

## **SARA MORISON**

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Originally from Montreal, Quebec, Sara moved to the beautiful west coast of Canada in 1991 to complete her PhD in developmental psychology at Simon Fraser University. After several years of research, she decided to dedicate her full attention to her then young family and to art-making.

Sara enjoys the versatility of acrylics and paint large and loose, using opaque passages and transparent washes, accenting or masking chaotic lines, and she holds a special space for the circular form which to her represents a vessel, a gently held handful, an embrace, a moment. Her latest passion is cold wax and oil which combines the butteriness of wax and the luscious quality of oil to create textures for scraping, scratching and over-laying large sections with a calming passage. A beautiful discovery for her!

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

Painting is a visual conversation, a sensational dance, a moment, a feeling, an experience. I love colour and the richness of ambiguity. The spontaneous mark and the serendipitous scratch mingle with frank opaque passages. The journey unfolds...

### **AWARDS**

Federation of Canadian Artist Honourable Mention, Canvas Unbound Show, Federation Gallery, May 2015, Lend me your heart, 48x48, acrylic on canvas.

Federation of Canadian Artist 1st Prize,  
Canvas Unbound Show, Federation Gallery, May 2014, In December Drinking Hot Chocolate, 24x36,  
acrylic on canvas.

Federation of Canadian Artist Award of Excellence, Small, Smaller, Smallest Show, Federation Gallery,  
Nov 2011, Hanging in There, 10x10 mixed media on canvas.

Federation of Canadian Artist 3rd Prize, Canvas Unbound Show, Federation Gallery, May 2011, Burning  
the Candle at Both Ends, 30x40, mixed media on canvas.

### **TEACHING**

Intuitive Abstracts, North Vancouver Community Arts Council, Feb 2015

Expressive Abstracts, West Vancouver Visual Arts Center, Oct 2015

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2016 Recent works, North Vancouver District Hall, BC

2013 Bermudian Jewels, Tartoolful, North Vancouver, BC

2012 Transitions, Louis Gervais Bistro, North Vancouver, BC

2011 Solo show, Presentation House Theatre, North Van, BC

2011 Petals on Arlington, Westmount, QC

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### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2015

Scioppo d'Acero, Arte Della Stampa, Venice, Italy  
Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, N. Vancouver, BC  
Ten Squared, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
West Vancouver Art Instructors' Show, West Vancouver, BC  
Canvas Unbound, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
You Are Here, CityScape Gallery, North Vancouver, BC  
Abstract Show, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Cerulean, CityScape Gallery, North Vancouver, BC

2014

Five by Five, The Empty Spaces Project, Putnum, Conn, USA  
Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, N. Vancouver, BC  
5enses at Harmony Arts Festival, West Vancouver, BC  
Canvas Unbound, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Abstract Show, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
5enses: First Season, Bean Around the World, Vancouver, BC

2013

Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, N. Vancouver, BC  
Small, Smaller, Smallest, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
5enses at Harmony Arts Festival, West Vancouver, BC  
5enses: From Sound to Silence, Place des Arts, Coquitlam, BC  
Seven Artists, Seven Styles, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Abstract Narratives, Ferry Building Gallery, West Van, BC  
Transitions, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
U8 Show, Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC

2012

Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, N. Vancouver, BC  
Small, Smaller, Smallest, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
UNSCRIPTED, The Old School House, Qualicum Beach, BC  
5enses Revealed, Kay Meek Centre, West Vancouver, BC  
STUDIO: An Abstract Experience, CityScape Gallery, N. Van, BC  
U8 Show, Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC  
Abstract show, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2011

Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, N. Vancouver, BC  
Small, Smaller, Smallest, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
FCA 70th Anniversary Show, Federation Gallery, Van, BC  
Artists' Salon, Ferry Building, West Vancouver, BC  
Brush Off Competition, Avenue Art Gallery, Montreal, QC  
Canvas Unbound, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
U8 Show, Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC

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2010

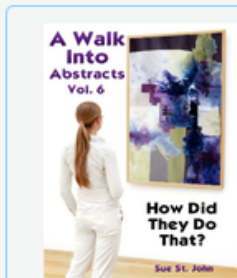
Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, North Vancouver, BC  
Small, Smaller, Smallest, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
5 Senses and Sensibilities, CityScape Gallery, North Van, BC  
The Sixth Sense, ScotiaCreek Gallery, Whistler, BC  
Harmony Arts Festival, West Vancouver, BC  
Summer Solstice, Leighdon Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Abstract Show, Federation Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
U8 Show, Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC

2009

Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, North Vancouver, BC  
5senses, Delany's in the Village, West Vancouver, BC  
Stepping into Abstraction, Silk Purse, West Vancouver, BC

2008

Anonymous Art Show, CityScape Gallery, North Vancouver, BC  
Joy of Abstract, Alliance Française, Vancouver, BC



### PUBLICATIONS

A Walk into Abstracts, Vol 6,  
Sue St John, 2013



Artists of British Columbia,  
Volume 1, Leighdon Studio  
Gallery, 2010