

## JACK REID (1925-2009)

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In person he looks and sounds nothing like you thought a painter should. He is physical person, built thick and powerful, with hands that could grip a miner's sledge as easily as he wields the daintiest of brushes. His maniac energy is of a man decades younger than his 73 years. And he is talker; he offers his opinion as freely as his smile; and he is honest in both. He is kind but candid, a man born in an age when political correctness meant appreciating the right to vote rather than obeying the pressure to be silent.

Since he started teaching others his renowned techniques in 1971, more than 11,000 people have attended his watercolour workshops, demonstrations and foreign tours, and each year more student add themselves to the list. His passion is infectious and invigorating.

Reid's career spans six decades and the honours have been many. Today his paintings endure in the collection of major corporations, ordinary Canadians and the Queen of England's own at Windsor Castle. In 1992, he was awarded the Commemorative Medal by the federal Government for his contribution to Canadian Art and Honoured to be Arts Person of the Year in his hometown of Brampton.

But Reid hasn't always supported his eating habit by watercolour painting. He worked as a graphic artist until 1970, and only then did he venture into the world of "Pure Art" full-time, with little security and no formal training. What he knows, he taught himself; what he paints is what he feels.

Reid lives with Maggie, his wife and friend of 32 years, in a rambling country bungalow near Brampton, Ontario, amidst the rolling fields that hug the Credit River. His home holds his studio; his work is his play.

His love of the art of watercolour is total.

"There's a tremendous attraction that the transparency of watercolour holds for me", he says. "The things I want to paint have to do with water-snow, rain, fog and reflections. I'm fascinated by their translucent nature. And what do I paint them with? A water-soluble pigment! It's profoundly appropriate."

Despite the success he's achieved, Reid says his search is far from over, and the greatest joy he gets from his work is in the people he meets through it. The patron who hangs Reid's work in his home and the weekend painter who shares his humour and enthusiasm over the magic of watercolour-these people contribute to the ongoing process that is Reid's life as a painter.

"I didn't get this far without help from a lot of people," he says, "and I thank them all".

**Awards:**

1999 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolours, elected a Life Member  
 1992 Commemorative Medal, Canadian Government recognition of Contribution to the Arts of Canada  
 1990 Arts Person of the Year, Brampton, On  
 1974 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolours purchase Award, Toronto  
 1972 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolours Purchase Awards, Toronto, On  
 1971 First Prize, Watercolour, Carling Kiwanis, Outdoor Exhibition, Toronto, ON

**Collections:**

Diamond Jubilee Collection C.S.P.W.C.  
 H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II  
 Windsor Castle, England  
 Displayed in the Queen's Gallery in Windsor and several Exhibitions in U.K.  
 Savoy Hotel, London, England  
 United States National Park Service  
 Waterton Glacier International Peace Park, Montana, USA  
 The Honourable William Davis, Q.C., Brampton  
 NCR, Mississauga  
 Revenue Canada Taxation Division  
 Government of Canada  
 Mashusita Electric, Mississauga, ON  
 General Electric, Mississauga, ON  
 Brigdens Ltd., Toronto, ON  
 Carlton Cards, Toronto, ON  
 Rodman Hall, St. Catharines  
 Bramalea Ltd., Toronto, ON  
 M.P.H. Consulting Ltd., Toronto, ON  
 City of Brampton, On  
 Dominion Foundries and Steel Co., Hamilton  
 Citicorp Limited, Toronto  
 George Weston Limited, Toronto, ON  
 I.P.S.C.O. Inc., Regina, SAK  
 The Honourable Don Mazankowski  
 Mr. Denis Flynn, Toronto, On  
 Cargill Ltd., Head Office, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 IBM, Canada  
 Warner Lambert Canada Limited, Toronto, ON  
 Wawanesa Mutual, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 Ariens Corp, Burlington  
 Etobicoke Board of Education

North York Board of Education  
 Weight Watchers, International  
 Lindsay Public Library  
 Kitchener-Waterloo Public Library  
 St. Hilda College, Toronto, ON  
 Mrs. James Richardson, Winnipeg, Manitoba

### **Auctions:**

1994-97    McMichael Gallery Fund Raising  
 1988-94    Oakville Art Society, Oakville  
               Dundas Valley School of Art, Dundas, ON  
               Mississauga Symphony, Mississauga, ON  
               Burlington Cultural Centre, Burlington, ON  
               Brampton Synphony, Brampton, ON  
 1983-94    Canadian Mental Health, Toronto, ON  
               Kitchener, Kingston, Peterborough, Stratford, Winsor, Sarnia,  
 Chatham, Guelph, Brockville, York Region, Barrie, Burlington,  
 St. Catharines, Woodstock  
 1980-90    Toronto Symphony Dream Auction, ON  
 1979            Aviva Hadassah, Toronto, ON  
 1973-74    Sotheby's Canada Limited, Toronto, ON

### **One-Man Exhibitions:**

1998            Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan  
 1994            Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan  
 1990            Harbour Gallery, Mississauga, ON  
 1989            Loch & Mayberry, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 1988            Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan  
 1987            Halton Hills Cultural Centre, Georgetown  
 1985            Homer Watson Gallery, Kitchener  
 1984            Eaton's Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 1982            Devooght Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 1981            McDowell Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 1979-86       Assiniboia Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan  
 1979-83       Cardigan Milne Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 1978            Peel Country Museum, Brampton, ON  
 1977            The Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, ON  
 1975-78       Pollock Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 1972            Doon School of Fine Art, Kitchener  
 1971-83       Gustafsson Gallery, Brampton, ON  
 1971            Imperial Life Insurance Co., Toronto, ON

### **Juried Exhibitions:**

1994-97    McMichael Gallery Fund Raising, Kleinburg  
 1989-90    C.S.P.W.C., National Ballet of Canada, Toronto, ON  
 1988            McKenzie Public Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

- Diamond Jubilee Collection, Ontario House, London, England  
 1986 McDonald Gallery Diamond Jubilee Collection of the C.S.P.W.C.  
 1985 National Ballet, Canadian Opera Company, Toronto, ON  
 1981 C.S.P.W.C., National Ballet of Canada  
 1980 McDonald Gallery, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON  
 Kitchener-Waterloo Gallery, Kitchener  
 Rodman Hall, St. Catharines  
 Burlington Cultural Centre, Burlington, ON  
 Sarnia Public Art Gallery, Sarnia  
 The Gallery, Stratford  
 1979 The Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, ON  
 C.S.P.W.C. Society, Toronto, ON  
 1978 Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour, London, England  
 Citicorp Collection, Toronto, ON  
 Dofasco Collection, Hamilton, ON  
 1976 C.S.P.W.C. Society, Vancouver, BC  
 1974 C.S.P.W.C. Society, Calgary, AB  
 1972 C.S.P.W.C. Society, Toronto, ON  
 1971 Carling Kiwanis Outdoor Exhibition, Toronto, ON  
 1970 Society of Canadian Artists, Toronto, ON

### **Affiliations:**

- 1997 Artist in Residence, Glacier National Park, Montana, USA  
 1994 Brampton Arts Council (Honorary Member), Brampton  
 1983 Erindale Gallery, University of Toronto (Consultant), Mississauga  
 1979-81 Schneider's School of Fine Arts (Instructor), Actinolite  
 1978 Canadian Conference of Arts (Member), Toronto, ON  
 1976 Visual Arts, Ontario (Director), Toronto, ON  
 1975-92 The Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, ON  
 1975 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolours (Life Member), Toronto, ON

### **Educational Publications:**

1997 - Published "First Steps" series, an introduction to watercolour painting for the beginner and intermediate student. Release in the fall of 1998.

A second book on how to paint snow and water is now available. A new book titled "Watercolour for Fun and Travel" is in production for release in 2001.

### **CD Rom:**

In 1996 production of a CD ROM titled "Watercolour My Way" an introduction to watercolour for the beginner or intermediate student.

### **Television:**

In 1996 a 10 part Television Series titled "Watercolour My Way" for every level of student. This series was nominated for an award in Educational T.V. in 1996.

**Watercolour Workshops:**

Has conducted workshops in all of the Provinces of Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Portugal, Mexico and many States in the USA, Including Alaska.

Reid conducts group Workshops in his studio and is also available for demonstrations or classes for Art Societies or Clubs.