

**JOHN BROWN
(1953-2020)**

Born 1953, Sarnia, ON, d. 2020 Toronto, ON

EDUCATION

1977-81 Ontario College of Art, Toronto, ON
1979-82 Bachelor of Arts, University of Guelph, ON

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2019 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2018 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2015 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2014 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2013 Galerie Division, Montréal, QC
2012 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2011 Wilde Gallery, Berlin, DE
2010 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
 Wilde Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2009 Book Launch, Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2008 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2008 Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art (MOCCA), Toronto ON
2006 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2005 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2003 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2001 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2000 Galerie Eric Devlin, Montréal, QC
1999 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
1997 Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
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1993 Costin & Klintworth Gallery, Toronto, ON
1990 Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
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1988 Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
1986 Laurentian Museum and Art Centre, Sudbury, ON
1985 Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
1984 Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
1981 Gallery 76, Toronto, ON

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Where We Left Off*, Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2023 *Pattern Play*, Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON

	<i>50th Anniversary Group Show</i> , Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2022	<i>It's Not Fair</i> , Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2020	<i>The New Normal</i> , Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2019	<i>Close Encounters</i> , Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2010	Wilde Gallery, Berlin Germany
2009	<i>Inventory #1</i> , Wilde Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2008	<i>Mnemonic Devices</i> , Gairloch Gardens Oakville Galleries, Oakville ON
2003	Galerie Im Kornhauskeller, Pro Arte Ulmer, Kunststiftung Ulm, Germany
	<i>Painters 15</i> , MOCCA, North York, ON
	<i>Works on Paper</i> , Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
2002	<i>Painters 15: Canadian Painting Exhibition</i> , Shanghai, China
1999	Galleries René Blouin, Montréal, QC
1996	<i>Traces</i> , Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, ON
1991	<i>Working on the Fringe</i> , Redeemer College, Ancaster, ON
	<i>John Brown, Marc de Guerre, Rae Johnson</i> , Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
1989	<i>University of Guelph Alumni Art Exhibition</i> , Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, Guelph, ON
1988	<i>The Body and Society</i> , The Embassy Cultural House, London, ON
	<i>Figurative Force</i> , The Gallery, Stratford, ON
	<i>Northern Artists</i> , The Office of the Premier, Toronto, ON
1987	<i>Written Images</i> , Touring Exhibition: Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto; Glendon Gallery, Toronto; Laurentian Museum Art Centre, Sudbury; Oakville Galleries, Oakville, ON
1986	<i>Ecrans politiques</i> , Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montréal, QC
1985	<i>Toronto Now</i> , Sarnia Public Library & Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
	Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
	<i>Toronto Painting</i> , Touring Exhibition: Rodman Hall Arts Centre, St. Catharines, ON; Art Gallery of Windsor, Windsor, ON; Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, AB; Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, MB; The Gallery, Stratford, ON
1984	<i>Toronto Painting</i> , Touring Exhibition: Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON; Glenbow Museum, Calgary, AB; Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, NB
	Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
	<i>Expron</i> , Centre international d'art contemporain, Montréal, QC
	Galerie Aufbau-Abbau, Berlin, Germany
	<i>Content - Context</i> , Mercer Union, Toronto, ON & Open Space Gallery, Victoria, BC
1983	<i>Commentary 1982-83</i> , 49th Parallel Gallery, New York, NY & Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, ON
1982	<i>Monumenta</i> , YYZ, Toronto, ON
	<i>Mayday Show</i> , The Funnel, Toronto, ON
	<i>Three Icon Makers</i> , Chromazone, Toronto, ON
1981	University of Guelph, ON

GROUP EXHIBITIONS cont.

1980	A.C.T., Toronto, ON
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PUBLICATIONS

- 2008 Bently Mays, John, Liss, David, Lee, Dennis, *John Brown*, (Toronto: Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art)
- 1988 Grosman, Penny-Lynn, *Figurative Force* (Stratford: The Gallery/Stratford)
- 1985 Gascon, France, *Écrans politiques* (Montréal: Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal)
- 1984 Burnett, David, *Toronto Painting '84* (Toronto: Art Gallery of Ontario) *Expron* (Montréal - Centre international d'art contemporain)

PERIODICALS

- Moy, Craig, *Hot Art: Editor's Pick*, Where Magazine, June 2009, p. 49
- PREVIEW, Canadian Art, Summer 2009, p.29
- Hirschmann, Thomas, *Art and Soul: The Donovan Collection*, NOW, January 8-14, 2004, p.48
- Bracket, Donald, *John Brown*, Canadian Art, Fall 2001, p. 103
- Top 20 Artists Since 1981*, NOW, October 25-31, 2001
- Hanna, Deirdre, *John Brown's Abstract Quest for Perfection*, NOW, October 2-8, 1997
- Rhodes, Richard, Toronto Life, Winter 1996
- Holubizky, Ihor, *Fast Forward*, Canadian Art, Spring 1993
- Young, Jane, *Distinguishing Features*, Vanguard, December 1988
- Artist's Project, Land: Sleep*, Impulse, Winter 1985, p. 26
- Artist's Project, Stage Directions from a Play Mythologizing a Place of Birth*, C Magazine, No#4, 1985, p. 36-39
- Hume, Christopher, *The Season in Review*, artmagazine, Spring 1983

SELECTED REVIEWS

- Dault, Gary Michael, *Visual Arts Review: Erasing, for me, is really a form of drawing*, The Globe & Mail, Feb. 23, 2008
- Dault, Gary Michael, *Globe Review: Exhibit A Distressed*, The Globe & Mail, Sept. 1, 2006
- Dault, Gary Michael, *Gallery Going*, The Globe & Mail, Toronto, January 15, 2005
- Dault, Gary Michael, *John Brown at Olga Korper*, The Globe & Mail, Toronto, April 26, 2003
- Mays, John Bentley, *Passionate Paintwork: A Brief Love Affair*, The Globe & Mail, Nov. 1, 2003
- Mays, John Bentley, *This punk lived on*, National Post, April 28, 2001
- Dault, Gary Michael, *Painting as archeology*, The Globe & Mail, Toronto, May 12, 2001
- Dault, Gary Michael, *A meditative journey*, The Globe & Mail, Toronto, March 13, 1999, p. C13
- Mackay, Gillian, *Gallery Going*, The Globe & Mail, Sept. 27, 1997
- Brackett, Donald, *Painterly Inclinations*, The Financial Post, Sept. 13, 1997, p. 22
- Mays, John Bentley, *Curator traces four good reasons to renew love affair with art*, The Globe & Mail, August 3, 1996
- Mays, John Bentley, *A carnal vocabulary for the human body*, The Globe & Mail, Dec. 2, 1995
- Taylor, Kate, *Figure as Metaphor*, The Globe & Mail, November 8, 1993
- Hume, Christopher, *Quiet artist's works speak louder than words*, Toronto Star, November 4, 1993
- Mays, John Bentley, *Male body supplants feminist concerns in art of the '90s*, The Globe & Mail, March 17, 1990
- Mays, John Bentley, *A 'Lifting and Spanking Machine' and the building of male identity*, The Globe & Mail, March 9, 1990

Mays, John Bentley, *Tortured portrait proof Brown is back on track*, The Globe & Mail, Oct. 1, 1988
 Mays, John Bentley, *Parts add up to intriguing whole*, The Globe & Mail, March 20, 1985
 Mays, John Bentley, *Carefully chosen symbols*, The Globe & Mail, February 16, 1984
 Hume, Christopher, *Artist despairs of social violence*, Toronto Star, February 10, 1984
 Fraser, Matthew, *Artists' religion inspires dark visions of the world*, The Globe & Mail, July 25, 1983

SELECTED REPRODUCTIONS

2007 Book Cover - Ron Charach, *Selected Portraits: Book of Poems*
 2006 CD Cover- Thom Gossage 5 (jazz recording)

RECENT LECTURES AND JURY PLACEMENTS

2006 Lecturer, OCAD, Toronto, ON
 RBC Painting Competition, Toronto, ON
 Manitoba Arts Council, Winnipeg, MB
 Lecturer, University of Guelph, ON

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of Ontario, ON
 Cadillac Fairview Corporation, Toronto, ON
 Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa, ON
 CI Mutual Funds, Toronto, ON
 Claridge Collection, Montreal, QC
 The Donovan Collection, St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON
 Gluskin Sheff & Associates, Toronto, ON
 Granite Club, Toronto, ON
 Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
 Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON

SELECTED COLLECTIONS cont.

Mask Management, Toronto, ON
 Mercantile Bank, Montréal, QC
 National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
 Oakville Galleries, Oakville, ON
 Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, Toronto, ON
 Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto ON
 Scarborough College, Scarborough, ON
 Sunlife, Toronto, ON
 TD Canada Trust, Toronto, ON
 The Bank of Montreal, Toronto ON
 The National Club
 Tiger Management LLC, New York, NY
 Tory, Tory, Deslauriers & Binnington, Toronto, ON
 UBS, Toronto, ON

Upper Deck Company Ltd., Toronto, ON
Vortex Holdings Inc., Toronto, ON