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MARTIN BENNETT

Born 1970, Winchester, England
1975, immigrated to Medicine Hat, Canada
Lives and works in Saskatoon, Canada

EDUCATION

1988-1992 The Alberta College of Art, Graduate with Distinction (Painting)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

Solo

- 2012 *numbered paintings*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2011 *Punished By The Paradox*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2009 *Leaves and Branches*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2007 *Park Life/Country Life*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
The Geometry of All Four Seasons, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
The Shaded Concept, The Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre, Medicine Hat, Alberta(catalogue)
2006 *The Hot and Cold of Magritte*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2005 *Form, Function and Flattery*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
2004 *Television Cubism*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
The Pictures, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2003 *Hollow Pond*, Fremantle, London, England
Cool Like Canaletto, Monte Clark Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
2002 *Selected Works*, The Gallery Channel, London, England
2001 *Static Image Paintings*, Fremantle, London, England
Static Image Paintings, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
2000 *Three Paintings Plus Two*, INK.art & text, Zurich, Switzerland
Three Types of Painting, Curzon Soho, London, England
Four Paintings Plus One, Zwemmers Art Bookshop (at Whitechapel Art Gallery), London, England
1998 *Variant Flash Paintings*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
Various Drawings, Truck Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
Train/Canadian/Pacific, Alberta College of Art and Design, (in conjunction with *Track Records*, Illingworth Kerr Gallery) Calgary, Alberta
1997 *Next Exit Shuffle*, INK. art & text, Zurich, Switzerland
1996 *Grey Volume Paintings*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
1995 *Black and White Paintings*, Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery, Medicine Hat, Alberta
1993 *Black and White Paintings*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
New Works, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
The Death of General Somebodyorother, Window Project (Truck Gallery), Centre for Performing Arts, Calgary, Alberta

Solo continued

- 1992 *Black and White Paintings*, III-D Cyclops, Calgary, Alberta

1991 *140 Lux and 35% RH*, Marion Nicoll Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

Group

- 2012 *Like-Minded*, Pug-In ICA, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Where It's At, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 2009 *Pause*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
This Zodiac of Lights, *This Tent of Dropping Clouds*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2008 *Salt Flats*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
We Share Our Blanket With The Owl, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
Eye-Shaking King, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
The Big Gift: Glenbow Museum, The Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary, Alberta
Feedback In The Field, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 *NEXUS: Histories and Communities*, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia
Numbers Speak Volumes: Alighiero e Boetti and Martin Bennett, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
How The West Was Really Won, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
White Noise, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2006 *We Can Do This Now*, The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
Stellar Living, Mercer Union, Toronto, Ontario
- 2005 *Angles of Repose: Martin Bennett, Eric Cameron and Stephan La Rue*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
Beauty Supply, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
Momentum, The Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- 2004 *I'm Smarter-I'm Better Looking: Martin Bennett and Chris Bennett*, Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- 2003 *Magnets*, curated by Richard Rhodes, Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, Ontario
Windowlicker, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
Re: Vision, *Martin Bennett*, *Eric Cameron*, *Angela Inglis*, *Liz Magor*, *Luanne Martineau* and *Ron Moppett*, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
Alchemy and Mysticism #2, Instant Coffee Painting Show, Toronto, Ontario
Retrospective, Monte Clark Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
Paradise Lost, Monte Clark Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
The Collector, Monte Clark Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2002 *Island*, Seven Seven Gallery, London, England
- 2000 *Open Studio*, Bow Arts Trust, London, England
- 1998 *Selections from the Permanent Collection*, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia
Recent Acquisitions, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia
- Group continued
- 1998 *20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- 1997 *Disrepresentation*, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
Neoteric, The Works Festival, Beaver House, Edmonton, Alberta, organized by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts
New Modern, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
- 1996 *Postcard of Your Life*, The Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary, Alberta

- 1995 *Copy: Recent Work by Bennett, Ouellet, Rydman and Smith*, Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary, Alberta (catalogue)
Ark, Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary, Alberta
Between Painting and Photography: Martin Bennett, David Hazel, Damian Moppett and Tanya Rusnak, TrépanierBaer, Calgary, Alberta
South of Nine East of Twenty Three, Medicine Hat Cultural Centre, Medicine Hat, Alberta
Rootin' Tootin' Round-up, Stride Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
- 1994 *Reflecting Paradise*, organized by the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery, Artweek, Calgary, Alberta,
- 1993 *Abstraction: Which Way From Here?*, organized by the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery, Artweek, Calgary, Alberta
Hockey 100: The Art of Hockey, The New Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
- 1992 *The Closeness Of Your Whereabouts*, Truck Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2009 Saskatchewan Arts Board
2001 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
2000 Canada Council Travel Grant
1998 Canada Council Visual Arts Grant
1995 Canada Council, Arts Grant "B"
1992 Home Oil Purchase Scholarship
1991 Laura Mae Stillings Scholarship
1990 Louise McKinney Scholarship
1989 Liquitex Canada Incorporated Award

COLLECTIONS

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Edmonton, Alberta
Arcis Corporation, Calgary, Alberta
AstraZeneca, Toronto, Ontario
BMO, Ontario
Canadiana Fund, Ottawa, Ontario
Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre (formerly Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery)
Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta
Home Oil, Calgary, Alberta
Hotel Arts, Calgary, Alberta
Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia
Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
National Bank Financial Group Collection, Montreal, Quebec
Newport Partners, Toronto, Ontario
Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary, Alberta

Osler Hoskin Harcourt, Toronto, Ontario
RBC Financial Group, Toronto, Ontario
RBC, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Toronto Public Library, Toronto, Ontario
Torys, Toronto, Ontario
University of Lethbridge Art Gallery, Lethbridge, Alberta
Private Collections

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