

Artist CV – David Shepherd

Realist / Hyper Realist Oil Painter
Born in 1987 Hamiton, ON, Canada
Lives and Work in Toronto, ON, Canada

Biography

David Shepherd is a Realist/Hyper Realist artist who works exclusively in oil on canvas. He studied at the Academy of Realist Art in Toronto from 2008–2012, a school based on the rigorous 19th-century French academic system championed by William Bouguereau. David's eclectic body of work spans still life, landscape, portraiture, and experimental styles such as Cubism, Impressionism, and Abstract art. He has exhibited widely in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, and across the U.S., including the Oil Painters of America National Show. He is also a regular participant in the Artist Project in Toronto and a member of the Portrait Society of America, Oil Painters of America, and the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society.

David is currently focused on a Hyper Realism portrait series examining human expressions, personality, politics, and culture. He practices Taoist philosophies and lives a wellness-oriented lifestyle incorporating yoga, meditation, and a deep curiosity in physics.

Education

- 2008–2012 – Academy of Realist Art, Toronto, Canada

Selected Solo Exhibitions and Representation

- 2021 – Art Space and Design, Solo Show
- 2021 – Representation, Galeries Bartoux
- 2020 – 50th Anniversary Show, Earls Court Gallery
- 2020 – Representation, Art Space and Design
- 2020 to present– Representation, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2019 – Solo Show, Gallery Mad Ones
- 2019 – Representation, Habatat Gallery
- 2019 – Artist Project, International Art Fair
- 2018 – Online Representation, Ugallery
- 2018 – Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, Steamboat Springs
- 2018 – *National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society Best of America National Exhibition*, Eisele Gallery
- 2018 – Artist Project, International Art Fair
- 2018 – Online Representation, Wynwood 28

- 2017 – Representation, Westmount Gallery
- 2017 – Solo Show, Gallery Art@231
- 2017 – Judge/Exhibitor, Arts and Letters Club
- 2014 – Representation, Howe St Gallery
- 2010 – Representation, Art World Fine Art

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 – *Brushstrokes of Love: February Group Exhibition of Local and World Masters*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2025 – *David Shepherd*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2024 – *Alain Bédard - What I Live*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2023 – *Contemporary and Old Masters Holiday Collection*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2023 – *David Hovan*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2022 – *Five and Under*, Arcadia Contemporary