



SHERRY CZEKUS

Making my paintings begins with becoming one of the crowd as part of the everyday experience. On busy city sidewalks with my camera, I make my source images of the urban crowd and its figurative gestures, intersections and spaces between its members. Since the emergence of flaneurism and urban culture in 19th century Europe, the online social frontier has recently developed and has changed our visual perception of the physical crowd experience. Painting, as a conceptual medium, simultaneously expands and collapses these moments I capture as an enriched site of knowledge about us as a collective. Straddling the boundaries of representation and abstraction, I allow the photographic language give way to the language of painting. The physical crowd experience is continuously interrupted by the attraction of the social online community that can be accessed at all times through our handheld devices. It is this fleeting and fragmented sense of perception specific to our time and circumstance that poses problems in painting that I find worthy of investigation. The language of painting takes up the problem of presenting the crowd in an atmosphere that has yet to be determined in art.

Sherry Czekus is a Canadian painter based in Waterloo, ON, who completed her MFA at University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with Studio Specialization from University of Waterloo and a Bachelor of Education from Wilfrid Laurier University. She has exhibited her work in private and public art galleries in Canada and the United States.

Education

2015 MFA, Western University, London, ON

2011 Bachelor of Education, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON

2010 Bachelor of Arts: Honours Fine Arts, Studio Specialization, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

Awards

- 2018 Ontario Arts Council Emerging Artist Grant
- 2014 Visual Art Graduate Program Scholarship, Western University, London, ON
- 2013 Visual Art Graduate Program Scholarship, Western University, London, ON
- 2010 Region of Waterloo Painting Selection, Thesis Work, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
- 2009 Liz Edwards Memorial Award (Fine Arts Department), University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Those Who Walk Between Us*, Open Sesame, Kitchener, ON
Selected Paintings, Flexday, Toronto, ON
- 2017 *Spring Painting Exhibition*, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2015 *Crowdsourcing*, MFA Thesis Show, Artlab Gallery, Western University, London, ON
Spring Show, Solo Exhibition, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2013 *Passing By*, 2013 Spring, Solo Exhibition, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2011 *Possibilities, with Maca Suazo*, Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, ON

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 The Artist Project, Toronto, ON
Globe Studios Spring and Fall Show, Kitchener, ON

- 2017 *Juried Exhibition*, Thames Gallery, Chatham, ON
Past Forward, Artlab Gallery, Western University, London, ON
Tri-City Stop Gap Exhibition II, Kitchener, ON
Globe Studios Fall and Spring Show, Kitchener, ON
Northern Painters, Edgewater Gallery, Middlebury, VT
The Benton House Project, Benton House, Kitchener, ON
- 2016 *The Affordable Art Fair*, (Edgewater Gallery), New York City, New York
Globe Studios, Spring and Fall Show, Kitchener, ON
- 2015 *Juried Exhibition November 2015*, Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, ON
Centre for International Governance Innovation Painting Exhibition,
Waterloo, ON
Globe Studios Spring and Fall Open Studios, Kitchener, ON
Eurospa Pop Up Exhibition, Toronto, ON
Periphery/Core, Satellite Project Space, London, ON
Paper Jam, Curatorial Project, Western University, Satellite Project Space,
London, ON
- 2014 *Sum of Two and Three, One More Than Four*, Artlab Gallery, Western
University, London, ON
Big Ideas, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
Fall Group Show, Stax Gallery, Hamilton, ON
- 2013 *The Square Foot Show*, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
Globe Studios Spring and Fall Exhibition, Kitchener, ON
- 2012 *Maggio Artistico 2012*, Juried Show, Kitchener ON
The Square Foot Show, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2011 *SiliconW Group Exhibition (September-December)*, Juried Show, Kitchener,
ON
Maggio Artistico 2011, Juried Show, Kitchener ON

Narratives of Violence, Narratives of Healing, Robert Langen Gallery,
Wilfrid Laurier University, alumni and faculty of University of Waterloo, Fine
Arts Department, Waterloo, ON

2010 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Juried Show, Toronto ON

The Square Foot Show, AWOL Gallery, Toronto, ON

Selection of Five Graduating Fourth Year Works from Relative Proximity,
Region of Waterloo

Relative Proximity, Graduating Fourth Year Show, University of Waterloo,
Waterloo, ON

Annual Juried Fine Arts SOFA Show, Zavitz Gallery, University of Guelph,
Guelph, ON

Publications, Media and Events

2018 Artist Talk, Open Sesame, Kitchener, ON

2016 Juror for Juried Exhibition at Cambridge Centre for the Arts, Cambridge,
ON

2014 *Sum of two and Three, One More Than Four*, Exhibition Catalogue

2011 *Canadian House and Home*, October 2011. 'Designer Face Off'

2011 'Income Property' HGTV television production set

2010 'The Breakout Kings' television production set

Representation

Canvas Gallery, Toronto, ON

Edgewater Gallery, Middlebury, VT

Jules Place, Boston, MA

Paula White Diamond Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON

Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON

Selected Collections

Harry Rosen, Square One, Mississauga, ON

The Walper Hotel, Kitchener, ON

Google (Perimeter Development), Kitchener, ON

Manulife, Waterloo, ON

Delano Capital, Toronto, ON