

Artist CV – Stephen Man-Fai Cheng

Award-Winning Portrait and Landscape Painter

Born in 1956, Hong Kong

Lives and Work in Vancouver, BC, Canada

Biography

Stephen Man-Fai Cheng is an award-winning professional artist with over 40 years of experience in oil and acrylic portrait painting and art instruction. Born in Hong Kong, Stephen graduated from the Hong Kong Academy of Fine Arts and trained under some of China's most acclaimed painters and art professors. Known early in his career for massive movie poster murals, he was dubbed "the most widely exhibited artist in Hong Kong" by M-Magazine.

Stephen's early works focused on still life and figure studies, rooted in thousands of impromptu sketches and life observations. Between 1993 and 2001, he gained widespread media coverage and exhibited extensively throughout Hong Kong. After immigrating to Canada in 2002, Stephen expanded into painting ballerinas, wild horses, and west coast landscapes—capturing the rhythm, grace, and movement of nature and the human form.

Stephen's works are held in private collections across Canada, the United States, Britain, Europe, Japan, and China. He has also mentored youth and professional artists, teaching portraiture and conducting live demonstrations.

Awards

- 2005 – FCA Silver Emblem and The Alan Wylie, SFCA Award
- 2006 – Federation of Canadian Artists Best of Show Award
- 2007 – Phoenix Art Workshop Award, 'Tibet Light', Tsawwassen, BC
- 2008 – Phoenix Art Workshop Award, South Delta Artists' Guild
- 2009 – People's Choice Award & Artist with Most Votes, Port Moody Art Association

Professional Associations

- Federation of Canadian Artists
- Canadian Institute of Portrait Artists (Senior Member)
- Port Moody Art Association
- Burnaby Artists Guild
- Suite E Life Drawing Group

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 – Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2021 – Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2020 – Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 – Brushstrokes of Love: February Group Exhibition of Local and World Masters, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2024 – Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2023 – Contemporary and Old Masters Holiday Collection, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada