscape painter with an inventive technique embracing gravity. Her background includes a Fine Arts Honours Degree from York University (Toronto, ON), an extensive exhibition history, including a 2017/18 National Tour exhibiting her 53-foot interpretive panorama of Canada, and paintings displayed in hundreds of private and public collections, including THEMUSEUM, Colart Collection, Facebook Canada, and the University of Cincinnati. Shackleton is an active member on the Board of Directors at the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington and within the larger Ontario and Canadian arts community. She works from her studio in Oshawa, Ontario.

ARTIST STATEMENT

Inspired by her travels, Shackleton's work explores the conflicting relationships between humanity and the environment by depicting an uncertain future where cities blend with nature. She draws upon the real-life urgency regarding climate change (demonstrated in extreme global weather events) and uses visual art to question the future direction – be it utopian or apocalyptic. Renowned for the deliberate absence of human life, her work has been recognized and acknowledged by arts professionals,

"Notably absent in all Shackleton's paintings are people, traffic and other living presences. Absence leaves space for projection; space, scale and time are ambiguous, incongruencies go unnoticed." Todd Tremeer, Curator

"Although Shackleton's paintings are intended to be designs for quotidian urban agriculture of the future, many paintings could also be perceived as jarringly atrophic." Matthew Ryan Smith, Curator

Shackleton's work references opposing forces – the technique (control vs. spontaneity) and the subject matter (architecture vs. nature). Moreover, rather than conventional paintbrushes, she uses squeeze bottles and gravity as her primary tools for creation. Liquid paint is dripped, poured and layered as the canvas is rotated to navigate. Whereas, the architectural aspects of her work are calculated, measured and controlled – as they are precise marks of reality – natural elements embody the spontaneous, unpredictable liquid impulse.

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CV

BORN

1986 Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada

EDUCATION

2008 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours), York University, Toronto, ON

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *New Work (Forthcoming)*. Art Gallery of Northumberland, Cobourg, ON
- 2020 *Playing with Fire/Water/Ice (Forthcoming)*. Museum of Dufferin, Mulmur, ON
- 2019 *Turn It Around*, #Hashtag Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2017-18 *Traveling Exhibition: The Great Canadian LEEDscape*. THEMUSEUM, Kitchener, ON
- 2017 *Traveling Exhibition: The Great Canadian LEEDscape*. Maison du Developpement Durable, Montreal, QC
- 2017 *Traveling Exhibition: The Great Canadian LEEDscape*. Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, Bowmanville, ON
- 2017 *Traveling Exhibition: The Great Canadian LEEDscape*. Evergreen Brick Works, Toronto, ON
- 2016 *Just Imagine*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2015 *Light Show*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2014 *Building on the Edge*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2014 *Down the Road*. Mike Wright Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2014 *Reflections of The Future*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2013 *Things Are Looking Up*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2012 *TERRACES: A Series of Steps to a Sustainable Future*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2011 *RevitalizaT.On*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2011 *Refresh*. Gerry Thomas Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2011 *Liquid Cities*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2010 *Natural Capacity*. Oakwood Village Library + Arts Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2009 *Ecocities*. Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Futures*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
2020 *Earth Art*, Arta Gallery, Toronto, ON
2020 *The Artist Project*. Juried Art Fair, Toronto, ON
2019 *Artists' Artists*. Station Gallery, Whitby, ON
2019 *Spring Moments*. Arta Gallery, Toronto, ON
2019 *The Artist Project*. Juried Art Fair, Toronto, ON
2019 *Perfect Moment*. Juried Exhibition, Station Gallery, Whitby, ON
2018 *McMichael En Plein Air Painting Competition*. Award Winning Artist. McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg, ON
2018 *IMPACT 2018*. Juried Exhibition, Neilson Park Creative Centre, Etobicoke, ON
2018 *FORM*. Two-year public exhibit, Tridel + OCAD U + PATCH, Toronto, ON
2018 *Artexpo New York (solo booth)*. Pier 94, New York, NY
2018 *Drawing for Art*. Station Gallery, Whitby, ON
2016 *Chromatics*. Mike Wright Gallery, Denver, CO
2015 *The Artists*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2013 *Group Show*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2012 *Face Off*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2011 *Forests of Art*. Degree Art Gallery, London, UK
2011 *The 12th Toronto International Art Fair*. Booth with Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2011 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*. Nathan Philips Square, Toronto, ON
2010 *The 11th Toronto International Art Fair*. Booth with AGO Art Rental & Sales, Toronto, ON
2010 *In Person*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2010 *Behind the Green Door*. DNA Gallery, Provincetown, MA
2010 *Ecocities. ECO Friendly Expo, 7 West 24th Street, New York, NY*
2010 *Contemporary Fine Artists You Should Know About*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2009 *Lovely Littles*. Art Gallery of Ontario Art Rental & Sales, Toronto, ON
2009 *The Best of 2009*. Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
2009 *Surreal Landscape*. DNA Gallery, Provincetown, MA
2009 *Construct*. Art Gallery of Ontario Art Rental & Sales, Toronto, ON
2009 *Energeia 12-13*. Energy Gallery, Toronto, ON
2009 *Through the Eyes of the Artist*. Lake Shore Arts, The Assembly Hall, Toronto, ON
2009 *I Am Nature*. Keep 6 Contemporary Gallery, Toronto, ON
2009 *In Sights*. LENNOX Contemporary, Toronto, ON
2008 *ENVRNMNT: Communicating Sustainability*. U of T Sustainability Office, Toronto, ON

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- 2008 *Peinture Fraîche/Fresh Paint*. Galerie Art Mûr, Montreal, QC
- 2008 *Racing Thoughts*. Propeller Centre for Visual Arts, Toronto, ON
- 2008 *Senior Year Juried Exhibition*. ArtCube Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2007 *Traces*. The Gales Gallery, York University, Toronto, ON

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2018 First Choice Award, En Plein Air Painting Competition, McMichael Canadian Art Collection
- 2017 Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant
- 2014 Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant
- 2012 Ontario Arts Council, Project Grant
- 2010 Signature Art Award Finalist, Degree Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2009 Offer of Admission, MFA program in Visual Arts, Western University, London, ON
- 2009 Public Choice Award, 1st place, Elain Fleck Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2009 Audience Choice Award, 3rd place, Queen West Art Crawl, Toronto, ON
- 2004 Entrance Scholarship, York University, Toronto, ON

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

THEMUSEUM, Kitchener, ON
 Colart Collection, Montreal, QC
 Facebook Canada, Toronto, ON
 University of Cincinnati, OH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Secretary of the Board of Directors, Visual Arts Centre of Clarington
- 2019 Guest Artist/Speaker, Mississauga Secondary School, May 7
- 2019 Guest Artist/Speaker, Stouffville District Secondary School, April 18
- 2018 Member of the Board of Directors, Visual Arts Centre of Clarington
- 2014 Guest Artist/Speaker, The Sterling Hall School, Toronto, ON, May 28
- 2014 Speaker, Artscape Salon, Wychwood Barns, Toronto, ON, May 7
- 2014 Artist Talk, Soho House, Toronto, ON, January 14
- 2012 Guest Artist/Speaker, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, September 7 – 14

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2012 Speaker, 15th Annual Canadian Arts Summit, The Banff Centre, March 30 – April 1 **2010**
Member of the Selection Committee (2 years), Gallery 1313, Toronto, ON

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020** Sandor, Meghan. "Amy Shackleton: Creating Symbiosis and Synergy" SCOPO Magazine, 2nd Edition, p 8-10
- 2019** Smither, Sherry. "Artist Profile: Amy Shackleton" LUXE Magazine, Spring Issue, p 66 - 69
- 2017** Tremeer, Todd. "Future Narratives" Catalogue Essay, Visual Arts Centre of Clarington
Haffermann, Kyle. "Amy Shackleton: Gravity Artist" The Khollected, 2 Oct
- 2016** Krunák-Hajagos, Emese. "Interview with Amy Shackleton" NY Arts Magazine, July
- 2014** Cohen, Shawna. "Defying Gravity: Artist Amy Shackleton explores fine art as a force of nature" FASHION Magazine, March Issue, p160-161
- 2012** Smith, Matthew Ryan. "Exhibition Review, Terraces: A Series of Steps to a Sustainable Future," Magenta Magazine: A Journal of International Art, Summer, Volume 3, No.2
- 2012** Thomson, Beverly. "Live Interview," CTV: Canada AM, 15 May, 6am-9am
- 2012** Lanthier, Kateri. "Local Talent: The Freestyler, Amy Shackleton," KingWest Magazine, Issue 5,p26—27
- 2012** Tanabe, Morgan, "Playing With Gravity: One Artist's Newfound Trademark" Galo Magazine (online)
- 2011** "The Approval Matrix: Artist Amy Shackleton..." New York Magazine, p108, 10 Oct
"Amy Shackleton, Artist, Reveals Her Painting Process With Time-Lapse Video" Huffington Post (online), 27 Sept
- 2011** Top 10 Breakthrough Artist's in 2011," My Modern Met (online) 16 Dec
- 2011** Baumgardner, Alex. "Master of Paint," The Daily Brink (online), 3 Nov
- 2011** Massardo, Christopher. "Artist Spotlight - Amy Shackleton" Delectablychic! Magazine (online), 14 Mar
- 2010** Di Giulio, Katelyn. "Merge: Rising Stars Glow in this Show" She Does The City (online blog), 18 Mar
- 2010** Cover/Featured Artist, Elaine Fleck's Catalogue of Contemporary Fine Art, Spring Edition
- 2010** Front Page Photo by Dan Pearce, from "Natural Capacity Exhibition" The Guardian, 11 Feb
- 2009** Longstaff, Nicholas. "WQW iTV Featured Artist" www.westqueenwest.ca/wqwitv Orgler,

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Lisa. "Amy Shackleton: Where Urban and Rural Collide" Empty Easel Magazine (online), 21 Oct
2009 Doody, Kelly. "Fourth Timeraiser Gala Combines Art and Activism" Calgary Sun, 20 Jun
2009 Massardo, Christopher. "Color Me Amy" The Dinner Jacket Magazine (online), issue 08
(p56-59)
2008 Sabelli, Andrea. "ENVRNMNT: Communicating Sustainability"
www.environment.utoronto.ca
2008 Lepage, Jocelyne. "Galerie Art Mûr: Attention: Peinture Fraîche" La Presse, 2 Aug
2008 Delgado, Jérôme. "Rassemblements estivaux/Summer Gatherings" Le Devoir, 19 Jul
2008 "Racing Thoughts exhibit highlights talent of York's BFA graduates" YFile, 9 Apr

Represented Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON.

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