NANCY BOYD

Canadian [b. 1949, Hamilton, ON, Canada]

Nancy was born in Hamilton in 1949 and studied art at Ontario College of Art as well as at the University of Waterloo before moving to Vancouver. For years she worked as a designer and architectural renderer, most notably for Expo 86. Nancy taught design, drawing and painting at Capilano University for 23 years before she retired in 2010.

Her work retains the influences of her design and architectural rendering background as evident in her fascination with ‘views’ and the conflation of scale between the microscopic and the cosmic. All her work, either representational or abstract, is highly tactile and infused with an ongoing sense of wonder and attention to the beautiful.

Nancy has shown extensively in the Lower Mainland and western Canada as well as internationally in the US, Japan and Australia. Her work can be seen at the Vancouver Art Gallery and Burnaby Art Gallery Rental Programs and at Wallace Galleries in Calgary.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I think it is important to remind ourselves to be in awe of the world, to continue to 'see' freshly. I enjoy looking for beauty in less conventional places. And although my first love is drawing, the accidents of process inherent in using varied media can also create that fresh and exciting way of seeing as I move through a piece.

I'm looking for the universal by witnessing and recording the particular, often in highly re-ordered or abstracted ways. The evidence of my own searching and curiosity may take me to the interior of the body, to the atmosphere of space or to the cell under a microscope. I often think my curiosity is similar to a scientist's though I have completely different methods. Instead of looking for 'proofs' in my work, I want only to witness, to take pleasure in creating and to be curious about what I see and what it might mean. – Nancy Boyd, 2025

EDUCATION

1970 - 1974 University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON
1968 - 1969 OCAD University, Toronto, ON

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 Infinite Flux, Visual Space Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2025 Infinite Flux, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2022 Bardo Songs and Other Work, Cadine Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2022 Bardo Songs 2, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2021 Bardo Songs, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2020 Multiples: Covid Mask Drawings, YACTAC, Vancouver, BC
2016 Making Matters, Soma Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2015 More Wabi Sabi, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2014 Wabi Sabi: Dark Matter, SOPA Gallery, Kelowna, BC
2013 Exploring Abstraction, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2012 New Artists, Elissa Cristall Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2008 New Work, Atelier Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2006 Against The Cold, Atelier Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2004 Scanquest, Elliot Louis Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2002 Resonance Imaging, Ballard/Lederer Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2002 Artists' Books, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC
1999 Drawings of Classical Sculpture, John Ramsay Gallery, Vancouver, BC
1999 Portrait Analogs, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC
1999 Portrait Analogs, Evergreen Cultural Centre, Coquitlam, BC
1998 Printmakers, Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC
1997 Ji Ku / Space Time Asian Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
1994 Into the Labyrinth, John Ramsay Gallery, Vancouver, BC
1993 Vessels, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC
1990 Boyd 1984-1990, Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, BC
1987 Sports Paradigms, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC
1984 Limits of Measure, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
1984 Limits of Measure, Lawrence International Gallery, Bellingham, Washington, US

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 Paired, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2024 Anniversary Show, Gallery 8, Salt Spring Island, BC
2023 Group Show, Wallace Galleries, Calgary AB
2022 International Women's Day, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2021 International Women's Day, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2019 "Vert", 3 person show, Parker Projects, Vancouver, BC
2018 Group Show, Parker Projects, Vancouver, BC
2018 All Women Group Show, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2017 Works on Paper, Three-Person Show, Soma Gallery, Vancouver BC
2016 Summer Show, Gallery Artists, Soma Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2014 Final Capilano Grad and Faculty Show, Gordon Smith Gallery, North Vancouver, BC
2009 Vancouver International Drawing Festival, Elliot Louis Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2009 - 2012 Under 8, SOPA Gallery, Kelowna, BC
2007 Faculty Exhibit, Capilano University, North Vancouver, BC
2006 New Work (with Andy Petterson), Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2006 Faculty Exchange Exhibit, University of Wollongong, Australia
2004 New Work (with Camrose Ducote), Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
1996 Gallery Artists, John Ramsay Gallery, Vancouver, BC
1992 Aiki Gekusan College, Osaka, Japan
1990 Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver, BC

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONOURS

2017 Finalist, SSNAP Prize, Salt Spring Island, BC

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

2022 Nancy Boyd, Alberta Magazine Awards Finalist, Galleries West, August 22, 2022, Mark Mushet
2020 Staving Off Pandemic Panic, an Artist Turns to Masked Portraits, The Tyee, August 20, 2020, Dorothy Woodend

2017 Salt Spring National Art Prize Announces 2017 Finalists, Galleries West, 2017
2013 Nancy Boyd, Galleries West, August 28, 2013, Maureen Latta
2013 Five Artists Selling In the West, Galleries West, Fall/Winter 2013
2007 Artists at Capilano College, The Capilano Review, No. 3.1-2, Winter/Spring 2007
2006 Global Relations, Ilawarra Mercury News, Australia, 2006
1998 Nancy Boyd: Portrait Anaglogs, Johnson, Mia, Preview, November 1998
1992 The Power and the Glory, The Vancouver Sun, November 14, 1992
1991 New Drawings from Nancy Boyd, The Vancouver Sun, June 28, 1991
1990 Works from a Female Perspective, The Vancouver Sun, May 12, 1990
1987 Visual Puns Compelling, The Province, May 11, 1987

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

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