

# PAT FAIRHEAD

M.A., M.Ed., R.C.A., O.S.A., C.S.P.W.C

## BIOGRAPHY

Pat Fairhead came to Canada from England when she was 10 years old. Two days after arriving in Toronto she went to Muskoka and fell in love with the Canadian landscape. This sparked a life-long love affair with the wilderness.

At age 15 she was accepted to the Ontario College of Art (now OCADU), but had to wait until she turned 16 before she could attend. She has an M.Ed from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and an M.A. from Goddard College, Vermont.

Inspiration for her work has lured her to the Arctic nine times. She has paddled up the west coast of British Columbia and a section of the Amazon River. She has hiked the outback of Australia, explored South Africa, Namibia, and Botswana, sailed down the Nile and toured around Europe, with many trips to England. She has travelled Canada and the United States east to west and back.

During her career Pat has had 70 solo shows nationally and internationally. Her work can be found in the Royal Collection of Prints and Drawings at Windsor Castle, England, and is represented in at least 200 corporate collections, government buildings and universities.

Pat's first recognition came at age 16 with a proficiency prize from the Ontario College of Art. She was elected to the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour in 1966, and the Ontario Society of Artists in 1986. She has been a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art since 1993, and was awarded the A.J. Casson Medal for Excellence in Watercolour in 2011.

Pat now has her studio in Muskoka, right where she started out.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### *Education*

Master of Arts  
Goddard College  
Vermont

Master of Education  
Ontario Institute for Studies  
in Education, Department of  
Adult Education  
Toronto

Ontario College of Art  
(now OCADU)  
Toronto

### *Awards & Fellowships*

A.J. Casson Medal for  
excellence in watercolour  
2011

C.S.P.W.C. Award  
2009, 2010

Ontario College of Art  
Proficiency Prize

Fellowship: Dept. of Adult  
Education, OISE

### *Solo Exhibitions (Selected)*

The Arts & Letters Club, Toronto, 1987, 2004, 2008, 2013, 2017

Chancery Gallery, Bracebridge, 2008, 2009, 2017

The Festival of the Sound, Parry Sound, 2015

Collector's Gallery, Calgary, 2012

Trias Gallery, Toronto, 2008, 2011, 2012

Agora Gallery, Chelsea, New York, 2011

Gallery One, Toronto, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003

Thielsen Gallery, London, 1987, 1991, 2001

Roberts Gallery, Toronto, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996

Harbour Gallery, Mississauga, 1993, 1995, 1997

Wallace Galleries, Calgary, 1996

Mabey Gallery, Richmond, Virginia, 1992, 1993, 1996

Lydon Fine Art Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1992

Fraser Galleries, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1991

Gallery 1667, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1998

Queen Charlotte Islands Museum, British Columbia, 1986

Wells Gallery, Ottawa, 1985

Jacox Gallery, Edmonton, 1969

Pollock Gallery, Toronto, 1981

Sobot Gallery, Toronto, 1966, 1967

## *Group Exhibitions (Selected)*

Martha Mabey Gallery, Biloxi, Mississippi, 2004

"Three Women," Lydon Fine Art Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1997

Bankside Gallery, London, England, 1992

Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1993

The Charles and Emma Frye Museum, Seattle, Washington, 1992

The Canton Art Institute, Canton, Ohio, 1992

"Crucifixion of the Feminine," Mabey Gallery, Virginia, 1994

"Arts in Canada," travelling exhibition: Midwest Museum of American Art, Indiana, 1980

Jesse Besser Museum, Michigan, 1981

Art Gallery of Ontario, 1967

## *Corporate Collections (Selected from over 200)*

Bank of America (Canada)

Bell Cellular

Canada Corporation

Canadian General Electric Company Ltd.

Canadian Tire Corp.

Cassels Brock

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Citibank Canada

Detroit Bank, Toronto

Esso Resources Ltd., Calgary

Fuji Bank Canada

Gulf Canada Ltd.

Hong Kong Bank, Toronto

Noranda Minerals Novacor Chemical, Calgary

POI Design Consultants

Prudential Insurance Co. Ltd., Montreal

Royal Bank of Canada

Sumitomo Bank Ltd., Toronto

The Toronto Stock Exchange

Union Bank of Switzerland

Weston Hotel, Ottawa

## *Public Collections (Selected)*

Market Gallery, City of Toronto Archives

Ontario House, London, England

Queen's Park Parliament Buildings, Toronto

Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa

Royal Collection of Drawings, Watercolours and Prints,  
Windsor Castle, England

St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, St. Thomas

Varley Art Gallery, Unionville

## *Represented By*

Harbour Gallery

1697 Lakeshore Rd. West

Mississauga, ON L5J 1J4

harbourgallery.com

Britton Gallery

169 Manitoba St.

Bracebridge, ON P1L 1S3

brittongallery.ca

The Collectors' Gallery

1332 9th Ave. SE

Calgary, AB T2G 0T3

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