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Bio / CV

Katherine Curci is an award-winning contemporary artist from Toronto who specializes in photo-realistic charcoal drawings. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting at Ontario College of Art and Design University in 2014 and received a Certificate of Advanced Visual Studies at OCAD's Self-Directed Studio Program in Florence, Italy. Since becoming a full-time artist in 2021, she has exhibited her work in numerous galleries both locally and internationally.

Through the study of land, sea, and sky, Katherine creates drawings that explore the consuming contrast between light and shadow. Using a combination of charcoal and conte crayon, she creates a range of tones from deep blacks to shimmering highlights. These seemingly opposing elements coexist in her work to create moments of stillness, which become emotional representations of the constant ebb and flow of nature mirroring our human experience. During the COVID pandemic, the world was heavily impacted by fear and uncertainty and this inspired Katherine to create drawings that would offer viewers a moment of calm and reflection. Her biggest inspiration comes from nature as she relies on it not only for references, but also as a much needed healing tool.

Education

Ontario College of Art and Design University - June 2014 - *Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting*

OCADU's Off-Campus Program - April 2013, Florence, Italy - *Certificate of Advanced Visual Studies*

CMU College of Makeup Art and Design - May 2018 - *Diploma in Special Effects Makeup Art for TV & Film*

Awards

DeSerres Artist Prize Winner for Works on Paper - Artist Project, April 2024 (Toronto)

Inaugural recipient of the Gladstone House Award - Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, July 2022 (Toronto)

Solo Exhibitions

Light, Time and Tides, December 2023, Red Head Gallery (Toronto)

Exhibitions

Summer Show, Susan Eley Fine Art, July 2024 (New York City)

The Artist Project, April 2024 (Toronto)

Light, Time and Tides, December 2023, Red Head Gallery (Toronto)

Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, July 2023 (Toronto)

The Artist Project, April 2023 (Toronto)

Get Noticed, December 2022, Red Head Gallery (Toronto)
Worlds Away, September 2022, Arta Gallery (Toronto)
Gladstone House, August 2022 - August 2023 - Room 206 (Toronto)
Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, July 2022 (Toronto)
The Artist Project, April 2022 (Toronto)
Sprung, April 2022, Susan Eley Fine Art (New York City)
White Out, December 2021, Susan Eley Fine Art (New York City)
This Land, February 2021, Susan Eley Fine Art (Hudson, New York)
Saugerties Artisan Market, December 2020, Susan Eley Fine Art (Saugerties, New York)
40 Under Forty, October 2020, Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery (Columbus Centre, Toronto)
Bare Essentials, August 2020, Blitz Gallery (Toronto)
OCADU Grad Ex, May 2014, The Great Hall (Toronto)
OCADU Figure Show February 2014, The Great Hall (Toronto)
Neophilia, October 2013, The Great Hall (Toronto)
Neophilia, April 2013, OCAD University Studio (Florence, Italy)
Sotopòrtego, March 2013, Libreria IBS (Florence, Italy)