

## Artist Bio

My perpetual exploration of nature has been a constant in my work. Considering myself a contemporary natural image painter, I strive to express a romantic feel for the history of painting through my keen observation of nature and elegiac imagery. Through new evaluations of landscape painting I am investigating the changing and threatened environment around us. Nature is carefully observed but not always directly depicted and it always retains a kind of visual instability, thriving on the permeable border between representation and abstraction.

*Marisa Mary Myrah*

## **Education**

2005

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. Canada  
Certificate in Multimedia and Web development

1993

Cyprus College of Art, Lemba, Cyprus  
Post-Baccalaureate Major in Painting

1990

Emily Carr College of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Diploma in Fine Arts, Painting Major

1988

Langara College, Vancouver, BC, C  
Fine Arts Diploma

## **Solo Exhibitions**

2005-2011

East Side Culture Crawl, Vancouver, BC

2010

Grey Area Gallery, Chilliwack, BC

2000

Simon Patrich Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
*Thirty Days of Lovelines*

## **Group Exhibitions**

2011

Grey Area Gallery, Chilliwack, BC  
*Spring Show*

2009

Grey Area Gallery, Chilliwack, BC *Artists on Display*  
Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC *U8*

2008

Grey Area Gallery, Chilliwack, BC *Inaugural group exhibition*

2003

Artspace Gallery, Calgary, Alberta *Fresh*  
Glass Onion Studio and Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
*Bugs, Bugs, Bugs*

2002, 2000

Simon Patrich Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
*Summer Exhibit*

## **Awards and Fellowships**

2002

Artist-in-Residence, *Fundación Valparaíso* Mojácar,  
Almería, Spain

2000

Artist-in-Residence, *Ucross Foundation* Wyoming, U.S.A.

1999

Sheila Hugh MacKay Grant Foundation

## **Reviews**

1996

The Richmond News, Richmond, BC  
*Bridging Cultures with Art*  
The Richmond Review, Richmond, BC  
*Religion's Influence Examined in Show*

1994

Cyprus Weekly, Cyprus Arts and Entertainment Review

1993

Zehlidez, The Magazine, Cyprus  
Four Foreign Artists Paint Cyprus

1992

CFRO Co -Op Radio, Vancouver, BC  
Arts Rationale

### **Selected Public Collections**

Cumberland Management, Vancouver, BC  
Montpellier & Mckeen Law Firm, Vancouver, BC  
Genesis Development Corporation, Vancouver, BC  
Molnar Capital Corporation, Vancouver, BC  
Consulate General of Brazil, Nicosia, Cyprus  
Polygon Group Ltd., Vancouver, BC  
Kyklos Gallery, Paphos, Cyprus

1998-2009

Invitational annual donation to *Art for Life*  
auction to benefit *Friends For Life*, which  
enhances the wellness of individuals living with life threatening illness.