JIM STOKES

Jim Stokes is an artist from Grande Prairie, Alberta. He has been painting and showing his work for 23 years in Alberta and across Canada. His many solo exhibitions have been for the most part a large on going series of painterly landscapes. Fluid and gestural paint handling is played off against a sharp sense of light in the distance. Less known have been a series of interiors, a continuing group of figurative works, and many experimental prints and works on paper. Made with fairly traditional media, paint on canvas and paper as well as distressed wood panels, these works are frankly celebratory. The emotion from a place, a time of day, or some fragment of nature, has a rich resonance. I try to balance this with the influence of abstraction. All over mark making and the material nature of painting are important as well.

Birth Date: 1959 - Grande Prairie, Alta.

Education:Primarily self-taught, influenced by Jack Chambers & Dorothy Knowles.

Solo Exhibitions:

2008 - Scott Gallery, Edmonton
2006 - Scott Gallery, Edmonton
2003 – Muse Gallery Grande Prairie
2002 – Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie
2001 – La Clarte Dieu Quebec City
1998 – Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta
1998 – Unique Gallery, Grand Prairie, Alta
1996 - West End Gallery, Edmonton, Alta.
1996 - Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta.
1995 - Wallace Galleries, Calgary, Alta.
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1989 - Wallace Galleries, Calgary, Alta.
1988 - Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta.
1987 - West End Galleryl, Edmonton, Alta.
1986 - Picture Perfect Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta.
1985 - Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta.
1981 - Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta
1979 - Prairie Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta.

Selected Group Exhibitions:

1996 - Group Exhibition, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, Alta.

1995 - Group Exhibition, Unique Gallery, Grande Prairie, Alta.
1989 - "*Alberta Drawing"*, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alta.
1988 - *"Prairie Scapes",* Petley Jones Gallery, Vancouver, B.C.
- *"The Big Canvas",* West End Gallery, Edmonton, Alta.
1987 - Group Exhibition, Wallace Galleries, Calgary, Alta.
- *"Recent Acquisitions",* McMullen Gallery, Edmonton, Alta
- l986 - *"Parallels & Affinities",* Muttart Gallery, Calgary, Alta.

Selected Collections:

Alberta Foundation of the Arts
Jarvis Engineering
Prairie Gallery
Lion Business Machines
City of Grande Prairie
Stuart Olson
Queen Elizabeth II Hospital
Parlee McLaws
W.C. MacKenzie Health Science Centre
City of Edmonton
Alberta Government Telephones
Canadian Utilities
Inter Provincial Pipeline
Edmonton Art Gallery
PanCanadian
Alberta Energy
Goepel Shields
Westcoast Petroleum
Continental Communication