

## David Urban

**Born** 1966, Toronto, Canada  
**Residence** Toronto, Canada  
**Education** 1994, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Visual Arts, M.F.A.  
1991, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, MA English Literature and Creative Writing  
Thesis: Undersong (poems)  
1989, York University, Ontario, Canada, BA English Literature & B.F.A. Visual Arts

### Solo Exhibitions

2003 Michael Gibson Gallery, London, Ontario, Canada, "The Recognitions"  
Galerie Rene Blouin, Montreal, Canada  
2002 Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada, "Present Tense"  
Tepanier Baer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, "Of Being Numerous"  
Musee d'art contemporain de Montreal, Quebec, Canada, "Dialogue(s) Lise Boisseau, Michel Daigneault, David Urban"  
2001 Centre d'exposition de Val d'Or, Quebec, Canada, "Dialogue(s) Lise Boisseau, Michel Daigneault, David Urban"  
2000 Sable Castelli Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
1998 Galerie Barbara Farber/Rob Jurka, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, "Parts of a World"  
McMaster Museum, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, "Parts of a World"  
Jim Schmidt Contemporary Art, St Louis, MO  
Sable Castelli Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
1997 Trepanier Baer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Douglas Udell Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
Galerie Rene Blouin, Montreal, Canada, "Form and Colour Society"  
1996 Sable-Castelli Gallery, Toronto, Canada, "Farewell To An Idea"  
Galleria In Arco, Turin, Italy, with Peter Shuyff & Stefano Peroli, "The Quill of Darkness,"  
*catalogue*  
Trepanier Baer Gallery, Calgary, Canada, "Entering Language"  
1995 David Beitzel Gallery, New York, NY, "Easel Painting"  
Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
Sable-Castelli Gallery, Toronto, Canada, "A Cold Spring"  
Trepanier Baer Gallery, Calgary, Canada  
1994 Galerie Barbara Farber, Amsterdam, Netherlands, "Reform School"  
Sable-Castelli Gallery, Toronto, Canada, "Expandable Language"  
1993 Gallery 788, Toronto, Canada, "Gubbinal"  
Sable-Castelli Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
1989 Gallery York University, Toronto, Canada, "IDA"

### Group Exhibitions

2003 Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada, "Painters 15"  
Gallery Neubacher, Toronto, Canada, "Mixed Media"  
2002 Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, "Vancouver Collects"  
Dalhousie Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, "Hungry Eyes"  
Birmingham Museum of Art, AL, "Recent Acquisitions"  
Appleton Art Museum, FL, "Abstraction"  
Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China, "Painters 15" curator

## Group Exhibitions Continued

- 2001 University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, "Signs of the Spirit: The Donovan Collection at St. Michael's College"  
Art Gallery of Peel, Ontario, Canada, "Suburbia"  
Durham Press Inc., Durham, PA  
Gottheiner Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO  
Trepanier Baer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 1999 McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, "Translinear," Travelling to: Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery, Owen Sound, Ontario 2000; Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan 2002-2001; Plug-In Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba 2001; Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge, Ontario 2001; Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia 2001-2002  
Douglas Udell Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, "Processes: Caio Fonseca, Jeffrey Graham, Robert Kelly, Antonio Murado, Tony Sherman, David Urban," Travelling to Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
Galerie Rene Blouin, Galerie Lilian Rodriguez, Montreal, Quebec, "Les Peintures"  
Cindy Bordeau Fine Art, Chicago, IL
- 1998 Trepanier Baer Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, "Show and Tell"  
Robert McLean Gallery, Houston, TX  
Marcel Sitcoske Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 1997 Stux Gallery, New York, NY  
Musee D'Art Moderne de Saint-Etienne, France "Conditional Geometries," touring exhibition, curated by Camille Morineau & Eric de Chasse with Mary Heilman, Helmut Federle, Jonathan Lasker, Helmut Doerner, Juan Usle, Stephen Ellis
- 1996 Lincoln Center, New York, NY, "Nu Breed Exhibition"  
London Regional Art Museum, London, Canada  
Galerie Barbara Farber, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
MacDonald Stewart Art Center, Ontario, Canada, "Second Skin"
- 1995 F.I.T., New York, NY  
Chicago International Art Fair, Galerie Barbara Farber, Chicago, IL
- 1994 Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY  
Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
Galerie Barbara Farber, Amsterdam, Netherlands, "Kunst Rai"
- 1993 Zavitz Hall Gallery, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, "Body/ Language," in collaboration with Doug Kirton

## Guest Lectures

- 1996 University of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada  
1995 U.A.A.C Conference, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, "Wilderness Stations: Painting and Historical Memory"  
1994 McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, Canada

## Teaching Appointments

- 1994 University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Sessional Instructor: Painting  
1993 University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Sessional Instructor: Drawing  
University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Teaching Assistantship: "Art Theory and Criticism"  
1992 University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Teaching Assistantship: Painting  
1991 University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Department of English Literature, Teaching Assistantship: Romanticism to Modernism

## Teaching Appointments Continued

1990 University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Department of English Literature, Teaching Assistantship: Literary Genres

## Bibliography

- 2003 *Canadian Art Magazine*, "David Urban," John Kissick, p 95, Summer
- 2002 *The Globe & Mail*, "Brushes with the Best," Sarah Milroy, May 11  
*Amigo Motel*, "Present Tense # 24," December 25  
*The Globe & Mail*, "Urban's Abstracts Get Figurative," Gary Michael Dault, p R6, Saturday, December 28
- 2001 *Border Crossings*, "The Miraculous Question of Looking, An Interview With David Urban," Robert Enright, Vol 20, No 4, pp 18-31  
*Canadian Art*, review, "Translinear," Fall
- 2000 *Canadian Art*, "Jazz Lines," Mark Cheetham, Vol 17, No 4, p 86, Winter  
*La Presse*, "Paysages," Jennifer Couelle, p D17, April 1  
*The Globe & Mail*, "David Urban at Sable-Castelli," p R10, October 21  
*Toronto Life Magazine*, "David Urban," Betty Ann Jordan, Vol 34, No 26, p 46, October  
*Canadian Art*, "Don't't Look at Me Like That—And Other Imperatives of Recent Abstract Painting," Vol 17, No 1, pp 62-69, Spring
- 1999 *Art Gallery of Peel*, "David Urban: Parts of a World," David Somers et al  
*CBC Radio Interview*, "The Arts Tonight," Eleanor Wachtel, February 1  
*The National Post*, "The New Abstraction: To understand the new school of abstract art, think of a heartbeat captured on canvas," February 6  
*The Globe & Mail*, "David Urban at McMaster Museum of Art," Gillian MacKay, February 6  
*CJRT Radio Interview*, Kate George, January 27
- 1998 *Parachute 89*, "David Urban at Galerie Rene Blouin," Therese St. Gelais, Fall issue  
*Atlanta Journal - Constitution*, "What Abstraction Represents," Jerry Cullum, June 10  
*Artists and Madmen Weekly*, "A Journey is Not a Commute," Alicia Griswold, Vol. 5, No. 13, May 22-28  
*Creative Loafing, Atlanta*, "Quantum Leap: Construction, Representation and Action at Marcia Wood," Donald Locke, May 23  
*Toronto Life*, Kyo Maclear, May  
*The Globe & Mail*, "Paintings as Defiance, a Gesture Against the Void," May 15  
*The Globe & Mail*, "Paintings Become the Real World," Donald Brackett, October 4  
*Border Crossings*, "Consuming Urbanization," Gerry Kisil, Vol 17, No 1, Winter  
*The Globe & Mail*, "The Drip Turns 50," p C1, C6, January 24
- 1997 *Art + Text*, "In the Suburbs of the Mind," David Moos, November  
*L'Oeil*, "La Peinture Vivante," Eric de Chassey, October  
*Flash Art*, Review of group show, "Abstractions/abstractions," October  
*The Vancouver Sun*, "Abstract Urban Art," Michael Scott, October 22  
*Queen Street Quarterly 1*, Vol 1, Spring  
*Mirror*, "Urban Life, Art World Boy-wonder David Urban's Use of Abstract," Keith Marchand, June  
*Le Devoir*, Review, Bernard Lamarche, July  
*The Gazette*, "David Urban's raunchy abstracts also have something to do with soul searching," Henry Lehman, July 12
- 1996 *Artfocus*, "Anne Lazare-Mirvish & David Urban: Abstraction Revived in Yorkville," Earl Miller, Vol 4 No 4, p 11-13, August/ September  
*Calgary Herald*, "If you love painting....," Nancy Tousley, Calgary, April 6

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- 1995 *Artworld Magazine*, review, Holly Breismaster, Issue # 21, Spring  
*The Globe & Mail*, "Urban's Abstracts: Over the Top," John Bentley Mays, March 4  
*The Globe & Mail*, "The Triumph of Canadian Art," John Bentley Mays, June 12  
*Canadian Art* (cover story), "Night and Day," John Bentley Mays, Winter Issue
- 1994 *The Globe & Mail*, "Urban's Oblongs: Like A Mirror," John Bentley Mays, April 2  
*Exhibition Brochure*, Galerie Barbara Farber, "Punctual Painting," David Moos, October  
*The Globe & Mail*, "Rising Stars of Canadian Culture," John Bentley Mays, December 31

## Catalogues

- 2002 *Art Gallery of Ontario*, "Present Tense: Contemporary Project Series No 24," Ben Portis
- 2001 *Musee d'art Contemporain de Montreal et Centre d'exposition de Val-d'Or*, "Dialogues," Real Lussier, Marie-France Beaudoin
- 1999 *Ecole nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts*, "Social Body," E. De Chassey  
*MacDonald Stewart Art Centre*, "Contingency and Continuity: Negotiating New Abstraction," Ron Shuebrook  
*Douglass Udell Gallery*, "The Poetics of Painting—a Conversation with David Urban," Processes: Caio Fonseca, Jeffrey Graham, Robert Kelly, Antonio Murado, Tony Sherman, David Urban (interview with Robert Enright)
- 1998 *Art Gallery of Peel, McMaster Museum of Art, University of Waterloo Art Gallery*, "David Urban: Parts of a World," Mark Cheetham, David Moos, David Pagel
- 1997 *Saint-Etienne: Musee d'Art Moderne*, "Abstraction/ Abstraction, Geometries, Provisoires," C. Morineau, Eric de Chassey
- 1996 *Galleria in Arco*, "The quill of Darkness," David Moos  
*London Regional Art Gallery*, "Young Contemporaries," James Patton

## Scholarships and Awards

- 1995 Canada Council "B" Grant
- 1993 Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Grant  
Graduate Fellowship, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada  
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- 1991 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada