



JAMES OLLEY

An MFA graduate, James brings a rich & energetic brushwork in oil, acrylic, & spray paint to figuration & landscape. He alternates brush handling to create motion, and there is a contemporary sensibility & urgency to his work that reflects his interest in the ways people inhabit their space and feel about it. Tensions are created through abstraction & fragmentation in scenes usually calm & bucolic.

Born September 29, 1974 in Toronto, ON
Lives and works in Kitchener, ON

EDUCATION

2008 Master of Fine Arts, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
2004 Bachelor of Fine Arts, NSCAD University Halifax, NS

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2010 Kasia Kay Art Projects, Chicago, IL
2009 *Dissimulation*, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Transitions, Rotunda Gallery, Kitchener, ON
2008 *Modern Dualites*, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Painting Feature James Olley, Harbinger Gallery, Waterloo, ON
Flat Places and Dynamic Spaces MFA Thesis Exhibition, Render Gallery, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2010 *It Looks Different from This Angle*, Drake Hotel, Toronto, ON (curated by Mia Nielson)
When the Dust Settles, Angell gallery, Toronto, ON
Transition, Angell gallery, Toronto, ON
2009 *Artists of the Gallery*, Galerie Trois Points, Montreal, QC
Best of TOAE 2008 Exhibition, First Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto, ON
2008 *Intellectual Chic*, Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
Insights 29th Annual Juried Art Show, Elora Arts Council, Wellington County Museum & Archives, Elora, ON
2007 *Art Sale*, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON
Black & Gold Galla, K-W Art Gallery, Kitchener, ON.
Conference on International Governance Innovation (CIGI '07), The Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo, ON
Exposure, Artery, Kitchener, ON
City at Night: A Tribute to Brian Kipping, Nuit Blanche, BAU-XI Gallery, Toronto, ON.
ASAP, Artery, Kitchener, ON
Grand Opening Group Exhibition, Liss Gallery, Toronto, ON
Digitalvd - Carbon Footprint The Ice Box, Crane Arts Centre, Philadelphia, USA.

- Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh, Scotland
 Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee, Scotland
- 2006 *Black & Gold Gala*, Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener, ON
Kingston Arts Council 5th Annual Juried Arts Salon, Kingston Frontenac Public Library, Kingston, ON
- 2005 *10th Annual Art in the Park*, Markham Museum & Historic Village, Markham, ON.
Small Works, Touch Bath and Body, Coburg, ON
- 2004 *NSCAD Emerging Artists*, Argyle Fine Art, Halifax, NS
Living Landscapes, Connections Clubhouse, Halifax, NS
- 2003 *Consulate General Student Show*, U.S. Consulate General Residence, Halifax, NS
Board of Governors Painting Show, NSCAD University Painting Department, Halifax, NS
- 2002 *Look at My Little Landscapes*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University, Halifax, NS
Image and Abstraction, Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University, Halifax, NS

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Instructor – Drawing I, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 2007 Instructor – Painting II, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
 Mentor & Advisor program - Fourth year undergraduate Fine Arts Program, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
 International Internship - Professional Assistant to Alastair Strachan Glasgow, Scotland
 Lecturer's Assistant - Portfolio in Art & Design Program, North Glasgow College, Glasgow, Scotland
- 2006 Teacher's Assistant - Fundamentals of Painting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 2004 Instructor - Encaustic Workshop, Connections Clubhouse, Halifax, NS
- 2003 Guest Artist and Instructor - Drawing and Painting Program, Needham Community Centre and St. Andrew's Community Centre Halifax, NS

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2009 Vermont Studio Center Residency, VT
 Emerging Artist Grant from the Ontario Arts Council
- 2008 Best Painter Award – Student category, The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, ON
 First Place Painting Award, Elora Arts Council, Elora, ON
 Sylvia Knight Award in Fine Arts, Waterloo, ON
- 2007 Shantz Summer Internship Scholarship, Waterloo, ON
 The Keith and Win Shantz Summer Internship, Waterloo, ON
- 2006 Honorable Mention Wallack's Award, Kingston Arts Council, Kingston, ON
- 2003 The Robert Pope Painting Scholarship, NSCAD, Halifax, NS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Gary Michael Dault, 'Gallery Going,' The Globe and Mail, August 9, 2008
 Lisa Bradburn, 'Intellectual Chic at the Angell Gallery,' *Blog T.O.*, July 12, 2008
Featured Artist CH Morning Live News, Hamilton, ON. air date: 2007, 11, 02
'Barometer Rising: Up and Comers: James Olley', The Daily News, Halifax, March 25, 2006

ART FAIRS

- 2010 Next Art Fair, Chicago, IL (with Kasia Kay Art Projects, Chicago, IL)
- 2009 Pulse Miami, Miami, FL (with Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON)
Art Toronto, Toronto, ON (with Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON)
Pulse New York, New York, NY (with Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON)
- 2008 The Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON
The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, ON
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