

MICHAEL HITCHCOX - BIOGRAPHY 1993

Michael Hitchcox was born in Oakville, Ontario, May 30th, 1958. He attended the Ontario College of Art and graduated in 1984 from a four-year Fine Arts program at a High Honours level. Michael currently resides in Bronte with his wife, Brenda, and their three children Andrew, Jenna and Natalie.

Art Training and Experiences

1. Summer Schools - 1974, 1975 Haliburton School of Fine Arts
2. Fall Workshops: 1974 to 1978 Lake Couchichinga.
3. An evening workshop with Zolton Zabo.
4. Summer of 1976: Banff School of Fine Arts.
5. Fanshawe College - Fine Arts - 1977.
6. Ontario College of Art - 1979: Graduated in 1984 with High Honours, in Fine Arts.
7. June - August of 1980: Travelled through Europe and visited many fine Art Galleries.
8. 1983 - 1986: Taught watercolours and drawing techniques at Springbanks, Mississauga and Oakville Art Society.
9. 1990 - 1992: Taught drawing and painting techniques with emphasis on colour theory at Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology.
10. 1987 - present: Working at Nelvana in Background Department. Developed background style for "My Pet Monster, Beetlejuice, Babar (helped), Clifford the Dog, Shopping For Clothes, Cadillacs and Dinosaurs and Eek the Cat". Painted original backgrounds for both "Beetlejuice" openings and for "Eek the Cat" opening.
11. One of three background painters to paint original backgrounds for first animated short film for Imax debut at World's Fair in Korea 1993.

Art Exhibits and Awards

1. October 1975: First one-man show when 17 years old.
2. 1975 - 1978: One-man shows at Woodside Library, Oakville.
3. 1976 - 1979: One-man shows at Valhalla Inn Gallery, Toronto.
4. June 1976: First Prize Painting at "Art-in-the-Park", Oakville.
5. 1977: Group Show - O'Keefe Centre, Toronto.
6. 1977: Grade 13 Graduation - Blakelock High School – Procor Art Award.
7. 1978: One-man show - Gordon Hill Advertising, Toronto.
8. Winter 1977 - 1990: One-man shows at the Old Bronte Post Office Gallery.
9. Fall 1978 - 1993: Outreach - St. John's Church, Oakville.
10. June 1979: Major one-man show at the Oakville Centennial Gallery - "From Then Till Now", a retrospect of work.
11. October 1983 - 84 - 85: Commissioned by Town of Oakville re paintings for Greenscape Awards.
12. October 1983 - 84 - 85: CKOC Juried Art Show - Works purchased 1983-4 for their collection.
13. November 1983: Commissioned by Town of Oakville to paint Erchless Estate as gift to Governor General of Canada, Edward Schrever on behalf of the Town of Oakville.
14. October 1984: One-man art exhibit "Views of Hamilton and Surrounding Areas" at the Beckett Gallery, Hamilton.
15. 1991: One-man show at Surroundings Art Gallery, Oakville.

In addition to his current work at Nelvana, Michael is continuing to develop his painting style and interest in the art field through experimentation, commissions, work for up-coming shows including new releases of local prints and personal enjoyment.