WILLIAM DUMA, RCA

Canadian [b. 1936, Calgary, AB, Canada]

William Duma was born in Calgary, Alberta in 1936. He received an “Honors Diploma” in 1962 from the Alberta College of Art. After graduating he traveled and studied for a year in Europe. He is a member of the Alberta Society of Artists and was elected to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts in 1995.

Bill is primarily a landscape painter and is noted for the quality of light, color and strength of design in his works. Although his main area of interest for subject matter is the Alberta landscape, he has also painted the landscapes of the Yukon, Newfoundland, Ontario and the American Southwest.

He has always been attracted to the fall and winter seasons, these themes are predominant in his work. As an avid fly fisherman, rivers, lakes and streams are often a source of inspiration for summer paintings. Bill is also a keen golfer and a jazz musician. He plays an upright bass weekly with friends.

He has received a variety of awards for his painting: Medal winner and purchase award in an international Italian Show, Best of Show in the All Alberta Show, Artist of the Year and purchase award, Trout Unlimited Canada and the Alberta College of Art and Design Founder’s award of excellence.

During his many years as a painter has participated in numerous one-man and group shows throughout Canada and abroad. His work is represented in many major public, corporate and private collections in Canada, USA and Europe, such as the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Massey Foundation Ottawa, the BC Government Collection, Mendel Art Gallery Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Alberta House in England and Japan, the Nickle Arts Museum, Edmonton Art Gallery, University of Alberta and the Glenbow Museum.

ARTIST STATEMENT

Having a love of nature and her many moods, I would like to convey this feeling in my paintings in hope that others might find the same enjoyment: but also be stimulated into looking deeper within, where intimate moments with nature cause an inner awareness and we sense the integral relationship of nature, the universe and humanity.

– Bill Duma, 2008

EDUCATION

1958 - 1962 Alberta University of the Arts (formally Alberta College of Arts), Calgary, AB, Honors Diploma

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 Twilight & Nocturne / Rivers & Streams, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2017 Autumn Colour, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2013 Winter Light, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2005 Winter Light, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2004 Images: Past & Present, Agnes Bugera Gallery, Edmonton, AB
2002 Southern Alberta Landscape, Gust Gallery, Waterton Lakes National Park, AB
2001 Inner City Homes, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB

1999 Diverse Directions, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
1995 Yukon Autumn – Alberta Winter, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 Valentine's Group Exhibition, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2023 From Land to Sky, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
Hot Hot Hot Group Show, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
Easter Group Show, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2022 For The Love of Art, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2019 Works Under $1500, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
Stampede Group Show, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, AB
2015 Creative Obsession: A Celebration of the Royal Canadian Academy of
2014 Made for This Place, Nickle Gallery at the University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Prairie Masters, The Leighton Art Centre, Millarville, AB
2013 Prairie Sentinels: The Art of Grain Elevator from A.C. Leighton to the Present, The Leighton Art Centre at the Lougheed House, Calgary, AB
2012 Alberta Landscape, Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, Crowsnest Pass, Blairmore, AB
2011 Peaks of the Canadian Rockies, Alberta Society of Artists, Lougheed House, Calgary, AB
2004 Samplings: A Collection Gust & Trianon Gallery, Lethbridge, AB
2001 Alberta Society of Artists 70th Anniversary Millennium Show, Leighton Art Centre, Millarville, AB
2000 Creating a Legacy: The Role of Artists in Founding Calgary's Civic Art Collection, Contemporary Calgary (formally Triangle Gallery), Calgary, AB
Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, The Prairie Art Gallery, Grande Prairie, AB
Kaleidoscope – The Artist's Circle, Contemporary Calgary (formally Triangle Gallery), Calgary, AB
1999 Triple Take (Past, Present & Future), Alberta Society of Artists, Muttart Public Art Gallery, Calgary, AB
1998 Alberta Artists, West End Gallery, Edmonton, AB
Images & Reflections, Contemporary Calgary (formally Triangle Gallery), Calgary, AB
Remembering Calgary, Glenbow Museum, Calgary, AB
1997 Tradition Transformed – The Urban Landscape, Contemporary Calgary (formally Triangle Gallery), Calgary, AB
1995 Spring Values, Alberta Society of Artists, Muttart Public Art Gallery, Calgary, AB
1994 Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, SK

SELECTED TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS

2005 – 2006 Memory & Identity, Alberta Society of Artists 75th Anniversary Travelling Exhibition
2003 – 2005 Portrait of the Bow, Alberta Arts Foundation Travelling Show in Alberta
2001 – 2003 Blooming Prairie, Alberta Arts Foundation Traveling Exhibition
2000 – 2002 Bridging a New Century, Alberta Arts Foundation Traveling Exhibition
2000 Kaleidoscope Travelling Exhibition, W.G. Expozeal, Amsterdam, Holland
Museum of Fine Arts, Ostrava, Czech Republic

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONOURS

2002 Medal Winner and Purchase Award, Italian International Show
All Alberta Show, Open to artists residing in the province

Artist of the Year and Purchase Award, Trout Unlimited Canada
ACAD Founders Award of Excellence, Alberta University of the Arts (formally Alberta College of Art & Design)
1995 Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (RCA)

SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS

1964 – Present Alberta Society of Artists

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Alberta Art Foundation, Edmonton, AB
British Columbia Government
Alberta House, London, England
The Leighton Foundation, Millarville, AB
Canadian Embassy, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines
Gift from Alberta Premier to Government of China
Calgary Civic Collection, Calgary, AB
Alberta House, Tokyo, Japan
Alberta Government
Canadian Utilities Collection (ATCO)
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
Banff Public Library, Banff, AB
Art Gallery of Alberta (formally Edmonton Art Gallery), Edmonton, AB
Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Privy Council Office), Canada
Glenbow Museum, Calgary, AB
Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, SK

SELECTED CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Massey Foundation Collection, Toronto, ON
Riveredge Foundation, Calgary, AB
Gulf of Canada
Esso Resources
Petro Canada
Nova Corporation
Chevron Standard Limited
Alberta Energy Company Ltd.
Pan Canadian
The Canadian Petroleum Association, Calgary, AB
Finning (formally R. Angus Caterpillar)
Canadian Pacific Hotels
Art Gallery of Alberta (formally Edmonton Art Gallery), Edmonton, AB
S.N.C. Group, Montreal, QC
Siemens International, Montreal, QC
Defasco Inc.
Calgary Petroleum Club, Calgary, AB
Toronto Dominion Bank Collection
Shell Oil Collection
Devonian Foundation, Calgary, AB
Texaco Canada Resources
City Bank
St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, AB

Home Oil, Calgary, AB
AltaGas Ltd. (formally Alberta & Southern Gas Co. Ltd.), Calgary, AB
First Western Trust Co.
The Hunter Group Inc.
Pan Continental Oil Ltd., Calgary, AB
Telus Corporation (formally Alberta Government Telephones), Calgary, AB