

## Peter HOFFER

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Hoffer's contemporary paintings have been described as being as much about studio materials and techniques as the subjects they convey. He begins his paintings of landscapes and waterfalls with oil paint on wood panels or torn canvas pieces. As an integral part of the process, he cracks, stresses and treats the layers of paint to great washes of runny paint which stain the foregrounds. The paintings are finished with thick coatings of glass-like resin.

This process of exaggerated surface varnishing was extracted from the historical 19th century practice of Parisian-style Salon exhibition. Viewers standing before them become part of the scenery itself, as their reflections are superimposed. For the artist, this sets up a necessary balance between the naturalness of the painted and organic landscape and the artificial sense of the precious "objet d'art." In a sense, the painting adopts certain characteristics of the landscape, forever changing and evolving as material breaks down and alters composition.

### BIOGRAPHY

Peter Hoffer was born in 1965 in Brantford, Ontario.

Peter Hoffer has a M.F.A. from Concordia University in Montréal, degrees from the University of Guelph, Ontario, and the Ontario College of Art in Toronto. He has lived and worked in Toronto, New York City, and Montreal where he now resides.

### EDUCATION

1990 : A.O.C.A. Hon's, Ontario College of Art - Toronto, Ontario,

1993 : B.F.A. Fine Arts, University of Guelph - Guelph Ontario,

1996 : M.F.A. Concordia University - Montréal, Québec.

### EXHIBITIONS

2019

AAF Singapore

AAF London

AAF New York

2018

AAF Hong Kong

AAF London Hampstead

AAF Brussels

AAF Battersea Spring

2017

Echoes, Kathryn Markel Fine Arts

Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, QC

2016

Art Hamptons

AAF New York

AAF Hong Kong

Envie d Art gallery, Paris VIII

Chase Young Gallery, Boston

Maerz Contemporary, Berlin

2015

AAF New York

AAF Hong Kong

AAF Seoul

AAF Singapore

Simon Blaias gallery, Montreal

Nicolas Metivier gallery, Toronto

Kathryn Markel Fine arts

De Bellefeuille gallery, Montreal

2014

Los Angeles Art Show

AAF London

AAF Hong Kong

AAF Brussels

AAF Hamburg

AAF New York

AAF Cologne

AAF Singapore

Art Basel

Art Miami

Art Hamptons

2013

AAF London

AAF Milan

AAF Hong Kong  
AAF Brussels  
20-21 International Art Fair  
Art Hamptons

2012  
London Art Fair  
AAF Los Angeles  
AAF Milan  
AAF Bruxelles  
AAF London  
AAF New York  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris VII

2011  
AAF Brussels  
AAF London  
AAF Milan  
AAF Singapore  
London Art Fair  
Art London  
Art Chicago

2010  
AAF Brussels, Singapore, Amsterdam  
KH gallery, Chicago  
Simon Blais gallery, Montreal  
Battat Contemporary gallery, Montreal

2009  
Envie d Art gallery, London  
Chase gallery, Boston  
AAF Brussels, London  
Kerstin Blaschke gallery, London  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa  
Foster-white gallery, Seattle

2008  
St-Laurent Hill gallery, Ottawa, Canada  
Newzones gallery, Calgary, Canada  
Studio 21 Fine Art, Halifax, Canada  
Chase Gallery, Boston, Canada  
Bau-Xi gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
"L'Histoire Naturelle", Simon Blais gallery, Montreal, Canada  
Envie d art gallery, Paris VIII  
Envie d art gallery, Paris VII  
Art London  
AAF Amsterdam  
Laura Bresteau gallery, Brussels  
Kerstin Blaschke gallery, London  
Nicolas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
Chase Gallery, Boston, MA

2007  
Mary Bell, Chicago  
"Element", Nicolas Metivier, Toronto, Canada  
"Stigmata", Kathryn Markel, New York  
Stricoff Gallery, New York

2006  
"Terrain", Nicolas Metivier, Toronto, Canada  
"Common Ground", Kathryn Markel, New York  
Perry Nicole Gallery, Memphis, USA  
"Summertime in Paris", Parisian Laundry, Montreal, Canada

2005  
Simon Blais gallery, Montreal, Canada  
Bau-XI Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa, Canada  
Parisien Laundry, Montreal, Canada

2004  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa, Canada  
Bau XI gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
"The In Between", Newzones, Calgary, Canada

2003  
Museum of Arts, University of Guadalajara, Mexico  
Art Mur gallery, Montreal, Canada  
Simon Blais gallery, Montreal, Canada  
"Zones d'Experience", Museum of Quebec, Canada

2002  
National exhibitions center de Jonquiere, Quebec  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa, Ontario  
"Invitation Au Voyage" Maison de la Culture, Montreal, Quebec

2001

Exhibition "les Collections Permanentes", Maison des Arts, Quebec, Canada

Teodora Gallery - Toronto, Canada

"Distance", Port-Maurice Gallery - Saint-Leonard, Québec