

RACHEL MACFARLANE

BIOGRAPHY

1986 Born in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
Lives and works in New York, NY

EDUCATION

2014-2016 Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. MFA
2008-2009 Florence Program (O.C.A.D. University Satellite Program). Advanced Certificate
of Visual Studies
2004-2008 O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada. BFA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 Coming Events Cast Their Light Before Them, Hollis Taggart, New York
2023 Moments of Light and Weather, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto (online)
2022 up front/w Rachel MacFarlane, Norberg Hall, Calgary, Canada
Moments of Light and Weather, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
(online exhibition)
2021 Broken Images, Where the Sun Beats, MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, Canada
Bayou, Sea, and Canyon, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
2020 Paradise, Super Dutchess Gallery, New York City
2018 Fool's Paradise, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Memory Gardens, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary, Canada
2016 Strange Vitality, Mason Gross Art Gallery, Rutgers University, NJ
2014 Memory Theatres and Datalands, Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD, Halifax,
Canada
2013 Rachel MacFarlane, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
2012 Rachel MacFarlane, Howard Park Institute, Toronto, Canada
2011 Rachel MacFarlane, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 Contemporary Selections, Hollis Taggart, NY
2023 Of the Past and Present, Hollis Taggart, NY
2022 Dimensions, Hollis Taggart, Southport, CT
2021 Seeing with Memory, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Group Exhibition, Norberg Hall, Calgary, Canada
2020 Memoirs, Pablo's Birthday, New York City
2019 Ten Years Later, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary, Canada
Kick Off, Lorimoto Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Bring Samples, Mason Gross Gallery, Rutgers University, NJ
Together but Apart, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary, Canada
Landscape as Muse, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Fridge Show, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

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- 2018 Summer Heat, Ortega y Gassat Projects, Brooklyn, NY
Promenade, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary, Canada
The Big Picture, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2017 Works Selected, Stratford Gallery, Ontario, Canada
Known Unknowns, 86 Orchard, New York City
What's Next, Jarvis Hall Gallery, Calgary, Canada
Preview, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2016 Hungry Heart, Invisible Dog, Brooklyn, NY
Video Snack, Vox Populi, Philadelphia
Holiday Show, Michael Guimont, Quebec City, Canada
- 2015 Summit, Wassiac Project, Wassiac, New York
Through a Glass Darkly, Mason Gross Galleries, Rutgers University, NJ
Broken Colours, Curated by Ben Portis at Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2014 Status Whoah, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
10, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
The Tools, Root Division, San Francisco
- 2013 MERGE, Art Gallery of Ontario (Art Sales and Rental Gallery), Toronto, Canada
- 2012 Recent Work, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 Carnival, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 DUMBO Arts Festival, Triangle Artists Association, Brooklyn, NY
Group Show, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
New Directions, Intellectual Property Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 Mayhem, Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Faciebat, 7 Via Nazionale, Florence, Italy
- 2008 Reveal, Beaver Hall Gallery (curated and exhibited), Toronto, Canada
When Lightning Strikes Twice, XPACE (exhibits pairing with Alexander Irving), Toronto, Canada
stART, Studio 21, Halifax, Canada
Estate of the Artifice, Transit Space, Toronto, Canada
Wall + Paper Show, X Pace, Toronto, Canada

RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Annandale Artist Residency, Annandale, Prince Edward Island, Canada
- 2022 Harvest Moon Society, Clearwater, Manitoba, Canada
- 2019 Vermont Studio Centre, Johnson, VT
- 2015 Doris McCarthy Residency, Heritage Trust, Toronto, Ontario
- 2013 Bill and Isabel Pope Artist in Residence, NSCAD, Halifax, Canada
- 2012 Visiting Artist, Cow House Studios, Wexford, Ireland
- 2010 Triangle Artist Workshop, Brooklyn, NY

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SELECTED PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

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Karen Wilkin, "COVID Chronicle," New Criterion 39, no. 1 (September 2020), newcriterion.com/issues/2020/9/covid-chronicle.

Steven Petstana, "Rachel MacFarlane's Paradise at Super Dutchess Gallery," Art Spiel, June 1, 2020, artspiel.org/rachel-macfarlanes-paradise-at-super-dutchess-gallery.

Eric Volmers, "Take a Tour of Artist Studios with Jarvis Hall Gallery's Virtual Visits," Calgary Herald, May 7, 2020, calgaryherald.com/entertainment/local-arts/take-a-tour-of-artist-studios-with-jarvishall-galleries-virtual-visits.

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Hilary Webb, "Fool's Paradise: Rachel MacFarlane at Nicholas Metivier Gallery," Blouin Artinfo (Toronto), 2017.

RBC Art Collection: Contemporary Works (Royal Bank of Canada, 2017)

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Elena Martinique, "Fool's Paradise: Rachel MacFarlane at Nicholas Metivier Gallery," Widewalls Magazine, December 19, 2017, widewalls.ch/magazine/rachel-macfarlane-nicholas-metivier-gallery.

Laura Horne, "Rachel MacFarlane: Strange Vitality," Tussle Magazine, March 12, 2016, tusslemagazine.com/rachel-macfarlane.

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Anita Sthankiya, “Kelowna Poet Selected for Doris McCarthy Residency,” February 19, 2016, kelownanow.com/watercooler/news/news/Kelowna/16/02/19/Kelowna_Poet_Selected_for_National_Residency_Program.
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Ben Portis, “Broken Colours: TMI,” in Broken Colours (Toronto: Nicholas Metivier Gallery, 2015).
Glenn McArthur, “Colour and Two-Dimensional Design,” OCAD University, 2014.
“Interview with Artist Rachel MacFarlane,” Echolocation Magazine, February 2014.
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“Rachel MacFarlane: New Work,” ModTo, 2011.
“The Art Stylists,” Flohous, November 3, 2010.
Terrance Dick, “Bowie at Clark & Faria | Mayhem at Nicholas Metivier | Air Conditioned Jungle at Diaz Contemporary | Foreign Legionnaires at Edward Day | School of Art at MKG127,” Akimblog, August 20, 2009.
Elissa Barnard, “Different Strokes at Studio 21, Halifax, NS,” The Chronicle Herald, 2009.
Sea D. Fitzgerald, “Chase Down Those M and Ms with a Diploma,” National Post, 2009.

GRANTS

2021 Canada Council for the Arts, Research and Creation - Explore and Create Grant
2019 Elizabeth Greensheilds Foundation Grant
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Vermont Studio Center Artist’s Grant

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- 2012 Ontario Arts Council, Emerging Artist Grant
- 2008 O.C.A.D.S.U. Grant

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Dean's Choice Award, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University
Frank P. and Lilly A. Novak Scholarship
Gerard Russoniello Memorial Scholarship
- 2014 Victoria J. Mastrobuono Memorial Scholarship - Mason Gross School of the Arts
- 2013 Bill and Isabel Pope Artist in Residence
- 2010 Sam Abramovitch Fellowship to Attend Triangle Artists Workshop
- 2008 O.C.A.D. Drawing and Painting Medal
Drawing and Painting Medalist Award
- 2008 David L. Stevenson Scholarship
Nora E. Vaughan Award
Spoke Club Membership Prize
Honorable Mention Art of The Figure, Painting
- 2007 Curry's Art Store Prize Scholarship (OCAD)
Figure Drawing Marathon Award (OCAD)
Queen Elizabeth 2 scholarship
- 2006 O.C.A.D. Faculty Association Memorial Award - Shizuye Takashima
Queen Elizabeth 2 scholarship
- 2005 The Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire Tuition Award 2005
Queen Elizabeth 2 scholarship
- 2004 O.C.A.D. Faculty Entrance Award
Queen Elizabeth 2 scholarship
John Sincarcin's' Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- 2021 Workshop - Doris McCarthy Gallery, Scarborough, Canada
Workshop - MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, Canada
- 2019–Present Part Time Lecturer, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2017 Visiting Artist Adjunct, College of Staten Island, NY
- 2014–2017 Part-Time Lecturer, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2012–Present Managing Editor/Co-Founder of Studio Beat - www.studio-beat.com
- 2012–2016 Advisor, The Banff Centre, Banff, Canada
- 2012–2014 Instructor, Portfolio Clinics - O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada
Class Assistant, O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada
Summer 2012 Visiting Artist/ Teacher, Cow House Studios, Wexford, Ireland
- 2010–2011 Artist Assistant, Kim Dorland Studios, Canada
Alumni Visiting Artist, O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada
- 2009–2010 Art Administrator / Preparator, The Gilder, Toronto, Canada

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2006–2008 Art Supervisor, Seneca College, Toronto, Canada

ARTIST'S TALKS

- 2023 Brock University, Ontario (conducted remotely)
- 2021 O.C.A.D. University - Toronto
- 2020 Concordia University, Montréal, Canada
- 2018 O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada
Nicholas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Sheridan College, Oakville, Canada
- 2017 Doris McCarthy Gallery, Toronto, Canada
University of Toronto, Canada
- 2016 Doris McCarthy Artist in Residence Open Studio and Talk at Fool's Paradise,
Toronto, Canada
- 2015 Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff, Canada
- 2013 Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, Canada
NSCAD University, Halifax, Canada
- 2012 Vaughn Road School, Toronto, Canada
O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada
Cow House Studios, Wexford, Ireland
- 2011 O.C.A.D. University, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 Canadian College Italy, Lanciano, Italy

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

The Donovan Collection, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, Canada
Doris McCarthy Gallery, Scarborough, Canada
Equitable Bank, United States
Jim & Susan Hill Collection, Canada
McCain Collection
RBC Collection, Canada
Scotiabank Collection, Canada
Stikeman Elliott, Montréal, Canada