

# BRANDON MCVITTIE

Ottawa, ON

## BIOGRAPHY

Brandon McVittie is a graduate of Art History from Montreal's McGill University where he studied traditional studio methods, materials and approaches in painting. His professional art career began over twenty years ago and has been multifaceted.

McVittie has worked as an historical illustrator for the Canadian Geographic Magazine and has been a court room and features illustrator for national newspapers, magazines and television; including: the Ottawa Citizen, the Toronto Star, the Vancouver Sun and both the CTV and CBC television networks.

As past co-owner and curator of ARTGUISE Fine Art Gallery in Ottawa from 1996 to 2010, McVittie helped launch careers of emerging artists and drew international attention presenting exhibitions for over a decade.

He is widely recognized for his landscape oil paintings that emulate an old world flavour in execution and palette. In his genre pieces, he explores mid 20th century inspirations while paying homage to the rendering style(s) of figures made fashionable by artists/illustrators from the era. He strives to incorporate his nostalgia for vintage sentiment in his painting; conveying the old as new again.

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# CV

## EDUCATION

1990 BACCALARIUM ARTIUM Art History (honours), McGill University, Montreal, QC

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Recollections*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2013 *Featured Artist*. Strata Gallery, Elora ON  
2013 *24 Square*. Strata Gallery, Elora ON  
2009-2013 *Portraits of Bluesfest*. Patrick Gordon Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2013 *Papier/Papier Group*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2012 *Newstalgia*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2011 *Canadiana*. Snap Dragon Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2010 *Additions*. Artguise Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2009 *New Works*. Artguise Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2008 *Southwestern Skies*. El Caro Gallery, Phoenix AZ  
2007 *Selected Works Solo*. Artguise Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2007 *Art in the Park*. Strathcona Park, Ottawa, ON  
2006 *Winter Landscape Series*. Koyman Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2005 *Canadian Scenic*. Koyman Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2005 *Under 590*. Artguise Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2004 *Printemps*. Swizzle Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2003 *Under 590*. Artguise Gallery, Ottawa, ON  
2003 *Old World Palette*. Artguise Gallery, Ottawa, ON

## COMMISSIONS

2014 Royal Highland Fusilier Regiment of Canada Commissioned Tribute, *Tribute to Canadian Forces in the Afghanistan War* (40" x 60"), oil on panel.  
2014 Royal Highland Fusiliers Regiment of Canada Centennial Anniversary of Armoury, Commission, *Royal Highland Fusiliers Regiment of Canada at Galt Collegiate Field* (38" x 102"), oil on oak panel.  
2014 Commemorative Commission for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian D Day Landings, *Canadians Landing at Bernieres-sur-mer on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944* (40" x 60"), oil on panel, Kitchener City Hall.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ART INVOLVEMENT

2011 Featured Artist CTV Television Network "Painting the Past"

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- 1996-2010** Curator: 100+ Professional Solo and Group Shows at Artguise Fine Art Gallery  
Ottawa
- 1996-2010** Juried Exhibitions and Presented Academic Talks with: Ottawa School of Art,  
Ottawa Art Association, Arts East, Nepean Arts Association, Ottawa Mixed  
Media Artists and Manotick Art Association
- 1996-2010** Daler Rowney UK listed key associate North America: methods and materials in  
painting
- 2008** Heinz Jordan Award Recognizing Artists in Business
- 2001** Fine Art Materials Consultant on Corel Painter Software development
- 1995-2009** Published Artist/Illustrator - Canadian Geographic Magazine, Canwest Global,  
Ottawa Magazine

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