

Artist Statement

Family Traditions

Recent scientific studies explain that the euphoria we sense at water's edge may be due in part to the power of negative ions, generated by the pounding surf, which helps increase levels of serotonin in the body and thereby elevate our mood.

As children, we use sticks to draw in the sand, the sand becomes a metaphor for both memory and the passage of time, as our markings are erased, highlighting our impermanence. As an adult, I find myself constantly returning to the shore as a tremendous source of peace and inspiration.

When I begin a shore-line landscape, I rarely have a preconceived notion of where the creative process will take me. First I part the canvas into intersecting planes using my selected collage elements. Then I apply a multitude of acrylic mediums, allow the paint to yield to various textures and surfaces. In the end, the pigment reacts accordingly. The process is a combination of trial & error, random & controlled, hidden & obvious. My goal is to give tangible expression to landscapes that exist for me both in memory and imagination.

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Brief Biography

Raised on the island of Montreal, Sharon Kelly grew up surrounded by Canadian art in her family home. An environment that both inspired and nurtured her artistic soul. She studied Art History at Queens University, focussing on both Canadian Art as well as The Renaissance periods. A self taught artist, now maintaining a studio at The Stables, in Ottawa, Kelly has been featured in several group and solo exhibitions since 1999.

Solo Exhibitions

2016 Blue Mind, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa
2015 Make Art Happen, International Women's Day. Wall Space Gallery
2014 Family Tradition. Wall Space Gallery. Ottawa
2008 Shit! I Didn't Plant Any, Again. Dale Smith Gallery. Ottawa
2006 The Lure of Fancy, Dale Smith Gallery. Ottawa
2004 Without Boundaries, Dale Smith Gallery. Ottawa

Selected Group Shows

2016 Juried show, Stormy Weather, Annapolis Maritime Museum, MD
2016 Juried show for pARTy, Ottawa Art Gallery
2015 Juried show for pARTy, Ottawa Art Gallery
2014 Small Packages, The Ottawa Art Gallery
2014 Juried show for pARTy, The Ottawa Art Gallery
2014 X4, 30 Year Celebration, Ottawa School of Art
2010 Small Packages, Dale Smith Gallery, Ottawa
2008 Harbinger, Dale Smith Gallery, Ottawa
2007 New Year, New Work, Dale Smith Gallery
2004 New Year, New Work, Dale Smith Gallery
2004 Premiere, Dale Smith Gallery
2003 Departure, SDS Curating, Ottawa
2001 Expectation, Ottawa, Mud Gallery

