

Michael Brown

Michael Brown (b. 1965, Montreal, Canada) is a Toronto-based visual artist working primarily in Painting, Installation and Performance. Brown embraces a low carbon footprint approach to art making and in so doing plays with contemporary ideas about excessive consumption in North America. By opting for abandoned materials indigenous to the area he is working, Brown comments on the culture, use and make up of public space.

Since 2005 Michael's environmental installations/projects have raised questions about the value we place on our architecture and history. Through his environmental projects and their use of natural materials and processes Brown seeks to challenge the traditional definitions of urban and rural areas.

His work has been exhibited in galleries and in public spaces across Canada, South America and Mexico.

Michael Brown's work has been generously supported by the Toronto and Ontario Arts Councils.

Artist CV

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2007 **City of Toronto Archives** *2000 Bricks: Remnants of Toronto's Lost Architecture*, Installation in conjunction with Doors Open Toronto 2007
- 2005 **Shift Gallery**, *North: 43° 38' 45", West: 79° 24' 25"*, Toronto
- 2003 **Vesuvios**, *Casas*, Junction Arts Festival, Toronto

Selected Two person Exhibitions

- 2008 **Propeller Centre for the Visual Arts**, Toronto, June 11 – 22

2002 **Lorimer Gallery**, with photographer Vince Pietropaolo, Junction Arts Festival, September 2002

Juried Exhibitions

- 2008 **Framework Foundation**, *Toronto Timeraiser*, Distillery District
- 2007 **Gallery 1313**, *Alter Toronto: Latino Canadian Cultural Association*, collaboration with Adeyemi Adegbesan
- 2006 **Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit**, Nathan Phillips Square
- 2006 **Toronto Free Gallery**, *Vacant Lots*
- 2005 **Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit**, Nathan Phillips Square
- 2004 **J.B. Aird Gallery**, Ontario Society of Artists' 130th Juried Exhibition, *Worship*

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2007 **Red Head Gallery**, *Insomnia*, Nuit Blanche Event
- 2007 **Off the Map Gallery**, *Identity*: performance with Ana Silva as part of Latino Canadian Cultural Association's Latin-Afro Fest
- 2007 **Hart House, University of Toronto**, *the City*: TLR Club
- 2007 **Harbourfront Centre**, LOVE exhibit, curated by Lonsdale Gallery
- 2007 **Galerie St. Ambroise**, Montreal
- 2006 **Toronto International Art Fair**, Martin Kletzel Gallery, Buenos Aires
- 2006 **AWOL Gallery**, *Square Foot*, Toronto
- 2006 **CONTACT photography** exhibit at **the Supermarket**, Toronto
- 2006 **Gallerie St. Ambroise**, Montreal
- 2005 **Shift Gallery**, *Conversation Generator*, Toronto
- 2005 **Project Spaceman**, *Square Foot IV*, Brooklyn
- 2005 **Blvd Interiors**, Toronto Artsweek
- 2005 **Alley Jaunt**, *Nightshift Collective*, Trinity Bellwoods Park
- 2005 **AWOL Gallery**, *Square Foot*, Toronto
- 2005 **Eastern Front Gallery**, *Massive Response*, Toronto
- 2004 **Lonsdale Gallery**, *Love*, Toronto
- 2004 **Brampton Indie Arts Festival**, Heritage Theatre, Brampton

- 2003 **Shift Gallery**, *Winter Shift*, Toronto
- 2003 **Lonsdale Gallery**, *Love*, Toronto
- 2003 **Here and Now Gallery**, Holiday Silent Auction, Toronto
- 2003 **AWOL Gallery**, *Square Foot*, Toronto
- 2003 **Strutts Gallery**, *Mail Art*, Sackville New Brunswick
- 2003 **Lula Lounge**, Exhibición Hispana-Canadiense, Toronto
- 2003 **Gallery 1313**, Twenty-nine days to the curb, Toronto
- 2003 **Wagner Rosenbaum Gallery**, *Millennium Art Auction*, Toronto
- 2002 **Art System**, *White Out 4*, Toronto
- 2002 **Trinity College Art Show**, University of Toronto
- 2002 **Lorimer Gallery**, Two-person show with Photographer Vince Pietropaolo
- 2002 **Collage presents Alphabtronics**, the Mockingbird, Toronto
- 2002 **Access Artist Run Centre**, *Con/Quest*, Vancouver
- 2002 **Acadia Gallery**, Broken Fence Society, Toronto
- 2001 **Casa de Cultura La Recoleta**, *Arte y Memoria*, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2001 **Art System**, Magnum Specataculum Monstruosum, Toronto
- 1999 **Lattitude 53 Gallery**, "Spontaneous Compulsion", Edmonton, Alberta. Collaboration with Australian Photographer Kate Hudson
- 1998 **Digame**, Cuba Documentary Film. Hot Docs Documentary Film Festival Library, 1999

Awards

- 2007 **Ontario Arts Council**, Emerging Artist Grant recipient
- 2005 **Toronto Arts Council**, Emerging Artist Grant recipient
- 2003 **Second Prize Painting**, Millenium Art Auction, Wagner Rosenbaum Gallery
- 2002 **Toronto Arts Council** Arts in the Community Grant with Harbourfront Community Centre

Public Art/Commissions

- 2006 BENCHmark artist, "Wired up" bench installed on Mowatt avenue in Liberty Village
- 2005 Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto, Donor recognition design
- 2003 PEN Canada Sculpture collaboration with Brian Gahan and Susana Molinolo

Selected Reviews

- 2008 *The Art of Deconstruction*, **Orion Magazine**, January | February 2008
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- 2008 *Order in the Chaos*, **Surface and Symbol**, January | February 2008, page 4 & 5
- 2007 *Performance underneath the Gardiner Expressway*, Diversity Section,
Toronto Sun, May 24, 2007, page 78
- 2007 *Beyond the Classroom*, Thursday February 22, 2007, **CIUT 89.5 FM**. Interview with
Todd Parsons, David Woodward, Jeff Richardson and Dray Perenic on TLR Club's
exhibition at Hart House
- 2006 Every picture has a story. Wooster Collective. Dec. 28, 2006
- 2006 *It's Art, but it's fun, see?* Terrence Dick, **Globe and mail**, July 8, 2006, M2
- 2005 *Do you ever get a sense that someone is watching you?* Peter Goddard, slideshow,
week of Dec. 17, 2005, **Toronto Star**
- 2006 "Doing double duty with Nightshift", **Surface and Symbol**, Dec. 2005/Jan. 2006,
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- 2005 *Word of Mouth*, Tuesday November 15, 2005, **CKLN 88.1 FM**, interview with Ana
Silva and Murphy Brown
- 2005 *From Kipling, Queen, Warden, Finch, a moment in the life of 69 subway riders*,
Toronto Star, July 19, 2005, B1
- 2005 **House and Home**, May 2005, page 20 (supplement)
- 2005 **Kiss Machine**, the Disposable issue, 2005
- 2004 *Taide pehmentaa urheilupaikkojen raakalautaa ja betonia Raumalla*, **Satakunnan
Kansa**, Sept 21, 2004
- 2003 *The painting's on the wall*, **Toronto Star**, Sunday March 16, 2003 B3
- 2003 **Catalyst**, Forum focusing on new media art and curatorial practice in Canada;
February 2003
- 2002 *Un sonador que pinta paredes*, **La Hora**, Quito, June 14, 2002, Page A4
- 2001 *Graffiti Artists Brush Up City's Image*, **Globe and Mail**, Toronto, September 3, 2001
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Donated Works

- 2007 **Canadian Mental Health Association**
- 2006 **Canadian Mental Health Association**

2004 *Art and Soul*, Fundraiser for **Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care**, Toronto

Selected Collections

Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament; Toronto District School Board; Turku Art Museum, Finland; Private collections in Mexico, Argentina, New Zealand, USA and Australia.

Education

- 1997–2001 **Ontario College of Art and Design/Toronto School of Art**. Courses in drawing, painting, sculpture and installation
- 1995 **Universite d'Ottawa**. Ottawa, Ontario. Bachelor of Education
- 1991 **Universite de Paris III**, Sorbonne Nouvelle. Diplome de deuxieme cycle, History
- 1988 **University of Toronto**. Honours Bachelor of Arts History and Economics

Residencies

- 2004 Raumars Arts Residency, Rauma, Finland.

Artist Talks

- 2007 Hart House, Public Forum on TLR Club photography exhibit, *The City*
- 2005 Shift Gallery, *Talk: 6 Toronto Collectives Speak*, Dec. 19, 2005
- 2004 Presentation to Fine Art students at Satakunta Polytechnic University, Kankaanpää Finland
- 2003 Catalyst, Forum focusing on new media art and curatorial practice in Canada;

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