

## Michael J.B. Black

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### Artist's Statement:

*Informed by a late Modern interpretation of abstraction, my practice typically moves between painterly and post-painterly interpretations of cultural history, biomorphic forms and landscape. In all areas, I attempt to balance the pre-planned with the immediacy of the painting process itself, so that the images created are able to convey universal themes as well as to allow for variations in interpretation.*

### Artist's Background:

Michael graduated from the Ontario College of Art (now OCADU), in 1984 and holds a Doctorate in Education from the University of Toronto (2003). For 30 years, he worked in education. Michael has shown his work in Toronto, Charlottetown, Port Perry, Creemore, Thornhill, Port Hope, Ottawa and Peterborough. His work is held in many collections.

### Selected Exhibitions Since 2009:

- (Group Exhibition) with Peggy Kimble, Raquell Yang, & Carol Hahn, Gallery at L.E. Shore, Thornbury March 7-April 1, 2020.
- (SOLO Show), Vestiges, Propeller February 5 - 16, 2020
- (SOLO Show), Michael Black: Evanescent, Propeller August 28-September 15
- (Group Exhibition), The Square Foot Show 2019, Westland Gallery, London July 10 – August 9
- (Two-Person Show), Organic Origins, Mangia and Bevi Toronto, May 14 – July 14 2019
- (SOLO Display), Lent and Easter Reflections, Church of the Ascension, Port Perry March/April 2019
- (SOLO Display), The Landscape of Cartwright, MP Erin O'Toole Constituency Office, Bowmanville November 15 2018/February 15 2019
- (Group Exhibition), Blue Impulse, Propeller February 13-March 3
- (SOLO Show), Michael Black: Recent Work, Propeller Nov 21 – Dec 2 2018
- (Group Exhibition), Summertime, Propeller, July 25-Aug 12 2018
- (Group Exhibition), Out of This World, Royal Astronomical Society/Propeller, July 4-22 2018
- (Group Exhibition), Gallery Artists Group Exhibition 1 and 2, Arta Gallery, May/June 2018
- (Group Exhibition), Waking the Dream, Propeller May 2018
- (Group Exhibition), Propeller Member's Exhibition 2018, January 31–February 11
- (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, Winter 2014 and 2015
- (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, Fall 2015
- Summer Heat (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, July 2014
- Artful Escapes (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, January-February 2014
- Benefactor's Show (Group Exhibition), McLaren Art Centre, March 2014
- The Residents (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, October-November 2014
- Spring Art Sale (Group Exhibition), Art Gallery of Hamilton, May 2013
- Winter Art Sale (Group Exhibition), Art Gallery of Hamilton, November 2013
- Perspective (Group Exhibition), Studio Vogue Gallery, September 2013
- Interplay (Group Exhibition), Studio Vogue Gallery, October 2013
- Colour and Light (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, August-September 2013
- Summer Sale (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, July-August 2013

- Group Show, Arta Gallery, July 2013
- Spring Group Show, Arta Gallery, March 2013
- Art Collection (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, December-January 2013
- Open Country (SOLO Show), Arta Gallery, February-March 2012
- Group Show, Arta Gallery, March 2012
- Two Seasons (SOLO Show), Russell Gallery, March-April 2011
- Contemporary Art by Gallery Artists (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, November 2011
- Annual Holiday Show (Group Exhibition), Arta Gallery, November 2011
- Recent Sand Paintings (SOLO Show), Russell Gallery, November-December 2009
- Sand Paintings (SOLO Show), Kent Farndale Gallery, January 2009

Michael has also worked with Koyman Galleries in Ottawa, Canvas Gallery in Toronto and Engine Gallery when it was located in Port Hope. Michael is on the Board of Propeller Art Gallery in Toronto, [www.propellerartgallery.ca](http://www.propellerartgallery.ca)

**Michael's most current work is available on Instagram @michaeljbblack**