

Patrick Lajoie

Through his art, Canadian photographer Patrick Lajoie explores the themes of color and light while focusing on the emotions born of nostalgia and memory. Previously known for his wood transfer practice, the images that made him famous were infused with warm colors and textures. In Patrick Lajoie's universe, commonly recurring themes such as beaches and bathing scenes, vintage cars and surfing, are chosen as much for their reflection of the artist's personal interests as for their ability to channel collective memories and a spirit of adventure. Rather than being planned or staged, his images are primarily discovery-driven and rely on frequent travels in search of the elusive chance combination of the right subject matter, location, lighting, and compositional potential. In that sense, his artistic practice is in constant evolution. In his latest series, Lajoie chooses an American cultural symbol: cars. Cadillacs and other vintage vehicles are pictured in a sunny Californian landscape, devoid of any human presence. Like a newly colorized period film, his photographs taken in Palm Springs and Los Angeles remind us of the old Hollywood. On the other hand, the deserted luxury villas, reminiscent of movie sets, question the viewer about the American dream's artificiality.

Biography

Patrick Lajoie is born in 1969, lives and works in Caledon, Ontario, Canada. His work has been exhibited at major art fairs in New York City, London (UK), Amsterdam and Brussels and is held in private and corporate collections within Canada, the United States and Europe.

Exhibitions

2020

LA Art Show | Feb 5 - 9 | Los Angeles (Lustre Contemporary)
Art Palm Springs | Feb 13 - 17 | Palm Springs (Lustre Contemporary)
Affordable Art Fair New York Spring | March 26 - 29 | New York, New York (Lustre Contemporary)
Affordable Art Fair Brussels | March 20 - 22 | Brussels (Aperture Contemporary)
Art Market San Francisco | April 23 - 26 | San Francisco (Lustre Contemporary)

2019

Affordable Art Fair NYC Fall | Sept 26 - 29 | New York, New York (Lustre Contemporary)
Texas Contemporary | Oct 10-13 | Houston, TX (Lustre Contemporary)
One of a Kind Show | Nov 21- Dec 1 | Toronto
Context Art Miami | Dec 3 - 8 | Miami (Lustre Contemporary)
Toronto Outdoor Art Fair | Juillet 12 - 14 | Nathan Phillips Square
Art Palm Springs | Feb 15-18, 2019 | Palm Springs, California (Lustre Contemporary)
Affordable Art Fair NYC Spring | March 28-31, 2019 | New York, New York (Lustre Contemporary)
Affordable Art Fair Hong Kong | May 17-19, 2019 | Hong Kong (Lustre Contemporary)

2018

One of a Kind Show | Nov, 22 - Dec 2, 2018 | Toronto, Ontario
The Affordable Art Fair, Hamburg (Aperture Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, Amsterdam (Aperture Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, New York (Spring & Fall) (Lustre Contemporary)
Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto (Best Photography Award, Honourable Mention)
The Affordable Art Fair, Hampstead Heath (Lustre Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, Battersea Spring (Lustre Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, Bruxelles (Aperture Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, Amsterdam (Aperture Contemporary)

2017

The Affordable Art Fair, Hampstead Heath (Lustre Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, Battersea Spring (Lustre Contemporary)
The Affordable Art Fair, NYC Printemps & Automne (Lustre Contemporary)
Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto

2016

In Good Taste, Group Show, Castle Fitzjohns Gallery, NYC
Affordable Art Fair, New York, Fall Edition (Lustre Contemporary)
Affordable Art Fair, Hampstead, UK (Lustre Contemporary)
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto
Group Show, The Artist Network, Toronto
The Artist Project, Toronto
Solo Exhibit, Pierre Leon Gallery, Toronto (Loosely Translated)
Affordable Art Fair, NYC, Spring Edition (Colab Collective)

2015

The Artist Project, Toronto
Solo Exhibit, Urban Mode, Toronto
New Art Festival, Ottawa
Riverdale Art Walk, Toronto
Affordable Art Fair, NYC, Fall Edition (Colab Collective)

2014

The Artist Project, Toronto

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto

Summer in the City, Alison Milne Gallery, Toronto

Wall to Wall, Art Yard Gallery, Toronto

2013

Calgary Art Market, Calgary