

PETER COLBERT

Ottawa, ON

BIOGRAPHY

Peter Colbert is originally from Vancouver, BC, and has spent most of his life in Toronto. He received a diploma from Humber College for Graphic Design, and won a scholarship to OCAD in Toronto, where he spent an additional 2 years studying fine art and illustration. His career as a commercial artist consisted of developing concepts, designing, rendering using pens and markers, and illustrating using inks, watercolour and acrylic paints. During this phase of his life, Peter realized the value of presenting unique and arresting ideas, brought to life with passion and flair.

Peter transitioned to a full-time fine art career in 2006. His work has evolved over time, but has always involved a significant degree of experimentation with tools, techniques and media. He likes to think of himself as being obsessed with managing colours. In terms of his studies of the human figure, he has attended and managed a variety of life drawing classes for many years.

Peter has received awards as a designer, illustrator and fine artist. His work is available in galleries in Canada and the United States, and is collected worldwide. He is the president of his local chapter of Toastmasters International, and lives in Ottawa with his family.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I have always been an inveterate drawer of pictures, and draftsmanship has always been the bedrock of my art. And coming from the commercial art world, where creativity and the unusual visual is something of value, I try to give each of my paintings a certain magic that will make them rise above the ordinary in some way. With the large number of implements that I use, including copious rollers, brushes, palette knives, and paints, there are unlimited possibilities in front of me, and each painting is a new adventure.

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EDUCATION

1978-1980 Humber College, Diploma in Graphic Design Program, Etobicoke, ON

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Life and Colour*, solo exhibition, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2021 *Celebrations of Summer Group Show*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2020 *Peter Colbert + Dan Ryan: New Works*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2018 *A Unique Perspective*, Sybill Frank Gallery, Wellington, ON
- 2018 *The Valley*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2018 *The Artist Project*, The Better Living Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2017 *In Plain Sight*, co-solo alongside Marjoly Van Der Hart, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 *The River*, co-solo alongside Marcel Guldemon, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2014 *Autumn Collection*, Gordon Harrison Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2014 *Art Expo New Yorkc Pier 94*, New York City, NY
- 2013 *Solo Show*, Westmount Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2013 *Exhibition with Darlene Provostc* Gordon Harrison Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2013 *New York Art Expo, Pier 94*, New York City, NY
- 2012 *The Artist Project*, The Better Living Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2012 *Group Show*, Gordon Harrison Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2010 *Grand Opening*, Gordon Harrison Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2010 *Solo Show*, Red Brick Café, Guelph, ON
- 2010 *New York Art Expo, Pier 94*, New York City
- 2010 *Toronto Art Expo*, Convention Centre, Toronto
- 2009 *Group Show*, Arta Gallery, Distillery, Toronto
- 2009 *Toronto Art Expo*, Convention Centre, Toronto
- 2007 *FIMA Art Festival*, (Winner, Prix Arts Visuels), Montreal
- 2007 *Solo Exhibition*, Towne Square Gallery, Oakville
- 2007 *Toronto Art Expo*, Toronto
- 2007 *Exhibition with Linda Sugar*, Leonard Gallery, Toronto

OTHER EXPERIENCE

1983 – 2006 Graphic Designer, Art Director, Illustrator, Creative Director - Toronto and Vancouver

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