

Peter Deacon - RCA

Biography

Peter Deacon was born in England in 1945; moved to Canada in 1975 to take a teaching position at the University of Calgary, Department of Art, and has been a Canadian citizen ever since 1979.

Peter's work has been shown in Canadian galleries for the past 30 years. His work is part of several prestigious corporate and public collections and he is the recipient of many awards and honors, with one of the most significant being his invitation to be a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Artists in 1980.

"Being a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts is of course a great honor. It is also an obligation and a commitment to facilitate an understanding of the visual arts as an aspect of our national identity. This process was started in 1880 and has to continue through generations of new emerging artists who we encourage and support through scholarships and mentoring. It is their work that will shape the future of the visual arts in Canada."

Artist CV

BORN

Born in England, 1945.

Canadian Citizen since 1979

EDUCATION

1968 – 70 Slade School of Art, University College, University of London, England.
Awarded – University of London Higher Diploma in Fine Art.(H.D.F.A.)

1963 – 67 Portsmouth College of Art; England.
Awarded Diploma in Art And Design.
First Class Honors, (Dip. A.D.)

1967 – 68 University of Wales, School of Art Education; Cardiff, Wales.
Awarded – Art Teacher's Diploma. (A.T.D.)

TEACHING

Peter Deacon has been with the University of Calgary since he began his career as a sessional instructor in 1975. He is currently the Graduate Co-coordinator in the Department of Art.

SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES, AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2004 Co-Recipient of the Alan Blizzard Award, Ottawa, ON
Granted on an annual basis by the Society for Learning and Research in Higher Education in recognition for contributions to multi-disciplinary learning and research.
- 2000 Sabbatical Research Grant, University of Calgary
- 1998 University of Calgary Research Grant
- 1995 Appointed to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts
University of Calgary Self-Funded Research Grant
- 1994 Alberta foundation for the Arts Project Grant
Sabbatical Research Grant, University of Calgary
- 1993 Artist in residence Leighton Foundation, Golden, BC
- 1992 Artist in residence, Leighton Foundation, Rocky Mountain Ranch, Alberta
- 1990 Juror, Alberta Foundation, Art Acquisition Project
Visiting Artist, Leighton Foundation, Rocky Mountain Ranch, Alberta
Guest lecturer at the Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta
Sabbatical Research Grant, University of Calgary
- 1989 Artist in residence, Gushul Studio, University of Lethbridge, Alberta
Alberta Culture Project Grant
- 1988 Artist in residence, Leighton Artists Colony, Banff, Alberta
- 1983 Visiting Artist, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
- 1978, 80 Canada Council Project Cost Grant
- 1977, 81 Purchase Prize, Graphex 5; Brantford, Canada
- 1975 Prize, Second British International Drawing Biennale; Middlesborough, England
- 1973 – 75 Fellowship in Fine Art; Nottingham University, England
- 1970 – 72 Abbey Major Scholarship in Painting; British School at Rome, Italy

- 1969 Peter Stuyvesant Foundation Prize; England
- 1968 – 70 Slade Scholarship; England
- 1966 City of Portsmouth Traveling Scholarship; England.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2003 *Fragments: New Work by Peter Deacon* – Virginia Christopher Fine Art, Calgary, Canada
- 1999 *Facing West*. Organized by the Muttart Public Art Gallery for Trans Alta, Calgary.
Facing North -Looking South', the Boswell Gallery, Little Rock, AR., U.S.A.
The Divide' I organized by the Muttart Public Art Gallery for Enmax headquarters, Calgary, AB
- 1998 The New Gallery, Calgary, AB
 Suncor Corporation, Calgary, AB (arranged by the Muttart Art Gallery, Calgary)
 TransAlta Corporation, Calgary, AB (arranged by the Muttart Art Gallery, Calgary)
- 1997 Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts, Calgary, AB
- 1995 Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts, Calgary, AB
- 1994 Muttart Public Art Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1992 Virginia Christopher Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1991 Kagan Gallery, Toronto, ON
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- 1989 Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff, AB
 Gulf Canada Gallery, Calgary, AB
 Virginia Christopher Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1988 Kagan Gallery, Toronto, ON
 Virginia Christopher Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1986 Thomas Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1985 Virginia Christopher Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1984 Thomas Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1983 James Ulrich Gallery, Calgary, AB
 Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary, AB

- 1982 James Ulrich Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1980 Thomas Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (from 1980)

- 2005 *Fragments Alan Attar & Peter Deacon* - Agnes Bugera Gallery, Edmonton, AB
Peter Deacon and Dale Kirschenman - A two person two year touring exhibition organized by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.
- 2004 *Alexander, Deacon, Lindoe and Rivet* – A four person exhibition, Virginia Christopher Fine Art, Calgary, AB
- 2002 *The Canadian Connection, Contemporary Aspects of Canadian Work, Virtuel* – Visuell, Potsdam, Germany
Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, Members Exhibition – Little Gallery, University of Calgary, AB
A fundraising exhibition for Hospice, Calgary -Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 2001 *Surfaces*. Bugera/Kmet Galleries, Edmonton, AB
Indian summer. Artspace Gallery, Calgary, AB
2001 An Art Odyssey. Recent Acquisitions to the contemporary collection, Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta
- 2000 *The Artists Circle*. Exhibition, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
The Artist Circle. Prague, Czech Republic.
ABGESTELLT! Kunst-Kanal, Dorsten, Germany.
Austellung: VORGESTELL T!, *Kanadische Kunstler in Postdam*. Postdam, Germany
- 1999 *Elemental Action*. Peter Deacon & Peter Von Tiesenhausen: Muttart Public Art Gallery, Calgary, AB
Friends & Mentors Revisited. Muttart Public Art Gallery, Calgary, AB.
- 1998 *Small Changes, Big Changes*. Calgary, AB
Achieve. Aids Society of Calgary, Auction, Calgary, AB
The Artist Circle. Triangle Gallery, Calgary, AB
Looks Like. (Traveling exhibition) The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, AB
- 1997 *Men's Work*. An exhibition instigated by Barbara Bickel, Director of the Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
Shared Visions. An exhibition organized by the Alberta Society of Artists. Mount Royal College, Calgary, AB
Celebrating a Legacy. Alberta Foundation for the Arts 25th Anniversary Exhibition. The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, AB
Winter Solstice Exhibition. The New Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1996 *Salon Exhibition*. Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts, Calgary, AB

Selected Works from the Permanent Collection. Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg
Miniatures. The Triangle Gallery Art Rental and Sales, Calgary, AB
Redefining Watercolour. Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts, Calgary, AB

- 1995 *Recent Work.* Split -End Gallery, Calgary, AB
Fundraising Exhibition. Stride Gallery, Calgary, AB
Artist's Circle Exhibition. Triangle Gallery, Calgary, AB
Fundraising Exhibition and Auction. Head Injured Learning Society, Calgary, AB
- 1994 *Works from the Leighton Foundation.* The Leighton Studio, Priddis
Artwalk 94. Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
Jack Singer Concert Hall. Long-term juried exhibition of works by members of the Alberta Society of Artists, Calgary, AB
Artists' Circle Exhibition. Triangle Public Gallery, Calgary, AB
Artists of the Gushul Studio. Blairmore, AB (organized in collaboration with the University of Lethbridge and the Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts Association)
- 1993 *Canadian Artists to the Benefit of the Olga Havel Foundation.* Prague, Czech Republic.
New Works From the Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. Triangle Gallery, Calgary, AB
Alberta Society of Artists. Juried Exhibition for Works to be located in the Jack Singer Concert Hall, Performing Arts Centre Calgary, AB
Spring Exhibition. Muttart Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1992 *Marks of Distinction.* Recent Acquisitions of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Triangle Gallery, Calgary, AB
Canadian Flags Revisited. A Group Exhibition of Nine Artists in Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation, Muttart Gallery, Calgary, AB
Suncor Traveling Exhibition. An Exhibition traveling to numerous venues in Alberta, organized by the Muttart Gallery, Calgary, AB
Small Paintings by Visiting Artists. Devonian Gardens, Calgary, AB, An Exhibition of selected works by visiting artists to the Leighton Foundation.
Alberta Vision. A Juried Exhibition of Work by Members of the Alberta Society of Artists-on Tour in Japan and China.
- 1991 *Images Of A Shrinking Wilderness.* Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
Canadian Miniatures. Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
25th Anniversary Exhibition. Nickle Arts Museum, University of Calgary, AB
Alberta Society of Artists. Tokyo, Japan and subsequent tour venues in Japan.
Art For All. Edmonton Art Gallery; Edmonton, AB
Large Scale Paintings. Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
Representational Contemporary Paintings. Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
- 1990 *Works On Paper.* Thomas Gallery, Winnipeg, MA
Artists Of The Gushul Studio. An Invitational Exhibition, Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts Council, Blairmore, AB
Polarities. A Juried Exhibition of Alberta Art. Prairie Gallery, Grand Prairie, Alberta and subsequently on tour throughout Alberta.
Acquisitions -Esso Resources Canada. An Exhibition of Recently Acquired Work; Calgary, AB

- Made In Canada.* Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
- 1989 *New Large Scale Paintings.* Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
First Impressions. Recent Acquisitions of the Alberta Art Foundation, Triangle Gallery; Calgary, AB
Alberta Drawings. A Survey Exhibition of Contemporary Drawing, The Edmonton Art Gallery; Edmonton, AB
Peter Deacon & Richard Halliday. A Two Person Exhibition organized by the Virginia Christopher Gallery and held at the Delta Bow Valley, Calgary, AB
Stephen Andrews & Peter Deacon. A Two Person Exhibition, Thomas Gallery; Winnipeg, MA
- 1989 *Figurative Paintings.* A Group Exhibition of Figurative Work, Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
Two Corporate Collections. Selections from the Nova and Petro-Canada Collections, Triangle Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1988 *Preview '88.* A Four Person Exhibition, Bonnie Kagan Gallery; Toronto, ON
Contemporary '88 -Calgary. An Exhibition held in conjunction with the Winter Olympic Games. Canadian Art Galleries, Virginia Christopher Galleries and Paul Kuhn Fine Arts; Calgary, AB
Wintershow '88. A Juried Exhibition selected by the Olympic Organizing Committee, Mobil Oil; Calgary, AB
From The Landscape. An Exhibition of Contemporary Landscape Painting, Alberta College of Art; Calgary, AB
Visions of Alberta. An Invitational Exhibition, Muttart Art Gallery; Calgary, AB
Nocturnes. A Four Person Exhibition, Virginia Christopher Galleries, Calgary, AB
Recent Acquisitions of the Calgary Civic Art Collection. Triangle Gallery; Calgary, AB
- 1987 *Peter Deacon, Marsha Stonehouse, Myken Woods.* A Three Person Exhibition of Recent Work, Virginia Christopher Gallery; Calgary, AB
Art for All. Edmonton Art Gallery; Edmonton, AB
One On One. Feature Artist at the Muttart Gallery; Calgary, AB
Alberta Show. A Juried Exhibition held to coincide with the Alberta Summer Games; Edmonton, AB
Summer Exhibition '87. Bonnie Kagan Gallery; Toronto, ON
- 1986 *Alberta Wilderness Association.* Second Annual Exhibition, Jubilee Auditorium, Calgary, AB
Earth Resources. An Exhibition of Miniature Work. Organized by the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, Jubilee Auditorium, Calgary, AB
Alberta Theatre Projects Exhibition. Paul Kuhn Fine Arts, Calgary, Alberta
Alberta Society of Artists Exhibition. Fort Calgary, Canada.
- 1985 *Exploring Art and the Earth.* An Exhibition organized by the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, Muttart Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
C.N.I.B. Invitational Art Exhibition, Edmonton, AB
Series 10. Beaver House Gallery, Edmonton, AB
- 1984 C.N.I.B. Invitational Art Exhibition, Edmonton, AB
 Alberta Society of Artists. Juried Exhibition for tour of locations in Japan and Korea
 Alberta Society of Artists Exhibition; Fort Calgary, AB

Inaugural Exhibition. Evelyn Amis Gallery; Toronto, ON
The Alberta Landscape. Virginia Christopher Gallery; Calgary, AB
The Alberta Landscape. Peter Whyte Gallery; Banff, AB
The Alberta Landscape. The Southern Alberta Art Gallery; Lethbridge, AB
Remy Martin Canadian Art Exhibition. A Juried Exhibition organized in Calgary by Gallery Moos and held subsequently in Vancouver, Toronto and Halifax.
OSA/ASA. A Touring Exhibition of works by Artists in Alberta and Ontario.
Juried and organized by the Alberta Society of Artists
Select. Work recently acquired by the Alberta Art Foundation, Beaver House Gallery, Edmonton, AB

- 1983 *35th Boston Printmakers National Exhibition*. Boston, US Anniversary Exhibition for the 1983 World University Games, Edmonton, AB
Art Alberta. Lemarchand Gallery, Edmonton, AB
C.N.I.B. Invitational Art Exhibition, Edmonton, AB
Small Scale Works. James Ulrich Gallery, Calgary, AB
Viewpoints. Alberta Society of Artists, Muttart Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1981 Alberta Society of Artists, Juried Exhibition, Beaverhouse Gallery, Edmonton, AB
Alberta Society of Artists, Juried Exhibition, Muttart Gallery, Calgary, AB
Recent Acquisitions. A selection of work purchased by the Alberta Art Foundation. Nickle Art Museum, Calgary; Prairie Art Gallery, Grand Prairie; Beaverhouse Gallery, Edmonton, AB
Alberta Images. James Ulrich Gallery, Calgary, AB
Viewpoints. Juried Exhibition organized by the ASA, Muttart Gallery, Calgary, AB
Selected works from the Permanent Collection. Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary, AB
- 1980 *Present Tense*. Beaverhouse Gallery, Edmonton, AB
Some Drawings by Some Albertans. Alberta College of Art Gallery, Calgary, AB

MEMBERSHIPS

- 1998 Member, Muttart Public Art Gallery, Calgary
Member, Triangle Gallery, Calgary, AB
Member, Alberta Society of Artist
- 1995 Appointed to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts
- 1991 Appointed Honorary Life Member, MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Sask
Member, Triangle Gallery. (Calgary Contemporary Arts Society)
- 1989 Member, The Leighton Foundation
- 1977-79 Chairman, Review Committee of the Alberta Art Foundation, Calgary
- 1977 Member, Alberta Society of Artists

- 1976 Member, Print and Drawing Council of Canada
- 1975-76 Executive Committee Member, Midland Group Gallery, England
- 1975 Member, College Art Association of North America
- 1974 Appointed Honorary Member, Midland Group Gallery, Nottingham, England
(Arts Council of Great Britain)
- 1968 Member, National Society for Art Education; England

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Air Canada; Canada.
Alberta Foundation For the Arts, Canada

Art Gallery of Brant; Canada
Ballem, McDill, MacInnes and Eden; Canada
Big Rock Brewery , Calgary , Canada
B.P. Canada Ltd.; Canada
Canada Council Art Bank; Canada
Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton, Canada
East Midlands Arts Association; England
Esso Resources; Canada
Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Canada
Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, Canada
Hewlett-Packard; Canada.

Husky Oil; Canada.

Imperial Oil; Canada.
Inverness Petroleum Ltd.; Canada
Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Canada
Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, Canada

Hewlett-Packard; Canada.
MacKenzie Art Gallery, University of Regina; Regina,
Canada.
MacLeod Dixon; Canada
MacKimmie Matthews; Canada
Morgan Bank; New York, U.S.A
Nickle Arts Museum; Canada
Nova Corporation; Canada.
Petro-Canada; Canada.
Sceptre Resources; Canada
The Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Canada.
Texaco Canada; Canada.
Toronto Dominion Bank; Canada
University of Alberta, Health Sciences Centre Edmonton,
Canada
University of Calgary Information Commons, Calgary
,Canada
Victoria and Alberta Museum; England
Winchester Group of Companies, Calgary Canada
Winnipeg Art Gallery; Winnipeg, Canada

Art works in private collections in Great Britain, Canada, Germany, U.S.A., Italy, the Czech Republic and Japan.

APPOINTMENTS

- 2004-05 Fine Arts Advisor, Faculty of Engineering, University of Calgary, AB
- 2003-03 Duties as Fine Arts Director, Faculty of Engineering, University of Calgary, AB
- 1999-02 Graduate Co-ordinator, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1999 Co-ordinator Painting Area, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB

- 1994 Continuing duties as Co-ordinator of all 400 and 500 level studio courses,
- 1993 Additional duties as Co-ordinator of all 500 level studio courses, University of Calgary, AB
- 1990 Appointed as Full Professor, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1989-91 Appointed Co-ordinator, Graduate Program, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1988-90 Appointed Co-ordinator, Painting Area, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1986-87 Appointed Co-ordinator, Graduate Program, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1982 Appointed Associate Professor, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1981-82 Additional duties as Academic Advisor to the Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1978-79 Additional duties as Faculty of Fine Arts Administrative Officer for Planning, University of Calgary, AB
- 1977-85 Appointed Chairman Painting & Drawing Division Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1976-82 Re-appointed as Full-time instructor, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1975-76 Sessional Instructor, Department of Art, University of Calgary, AB
- 1973-75 Appointed Fellow in Fine Art (Artist in Residence), Nottingham University; Nottingham, England.
Part-time lecturer in Fine Art, Trent Polytechnic; Nottingham, England.
Visiting Lecturer, Byam Shaw School of Art; London, England.
Course Structure Advisor to Colleges of Education offering the University Of Nottingham Degree Of Bachelor Of Education in Art.
- 1972-73 Part-time Lecturer in Painting and Sculpture, Portsmouth College of Art; Portsmouth, England.
Part-time Tutor, Stanhope Adult Education Institute, London, England.
Visiting Lecturer in Painting, Hornsey College of Art; London, England.
- 1970-72 Resident Painter, British School at Rome; Rome, Italy. (Abbey Major Scholarship)
- 1968-70 Part-time Art Teacher, Sir John Cass Secondary School; London, England.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2004 "The Depiction of Objects in Space" – A co-edited book published by Prentice – Hall. Reference material for engineering students.
- 2003 "Fostering Creative Problem Solving In a Multi-disciplinary Environment". A co-authored paper published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson.