

CHANTAL LAVOIE

Chantal Lavoie was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1967. Her first creative education came in the form of a certificate in decoration from l'Academie des arts et Beaux- Arts from 1999-2002.

For the past fifteen years, she has participated in numerous drawing, painting, composition, mixed technique, and live model classes. Currently, she is enrolled in the Fine Arts Studio Program at Bishop's University in Sherbrooke, Quebec, where she has found her main source of inspiration, the human form.

Lavoie's focus in her works is on the body's paradoxes; youth and old age, beauty and decrepitude, desire and fear, vitality and suffering, solidarity and solitude. These are all aspects that fascinate and motivate her.

Chantal Lavoie's art is inscribed within the movement of contemporary creation through a multitude of influences and inspirations. The most important of these is undoubtedly classicism, most readily seen though the way that the artist composes her subject, through the importance of drawing, and through the fluidity of shapes. However, to box an artist like Chantal Lavoie within the confines of one category would be a mistake. Her playful spirit, her sensitivity, and the very nature of her subject, the journey of life, cannot stem from a single mould. Her pictorial expression is born from the present, even if her roots are deeply grounded in history. Dramatic, and sometimes tragic, are these bodies mortified and murdered by life? Obviously, this is sometimes the case. But there is also the jubilation, the eroticism, and the ardent desire of bodies invigorated by love. Without a doubt, Chantal Lavoie's art deserves all of our contemplation and consideration.

Mais sur les paliers, mixed media on canvas, 24" x 60"



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Selected Exhibitions

- 2008 Galerie Lamoureux Ritzenhoff, Montreal, QC
- 2008 Terence Robert Gallery, Ottawa, ON (solo)
- 2008 Galerie MX, Montreal, QC
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- 2006 Los Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2005 Galerie l'Harmattan, Pointe Claire, QC