

Curriculum Vitae: Val Nelson

Education

- 1988 Emily Carr College of Art and Design four-year program (Honours), Media Arts

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Phantom DNA*, Visual Space Gallery, Vancouver
- 2014 *Being There*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2013 *Bilder/Pictures*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2012 *The Happy Place*, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal
- 2010 *My Divided Attention*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2009 *Voyage en Zigzag*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2008 *A guided tour of happiness*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2007 *Minding the gap*, The Works Festival of Art and Design, Edmonton and Toronto
- 2006 *Merci pour le flash*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2005 *You are here*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2004 *Shimmer*, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2003 *Tourist*, Studio Blue Gallery, Vancouver

Group Exhibitions

- 2018 *Flow: Works from the Permanent Collection*, Surrey Art Gallery, Curator: Jordan Strom
- 2016 *I am a camera*, large-scale dance drawings, Vancouver International Dance Festival, with dance photography by Chris Randle and sculpture by Ken Clarke, Roundhouse Community Centre
- 2015 *Colorlab*, Bau-xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2011-2014 White Columns Online Artist Registry, New York
- 2009 *55° C*, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal
- 2009 *Drawn Festival*, with David Alexander and Brent Boechler, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2007 *Horizons + Intersections*, with Derek von Essen, Contact Toronto Photography Festival, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2004 *Artropolis Road Show*, 13 public galleries throughout BC
- 2004 *RBC Investments New Canadian Painting 5 Year Retrospective*, Elliott Louis Gallery, Vancouver
- 2003 *RBC Painting Competition* touring exhibition: Pavillion Gallery, Winnipeg; Museum London, London; Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax; Realtime Gallery, Toronto
- 2003 *Contemporary Drawing 2003*, TW Wood Gallery and Art Centre, Montpelier, Vermont
- 2003 *Discovery 2003*, Seymour Art Gallery, Vancouver
- 2003 *Artists in Exile*, Artropolis CBC Studios, Vancouver
- 2003 *The Human Image in the Landscape*, Artropolis, CBC Studios, Vancouver

- 2003 *Transience*, with Gordon Wiens, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2002 *Malaspina Printmakers Winter Exhibition*, Malaspina Printmakers Gallery, Vancouver
- 2001 *Self-Portrait Exhibition*, Artropolis, CBC Studios, Vancouver
- 2001 *BC Festival of the Arts*, Fort St John
- 2002 *artSpacific*, Delta Art Gallery
- 2002 *1 Foot x 1 Foot x 1 Inch*, Comox Valley Art Gallery
- 1997 *Emily Carr Alumni Show*, Emily Carr College of Art & Design
- 1989 *Helen Pitt Awards Exhibition*, Vancouver Art Gallery

Grants and Honors

- 2011 Canada Council Art Bank Purchase Award
- 2011 Canada Council Travel Grant
- 2011 Artist Grant, Vermont Studio Center
- 2009 Nominated for The Brink Award, The Henry Gallery, University of Washington
- 2003 Finalist, New Canadian Painting Competition, Canadian Art Foundation/RBC Investments
- 2003 Visual Arts Development Award, Contemporary Art Gallery/Vancouver Foundation
- 2003 Honorable Mention (painting), Discovery 2003, Seymour Art Gallery
- 2002 Award of Excellence (painting), artSpacific, Delta Art Gallery, Delta
- 1997 Barrie Film Festival, 1st and 2nd prize, Best Experimental Video Short
- 1997 Film/Video Production Grant, BC Arts Council
- 1996 Film/Video Production Grant, BC Arts Council
- 1991 Knowledge Network Media Award
- 1988 Helen Pitt Award, Emily Carr College of Art & Design
- 1986 Carter-Begg Scholarship, Emily Carr College of Art & Design

Residencies

- 2016 *We are a Camera*, The Big Draw, Roundhouse Community Centre, Vancouver
- 2011 St. George's Senior School, Vancouver
- 2011 Vermont Studio Center
- 2007 Georgian College

Art Fairs/Auctions

- 2018 Splash Art Auction, Arts Umbrella, Vancouver
- 2012 Access Gallery Art Auction, Vancouver
- 2012 Playwrights' Theatre Centre (commissioned drawing), Vancouver
- 2006 Casey House, Toronto
- 2003-2013 Toronto International Art Fair

Presentations and Panels

- 2014 Artist talk, Bau-xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2011 Artist talk, Vermont Studio Centre
- 2011 Vancouver Island School of Art
- 2011 Powell River Academy of Music
- 2010 North Island College, Courtenay
- 2010 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2009 Powell River Academy of Music
- 2009 B&R Racquet Club, Toronto
- 2009 Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2008 Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Vancouver
- 2007 The Works Festival of Art and Design, Edmonton
- 2007 Georgian College, Barrie
- 2006 Canadian Art Hop, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
- 2003 Studio Blue Gallery, Vancouver

Press

- 2018 *Drawing Betroffenheit*, Dance International Magazine, Fall Edition, P33-35
- 2018 Griffin, Kevin. *Artists Explore Life, History*; Spring Arts Preview, Vancouver Sun, March 3, 2018
- 2017 Zilich, Tom. *Bus tour from Surrey to view "artmaking magic"™ at Vancouver studios*, Surrey Now-Leader, October 16, 2017
- 2016 *I Live in an Apartment*, subTERRAIN Magazine, *Painting image page 62*
- 2014 Manifest Gallery and Research Centre. *International Painting Annual 3*
- 2011 Tyrell, Chris. *Making It! Case studies of Successful Canadian Visual Artists*, p. 175-198
- 2010 Griffen, Kevin. *Going for a ride in the age of auto*, Vancouver Sun, Nov 25
- 2009 Dick, Terence. *Val Nelson at Bau-Xi*, Akimblog, Nov 12
- 2008 *Carte Blanche Volume 2: Painting*, Magenta Publishing for the Arts
- 2008 *Royal Bank of Canada Painting Competition 10th Anniversary Publication*
- 2008 *Vancouver Review*, Summer issue (artwork commissioned for centrefold)
- 2007 Bouchard, Gilbert. *Artists explore fresh ideas in landscape work*, Edmonton Journal, July 22
- 2006 Jordan, Betty Ann. *Dynamic evocations: an artist going places*, Canadian House and Home magazine, April, p. 92
- 2005 *Six and Counting*, Canadian Art magazine, Fall 2005, p.71
- 2003 Smulders, Marilyn. *Strokes of Genius*, Halifax Daily News, Oct 2003
- 2003 Hirschmann, Thomas. *Vital Signs*, Now Magazine, Nov 27
- 2003 Brayshaw, Christopher. *Big Show Yields Big Favourites*, The Georgia Straight, May 22
- 2003 *Straight Choices*, *The Georgia Straight*, March 6
- 2003 Hill, Mary Francis. *Tourist Alert at Studio Blue*, The Westender, Feb 27
- 1995 Pepper, Kaija. *Vancouver Dances*, Artichoke Magazine, 1995, p.38

Catalogues

- 2007 *Minding the gap*, The Works Festival, Edmonton, and Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2007 *Horizons + Intersections*, Contact Toronto Photography Festival, essay by Aron Vinegar
- 2006 *Merci pour le flash*, Bau-Xi Gallery, essay by Gordon Snyder
- 2005 *Toronto International Art Fair 2005*
- 2003 *New Canadian Painting Competition*, Canadian Art Foundation/ RBC Investments
- 2003 *Contemporary Drawing 2003*, TW Wood Gallery, Vermont
- 2003 *The Big Picture*, Perspectives on Change, Artropolis 2003
- 2001 *ArtWork*, BC Festival of the Arts
- 1989 *Helen Pitt Awards*, Vancouver Art Gallery/ Emily Carr College of Art and Design

Media

- 2018 [Val Nelson: A Self-Portrait](#), video online documentary by Mark Mushet, Vancouver Review Media
- 2017 [Essential Conversations Podcast](#) with Lucca Hallex and Rebecca Mears, [CJSF.ca](#), 90.1 fm at Simon Fraser University Radio, Dec 1
- 2004 *The Arts Report* with Trevor Hughes, CBC Radio, April 29

Collections

- Agnes Etherington Art Centre
- B&R Racquet Club
- Canada Council Art Bank
- Franklin Templeton Investments Corporation
- Human Performance
- RBC Investments
- Surrey Art Gallery
- Vancouver General Hospital
- Numerous private collections in Canada and the US

Teaching

- 2023/24 Guest Instructor, North Island College, Courtenay, BC
- 2021 Guest Instructor, Art Week workshops, St Georges' Senior School, Vancouver
- 2009 to present Painting Instructor, Val Nelson Studio
- 2017 Painting Instructor, Italian Painting Holiday, Tuscany
- 2015 Painting Instructor, Summer Program, Red Deer College, Alberta
- 2015 Painting Instructor, Summer Program, Vancouver Island School of Art
- 2013 - present: [Online painting course](#) with Craftsy
- 2014-2018 Guest Instructor, Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
- 2012 Painting Instructor, Vancouver Island School of Art and South Delta Art Guild
- 2012 Substitute Painting Instructor, Continuing Studies, Emily Carr University
- 2011 Painting Instructor, Vancouver Art Guild
- 2011 Guest Critique and Lecture, Vancouver Island School of Art
- 2009 & 2011 Painting Instructor/Artist in Residence, Powell River Academy of Music