

## Artist CV – Valeri Sokolovski

International Sculptor and Painter

Born in 1940, Odessa Ukraine

Lives and Work in Vancouver, BC, Canada

### *Biography*

Valeri Sokolovski is an internationally acclaimed artist whose career spans over five decades, with works exhibited in more than a dozen countries. He is renowned for his monumental sculptures across Europe and Russia, as well as for paintings and sculptures held in museum and private collections around the world. Born in Odessa, Ukraine, and raised in the mountains of Kazakhstan, Valeri's early connection with nature shaped his artistic vision. Influenced by classical European art, especially Greek and Italian traditions, he began creating art as a child, favoring clay modeling, drawing, and painting.

Valeri's work evolved from government-commissioned, Soviet-style monumental sculptures to contemporary graphic and dynamic expressions of form. Today, his art reflects themes of freedom, memory, and transformation, blending authoritarian strength with sinuous, poetic forms. Valeri's work is housed in public spaces, museums, and permanent displays across Canada, Ukraine, and beyond.

### *Education*

- 1960–1962 – Alma-Ata Art College, Kazakhstan
- 1963–1968 – M.B. Grekov State Art College of Odessa
- 1974–Present – Member of the Union of Artists of the USSR & Ukrainian Society of Artists

### *Professional Memberships*

- 2010–Present – Federation of Canadian Artists
- 2002–Present – International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (I.A.T.S.E. Local 891)
- 1995–Present – Sculptors Society of British Columbia

### *Museums / Permanent Collections*

- BC Museum of Mining, Canada
- City of Surrey – City Hall, BC, Canada
- National Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Museum of Art Fund of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Art Museum of Belgorod-Dniester, Ukraine

- Museum of the October Revolution Factory, Odessa, Ukraine

## *Selected Solo Exhibitions*

- 2023 – Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2015 – Izmail Museum, Ukraine
- 2015 – Odessa Art Gallery, Ukraine
- 2004 – Surrey Art Gallery, Canada
- 2004 – Delta Fire Hall Gallery, Canada
- 2002 – Delta Fire Hall Gallery, Canada

## *Selected Group Exhibitions*

- 2025 – *Brushstrokes of Love*: 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
- 2022 – *Valeri Sokolovski*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2021 – *Valeri Sokolovski*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2020 – *Valeri Sokolovski*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2016 – *Winter Gala*, University of British Columbia
- 2015 – *Group Show*, Ice Box Gallery
- 2015 – *International Fine Art Exhibition*, Vancouver Convention Centre
- 2015 – *International Art Expo*, Vancouver Telus World of Science
- 2015 – *SYM-BI-O-SIS*, Ice Box Gallery
- 2014 – *Copper and Fire*, BC Museum of Mining
- 2013 – *Copper and Fire*, BC Museum of Mining
- 2010 – Fort Langley Centennial Museum
- 1999 – *Bellingham Blast 2000*, Bellingham, WA
- 1999 – *Big Rock Garden Park Sculpture Exhibition*, Bellingham, WA
- 1998 – *BC Creative Arts Show*, Vancouver, BC

## *Publications*

- Books:
  - *International Contemporary Artists VOL V* – ICA Publishing (2012)
  - *A Century of Sculpture* – Sculptors Society of British Columbia (1998)
  - *Odessa/Yokohama Exhibition Publication* (1991)
  - *Odessa: The Memory of the Hero-City* (1989)

- *Hero Cities of the USSR* – Moscow Press (1979)
- Newspaper Mentions:
  - *National Historic Site* – Britannia Mine Museum (2013)
  - *The Telegraph Langley* – Centennial Museum (2010)
  - Russian World Vancouver (2009)
  - The Surrey/North Delta Leader (2005–2006)
  - The Chief (2006)
  - The Peace Arch News (2000)
  - The Bellingham Herald (1999–2000)
  - The Now (2000)
  - *The Globe and Mail* – St. John's, Newfoundland (1993)
  - *The Evening Telegram* – St. John's, Newfoundland (1993)