

BIOGRAPHY

Sherry Czekus is a Canadian painter based in Waterloo, ON, who completed her MFA at University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with Studio Specialization from University of Waterloo and a Bachelor of Education from Wilfrid Laurier University. She has exhibited her work in private and public art galleries in Canada and the United States.

ARTIST STATEMENT

Making my paintings begins with becoming one of the crowd as part of the everyday experience. On busy city sidewalks with my camera, I make my source images of the urban crowd and its figurative gestures, intersections and spaces between its members. Since the emergence of flaneurism and urban culture in 19th century Europe, the online social frontier has recently developed and has changed our visual perception of the physical crowd experience. Painting, as a conceptual medium, simultaneously expands and collapses these moments I capture as an enriched site of knowledge about us as a collective. Straddling the boundaries of representation and abstraction, I allow the photographic language give way to the language of painting.

The physical crowd experience is continuously interrupted by the attraction of the social online community that can be accessed at all times through our handheld devices. It is this fleeting and fragmented sense of perception specific to our time and circumstance that poses problems in painting that I find worthy of investigation. The language of painting takes up the problem of presenting the crowd in an atmosphere that has yet to be determined in art.

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CV

EDUCATION

- 2015 MFA, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
- 2011 Bachelor of Education, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts: Honours Fine Arts, Studio Specialization, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Come As You Are*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2018 *Those Who Walk Between Us*, Open Sesame, Kitchener, ON
- 2018 *Selected Paintings*, Flexday, Toronto, ON
- 2017 *Spring Painting Exhibition*. Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2016 *Big Ideas*, Paula White Diamond Gallery
- 2015 *Crowdsourcing*, MFA Thesis Show, Artlab Gallery, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
- 2015 *Spring Show*, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2013 *Passing By*, 2013 Spring, Solo Exhibition, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2011 *Possibilities, with Maca Suazo*, Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, ON

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Sherry Czekus and Tracy Bultje* (forthcoming), Westland Gallery, London, ON
- 2018 *The Artist Project*, Toronto, ON
- 2017 *Juried Exhibition*, Thames Gallery, Chatham, ON
- 2017 *Tri-City Stop Gap Exhibition II*, Kitchener, ON
- 2017 *Northern Neighbors*, Edgewater Gallery, Middlebury, VT
- 2017 *The Benton House Project*, Benton House, Kitchener, ON
- 2016 *The Affordable Art Fair*, New York City, New York, Edgewater Gallery, Middlebury, VT
- 2016 *Globe Studios, Spring Open House*, Kitchener, ON
- 2015 *Juried Exhibition November 2015*, Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, ON
- 2015 *Centre for International Governance Innovation Painting Exhibition*, Waterloo, ON
- 2015 *Globe Studios Fall Open Studios*, Kitchener, ON
- 2015 *Eurospa, Pop Up Exhibition*. Toronto, ON
- 2015 *Periphery/Core*, Satellite Project Space, London, ON
- 2015 *Paper Jam*, Curatorial Project, Third Year BFA Drawing Class, Western University, Satellite Project Space, London, ON
- 2014 *Sum of Two and Three, One More Than Four*, Artlab Gallery, Western University, London, ON
- 2014 *Big Ideas*, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON

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- 2014 *Fall Group Show, Stax Gallery, Hamilton, ON*
- 2013 *The Square Foot Show, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON*
- 2013 *Globe Studios Spring and Fall Exhibition, Kitchener, ON*
- 2012 *Maggio Artistico 2012, Juried Show, Kitchener ON*
- 2012 *The Square Foot Show, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON*
- 2011 *SiliconW Group Exhibition, (September-December) Juried Show, Kitchener, ON*
- 2011 *Maggio Artistico 2011, Juried Show, Kitchener ON*
- 2011 *Narratives of Violence, Narratives of Healing, Robert Langen Gallery, Wilfrid Laurier University, alumni and faculty of University of Waterloo, Fine Arts Department, Waterloo, ON*
- 2010 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Juried Show, Toronto ON*
- 2010 *The Square Foot Show, AWOL Gallery, Toronto, ON*
- 2010 *Selection of Five Graduating Fourth Year Works from Relative Proximity, Region of Waterloo*
- 2010 *Relative Proximity, Graduating Fourth Year Show, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON*
- 2010 *Annual Juried Fine Arts SOFA Show, Zavitz Gallery, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON*

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND EVENTS

- Oct 2016 *Juror for Juried Exhibition at Cambridge Centre for the Arts, Cambridge, ON*
- Oct 2016 *Sum of two and Three, One More Than Four, Exhibition Catalogue*
- Oct 2011 *Canadian House and Home. 'Designer Face Off'*
- 2011 *'Income Property' HGTV television production set*
- 2010 *'The Breakout Kings' television production set*

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- Harry Rosen, Square One, Mississauga, ON
- The Walper Hotel, Kitchener, ON
- Google (Perimeter Development), Kitchener, ON
- Manulife, Waterloo, ON
- Delano Capital, Toronto, ON

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