

After graduating from the Fine Arts program at Lakehead University, contemporary artist Julie Cosgrove went on to complete her Masters in Fine Arts—Painting at the University of Calgary. Julie has received many awards including the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Master’s Scholarship, the K.M. Hunter Artist Award for Visual Arts, the Telford Fenton Memorial Award for Best Student Painting and the Hilda May Utting Award for Abstract Painting.

Her dreamy abstracts are painted on raw canvas. Of her technique, the artist states:

“I really enjoy the layering process, and the raw canvas allows me to apply multiple layers that are beneath the surface, and how this is a reflection of the way we perceive things... through filters and through our own history. Also the incidental marks that remain as a result of different amounts of layered paint become almost like “ghost images”, and sometimes act as windows into another surface or space, adding depth...I cannot achieve this effect when I use primed canvas. I love the rawness of the surface because of its matte finish and because of the way that light is absorbed onto the canvas, often changing the colours as the light changes. My work is about how light, environment and atmosphere affect our lives, so I think it is important to see how the painting also changes depending on setting and light.”

Untitled, acrylic on canvas, 36" x 48"



Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2010 *Traces*, MFA Thesis Exhibition. The Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary, AB
- 2010 *Along the Way* Little Gallery, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
- 2008 *Small Works*, Calico Coffee House, Thunder Bay, ON
- 2006 *Julie Cosgrove*, Woodlands Gallery, Winnipeg, MB
- 2006 *New Paintings*, Roomz, Thunder Bay, ON
- 2006 *Skylines*, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, ON
- 2005 *New Works by Julie Cosgrove*, Good News Studio, Thunder Bay, ON
- 2005 *Toronto Art Expo*, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2004 *The Eric Show*, Chez Éric, Wakefield, QC
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- 2003 *Selected Works*, Bistro One, Thunder Bay, ON
- 2002 *Season’s Series*, The Study, Thunder Bay, ON

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2009 Ego-Space, two-person exhibition/collaboration, Little Gallery, University of Calgary
- 2009 Inside and Out, 3-person exhibition, Little Gallery, University of Calgary
- 2008 1st year MFA Group Exhibition, Little Gallery, University of Calgary
- 2008 First Exhibition: Big Lake Collective, Big Lake Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2007 Red, Juried Group Exhibition, Cube Gallery, Ottawa
- 2007 Festival International Montréal en Arts, Montreal
- 2007 DefSup 19th Anniversary Members Exhibition, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2007 30 Points of Light, Curated Group Exhibition, Thunder Bay
- 2006 Contact, 2006 Annual Juried Exhibition Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2006 5 Person Exhibition, Harbour Gallery, Mississauga
- 2005 Lakehead University Visual Arts Graduates, Group Exhibition, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2005 Dexteritas, Fermenting Cellar, Distillery District, Toronto
- 2005 44th Annual Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
- 2005 Regional Art Exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2005 'Best of' Category Award Winners of 2004 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, First Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto
- 2005 Annual Regional Juried Exhibition, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
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- 2004 New Paintings: Julie Cosgrove & Luke Nicol, Gargoyles, Thunder Bay
- 2004 43rd Annual Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
- 2004 Retro Grads, Group exhibition, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2004 Major Studio Exhibition 2004, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2003 Draw, v. Group Drawing Exhibition, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, Thunder Bay,
- 2003 p'ART'eh. Group Painting Exhibition, Pearl Street, Thunder Bay
- 2002 Regional Art Exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 1999 Regional Art Exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay

Awards

- 2010 Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship
- 2009 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Master's Scholarship
- 2008 Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship
- 2008 K.M. Hunter Artist Award for Visual Arts
- 2007 Ontario Arts Council, Northern Arts, Emerging Artist Project Grant
- 2005 Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant for Skylines, Emerging Thunder Bay Artist Julie Cosgrove
- 2004 Telford Fenton Memorial Award for Best Student Painting: 43rd Annual Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto
- 2004 Student Juried Art Exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2004 Lakehead University Alumni Purchase Prize
- 2004 Hilda May Utting Award for Abstract Painting
- 2004 Biljana Baker Prize
- 2003 & 2002 Dean's Award for Painting: Student Juried Art Exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay
- 2002 Lakehead University President's Award: Student Juried Art Exhibition, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay