

Erika Olson

Biography

Erika Olson began her fine art studies at Queen's University. She completed her BFA at Concordia University in 1997 and returned to Kingston. She has had numerous solo exhibitions and group shows. Erika has shown in Kingston, Toronto and Calgary and was represented in the UK at the Innocence Gallery.

In 2006, Erika was awarded an Ontario Arts Council Project Grant and an Exhibition Assistant Grant for her installation project "Fish, Water Lilies, Rice" exhibited at the Modern Fuel Gallery Artist Run Centre. That same year she won a scholarship to the Vermont Studio Centre, allowing her the opportunity to concentrate solely on her art practice and attend seminars delivered by internationally known artists.

In 2015 Erika won a partial scholarship From the Edward and Gertrude Poole Foundation to attend a six week course in Banff, Alberta. The name of the program was "Food Water Life" presented by Lucy and Jorge Orta.

About her working method Erika says:

"Working on abstracts I feel that each one has meaning and a subject matter. My paintings unfold through concentrated observation. They are processed through my emotional attachment to the subject matter. A subject matter that may not be instantly recognized by the viewer but is driving the work."