

DANIEL VAN KLEI

Daniel Van Klei was born in Chilliwack, B.C. He graduated from Simon Fraser University in 1997 after completing a B.A. (Visual Art) and a B.Ed. (Visual Art). He has exhibited his paintings and award-winning photography across Canada and the U.S.A.

While living in numerous rural areas of British Columbia he would often explore the fields and forests on his own. Living in rural areas also meant spending a lot of time traveling in vehicles where he would constantly frame the shifting the shifting world through a car window. These early experiences were instrumental in his perceptions and development as both a painter and photographer. Later these perceptions would further develop as he completed his private pilots license and began to experience the earth from above in a different, more abstract, perspective.

Van Klei's tendency towards ambiguity and abstraction in his works are often established around more tangible yet elusive elements such as wind or water. These elements are deceptively simple things that everyone experiences everyday and yet are difficult to describe without using emotional symbolic references. Van Klei's work refers to his personal space experiences of sensing a space, and all of life's elements. He values the unknown, questions exactly where one is going, with a belief that there are no coincidences.

Eight Sugar Maples, acrylic, 48" x 72". This painting formed part of the décor at the G20 Summit in 2010.



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Selected Collections

The Government of Canada

Hillebrand Wines

Heenan Blaikie (office of
The Right Honourable Jean
Chretien - former Prime
Minister of Canada)

CHEO (Children's Hospital
of Eastern Ontario)

Parliament of Canada
(office of The Honourable
James M. Flaherty, Minister
of Finance)

UTS Energy Corporation

Senator Ross Fitzpatrick,
Cedar Creek Estate Winery

American Photo

Assante Wealth
Management

Duncan McNaughton,
President Tiree Inc.

Bison Centre of Excellence

Selected Exhibitions

- 2002-2003 Artmode Gallery, Ottawa & Calgary (solo & group show)
- 2003 Elliot Louis Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2001-2003 Whistler Gallery, Whistler, BC
- 2001, 2003 Artopolis, Vancouver, BC (group show) Schooner Gallery, Tofino, BC (group show)
- 2001 Photomontage Gallery, Washington, USA (group show) Colour Photography
- 2000-2001 Photomontage Gallery, Washington, USA (group show) Black and White Photography
- 2000 Bison Centre for Excellence, Edmonton, Alberta (solo show)
- 2000 small: the art of the miniature 2, Vancouver, BC
- 1999 Primal Gallery, Vancouver, BC Bennett Gallery, Simon Fraser University (solo Show)
- 1997 Artopolis - Browser, Vancouver, BC
- 1996 Simon Fraser University Gallery (Student Show)
- 1995 Simon Fraser University Gallery (Faculty & Student Showphotography)
- 1995 Simon Fraser University Gallery (Faculty & Student Show-painting)
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- 1994 Simon Fraser University Gallery (Faculty & Student Show-painting)
- 1991 Barr Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 1991 Fireside Gallery, Burnaby, BC



Selected Collections (continued)

- Label Innovation Inc.
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- John Lettieri, founder Lettieri Cafe, Espresso Bars, Hero Burgers
- Stephen Rose and Associates
- Mark Forbes, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate studies Carleton University
- Maple Leaf Foods Inc.
- Tiree Inc.
- Hillebrand Estates Winery
- MHPM
- Haywood Securities Inc.
- Coughlin and Associates
- Lisa Simpson, Australia
- Somerset Entertainment
- Chris Turnbull, Canadian poet, coordinator of Nunavut Public Service Studies
- Kardish Bulk Foods and Nutrition Centres
- FundSERV Inc.
- McMaster University
- Shanghai World Financial Centre, China
- Login Canada