

Kathleen Finlay

Kathleen Finlay is a fine art photographer who has been exhibiting her work for over 35 years in Canada and Internationally. Since 2016, Kathleen has returned to painting, specializing in large scale acrylic paintings on wood panel while continuing her photography work. As the founder and organizer of **The Soulfood** from 2018 to 2022, Kathleen created a collective of rotating artists invited to participate in events organized in different cities in Ontario and Québec.

Kathleen Finlay's work explores the purity in nature contrasting with human interaction and man-made structures. Kathleen is fascinated with symbols that remind us that life is fleeting and transient. In contrast to a culture where abundance drowns the senses, these images take us back to the purity and truth found in nature. The austerity of her photographic landscapes is dotted with traces of our passage and illustrate the idea that nature is immense and that our part in it is ultimately insignificant. Her paintings explore architectural, linear, and geometric patterns both human-made and observed in the natural world.

Education

1992 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Arts, York University,

2013-2016 Sculpture Studio of Jean-Charles Mainardis, specializing in live model and clay, Paris

2014-2016 Gustave Moreau Museum, drawing studio, Paris

2014-2016 Atelier des Beaux-Arts de la Glacière, traditional mold making, Paris

Solo Exhibitions (Photography and Painting)

2000 Postcards, Gallery One, Toronto

2001 Polaroid, Gallery One, Toronto

2003 Travelogues, Gallery One, Toronto

2005 Cirque, Gallery One, Toronto

2006-2007 Cirque, exhibition presented during Corteo by Cirque du Soleil, Dubai, Australia, USA

2008 Starfall, Gallery One, Toronto

2010 Starfall, La Tohu, Montréal



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2011 Starfall, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto

2012 Circus Shadows, Gallery One, Toronto

2015 Vanitas, Galerie 26, Paris

2018 Les Oniriques, 2 Barn Owls, Hudson, QC

The Soulfood Exhibitions

2018 Hudson, Québec at 2 Barn Owls.

2019 Toronto, Ontario at Founded by Garcia.

2019 Montreal, Quebec at Les 7 Doigts.

2021 Toronto, Ontario at Arterial.

2021 Prince Edward County at The Eddie

2021 Toronto, Ontario at Arterial

2022 Montreal, Quebec at Les 7 Doigts

Artist Residence

Organizer and participating artist of a one-year rotating artist residency featuring 6 visual artists, inspired by the circus artists rehearsing and creating at the world renowned Les 7 Doigts Creative Center in Montreal.

Private collections

Cirque du Soleil as well as private collectors in Canada, USA, France, Italy, Singapore

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