

Artist CV – Shirley Thompson

Canadian Impressionist Artist

Born 1949 in Bralorne, BC, Canada

Lives and works in Vancouver, BC, Canada

Biography

Shirley Thompson is a Canadian artist born in the gold mining town of Bralorne, British Columbia, and has spent most of her life in Vancouver's West End. Her impressionist paintings, often created with acrylics and mixed media, reflect a vivid love of nature and an imaginative interpretation of landscapes and still life. Rather than replicate specific scenes, she allows chance, emotion, and experience to guide her brush, resulting in dynamic works of bold texture and color.

Her art is influenced by the Group of Seven, Tom Thomson, Lawren Harris, Helen Frankenthaler, Joan Mitchell, and Jackson Pollock. Shirley's work is held in numerous private and corporate collections worldwide. She is a member of the Federation of Canadian Artists and was featured in a 19-page profile in *Arabella Magazine* (Winter 2012).

Artist Statement

Painting goes to the core of one's soul; it never leaves. There's always one more painting to create—a voice which never existed before. I draw inspiration from nature, not to match it but to be moved by it. Through the layered strokes, textures, and colors of my paintings, I express the joy, unpredictability, and renewal that art brings. This journey is a never-ending source of inspiration and happiness.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 – *The Art of Renewal: A Spring Group Exhibition*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2024 – *Shirley Thompson, Flowers for You*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2023 – *Shirley Thompson, Bloom*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2015 – *Art Vancouver*, Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Professional Memberships

- Member of the Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA)

Publications

- Featured Artist, Arabella Magazine (Winter 2012 Edition), 19-page profile

Collections

- Shirley Thompson's work is held in private and corporate collections across Canada and internationally