

LORI RICHARDS
Kingston, ON

ARTIST STATEMENT

Places affect me. When I find a landscape that moves me, I take photos which become the starting point for my work in the studio.

I paint in a very intuitive way, building up paint on canvas in thin washes then eventually thicker impastos. Experimenting with mediums and glazes and colour upon colour, I add or take away until the feeling seems right.

This interpretation of a landscape is an exciting process for me. I begin at one location and the process takes me on a journey to a new place – imagined and at the same time, remembered. The finished work is always a surprise. I draw inspiration from landscapes at home and further afield; this collection comes from a search for that ineffable magic *genius loci* – literally "the spirit of a place."

The work is a portal to the interior world of memory and desire, time and place, longing and surrender — illuminating narrative and emotion. I want my paintings to create an emotional response or connection and bring awareness to the beauty and fragility of the planet.

In the end, there must be an emotional connection to the final painting, for me and ultimately for the viewer.

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EDUCATION

- 1984 Fine Arts Program, Dawson College, Montreal, QC
1980 General Arts (honours), Ontario College of Art, Toronto, ON

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Breathing Spaces*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
2015 *The Painted Season*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
2010 *Current Fables*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa,
2008 *Fields and Constellations*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
2007 *New Paintings*. Laurie McLachlan Studio, Oakville, ON
2005 *New Paintings*. 80 Princess St., Kingston, ON
2003 *New Paintings*. Casa Bella, Gananoque, ON
1998 *The Reflecting Pool*. Edward Day Gallery, Kingston, ON
1995 *Fragments and Illuminations*. Edward Day Gallery, Kingston, ON

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *#balanceforbetter*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
2012 *New Works 2012*. Gallery Raymond, Kingston, ON
2012 *Home/Body*. Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
2011 *Kingston Connection*. Gallery Gevik, Yorkville, ON
2007 *Birds of a Feather*. MacDonnell St. Studio, Kingston, ON
2006-10 *New Paintings*. Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition
1992 *Path of Venus*. Art Noise Gallery, Kingston, ON

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