

Jill Thomson
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Edmonton / Montreal painter, Jill Thomson received her B.F.A. from Concordia University in Montreal. She is represented by Gibson Fine Art in Calgary and has been represented at the AGA Art Rental and Sales Gallery for over twenty years.

Her urban garden and neighbourhood paintings celebrate creative life in cities with gardens and ravines thriving in urban terrain. Houses, city architecture and street life (bike lanes, cafes, markets, bookstores) open-up with genre views into homes and interior quarters.

Her Strathcona Neighbourhood painting, commissioned for Premier Rachel Notley, depicts the legislature from a Strathcona neighbourhood perspective and hangs in the Premier's Office in the Alberta Legislature. "Edmonton Neighbourhood" was purchased by the Edmonton Arts Council as a gift for City Hall for their Capital Campaign. Nine of her paintings are featured in an alleyway mural for the Alberta Ave Alley Project, a joint project of Edmonton Ave Initiative, Arts on the Ave and the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team as part of the revitalization of Alberta Ave. Her painting, "Heritage Quarter" was brought to life as the setting for three operas in a collaborative video projection with, Darcia Parada of Mercury Opera and Owen Brierley of Guru Digital and was exhibited as part of the Boyle Street Projection project with funding from the Edmonton Heritage Council. The short film, was screened in opera festivals in the UK and Ukraine. Thomson's "Unfolding Neighbourhood" project with members of the collective of the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, resulted in a collaborative artwork now permanently displayed in the Alberta Ave Community Hall.

Her artwork invokes her personal history of small town/prairie childhood, urban Montreal young adulthood and settled life as artist and mother in Edmonton.

Galleries and Collections

Gibson Fine Art Gallery, Calgary, AGA Art Rental and Sales Gallery, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Edmonton City Hall, Misericordia Hospital, national and international private collections

Exhibitions and Events

Gibson Fine Art, Featured Artist, 2017

Recent artwork by Jill Thomson and Sara Norquay, The Carrot Community Coffeehouse, 2017

Gibson Fine Arts, Summer Group Show, 2016

Artworks by Pierre Bataillard and Jill Thomson presented by AGA Art Rental and Sales Gallery, July/August, 2016

Dream City, Rivne International Film Festival, "Heritage Quarter" collaborative video projection by Jill Thomson, Darcia Parada and Owen Brierley selected for competition and screened at Festival in the Ukraine, 2016

Hinckley Opera Festival, Film Short projection of "Heritage Quarters" in the UK, 2016

Strathcona Neighbourhood, Commissioned Painting for Premier Rachel Notley, Premier's office, Alberta Legislature, 2016

Nest Tree Confidences, Curator and Artist -group exhibition, Skirtsafire Festival, Stollery Gallery, Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, 2014

Unfolding Neighbourhoods, Paintings by Jill Thomson and artists from the Nina Haggerty Collective, Stollery Gallery, Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts.
Lead artist for year-long painting project with the collective, 2011-2012

Edmonton Transit and Edmonton Arts Council commission of artwork for retiring Transit employees, 2011

Edmonton Arts Council purchase and presentation to Edmonton City Council of "Edmonton Neighbourhoods" painting for Capital Campaign, 2007

Jill Thomson Artwork Open Studios, Edmonton, 2004 – 2018

Willow Studio, Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon, Whitehorse 2006 – 2012

Rochester International Jazz Festival, Rochester New York, 2007, 2002

Pori Jazz Festival, Pori, Finland, Paintings, 2002

Alberta Gallery of Art, Graff Selects: A Selection of Contemporary Works from the Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, 1996

Medici Foundation, Award for Painting, Edmonton, 1994

Harcourt Gallery, Paintings, 1992, 1990

Concordia University, Visual Arts Gallery, Montreal, 1989

Education

Concordia University, Montreal, B.F.A, Painting, 1987

Vanier College, Montreal, Painting, 1982

Public Art Projects

Alberta Ave Alley Project, Alleyway Mural featuring nine artworks by Jill Thomson A joint project of Arts on the Avenue, AABA, City of Edmonton Ave Initiative, Neighbourhood Empowerment Team, October, 2013

Heritage Quarter: A New Vision for an Urban Landscape
Boyle Street Projections, Installation for Boyle Renaissance Plaza
Collaborative Public Art project with Jill Thomson, Mercury Opera, Guru Digital Arts and Wolf Willow Sound, grant from the Edmonton Heritage Council, November 2013

Art Board and Volunteer Assignments

Skirtsafire (Multidisciplinary Arts) Festival
Board member
2013-2014
Vice President, 2015
Curator of Visual Arts Exhibit, 2014

Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts
Unfolding Neighbourhood project
Visiting Studio Artist
Photographed the Nina neighbourhood and instructed painting with six artists from the collective. Eleven ceramic artists also created houses for the final artwork, 2011