

# ARTIST CV - Rebekah Wilkinson

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## Artist Statement

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*"I am inspired by creativity. When I was a kid, there was an ingrained desire deep within that told me to create. Daily, I would ask my parents "What can I make?" As an adult, that desire for creativity still lingers. I love to draw. I love to paint. I love to sew. I love to write. I am inspired by beauty. But I am also inspired by others' creative instincts. I am fascinated by what others choose to create and why they decide to create it. These creative instincts are what makes this world such an amazing place. As Louis Armstrong once sung, "What a wonderful world." Progress is built on creativity. Creativity opens our minds to complete understanding of different perspectives. Creativity is what makes us grow and thrive. Everyone is unique. Find your own creative voice and listen to its uniqueness and vision. Trust it. The world will be a better place if we hear your creative voice." - Rebekah*

## Education

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1995 - Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from University of Guelph, ON

## Representation

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Robert's Custom Framing (2010-2015), Kelowna, BC  
Wine Valley Accents Gallery (2010), Summerland, BC  
Shop the Valley, Summerhill Pyramid Winery (2009), Kelowna, BC  
Wine Country Studios (2008), West Kelowna, BC

## Exhibitions - Solo

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- Invited Spotlight Artist for Artwalk (2011), Lake Country, BC
- Cove Lakeside Resort (2008-2011), Westbank, BC
- "Beauty of the Okanagan; Distance and Details" Place des Arts (2009), Coquitlam, BC
- "Sweet Music" Kelowna Community Theatre (2009), Kelowna, BC
- "Inspired by Beauty" A Woodside Design Gallery (2009), Kelowna, BC
- Spotlight Artist for Penticton Dream House Tour (2009), Penticton, BC

## Exhibitions - Group

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- Artwalk (2008-2012), Lake Country, BC
- Livessence at Artwalk (2008-2012), Lake Country, BC
- Lake Country Public Gallery, Artwalk Group Show (2010-2012), Lake Country, BC
- Resident Artist with Studio 113 Artist Coop, Rotary Centre for the Arts (2010), Kelowna, BC
- "Stick Figures" at the Rotary Centre for the Arts Galleria (2010), Kelowna, BC
- U8 Show at Sopa Fine Art Gallery (2010), Kelowna BC
- Evergreen Gallery at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (2009), Kelowna, BC
- 15 minor group shows (2007-2009), Kelowna, ON

- 12 minor group shows (2003-2007), Oakville, ON
- Mayor's Awards for Business and the Arts (2007), Oakville, ON
- "Art on the Bluffs" Sovereign House Artist Run Gallery (2006), Oakville, ON

## Exhibitions – Curated

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- SWAC Launch Board of Trade Luncheon Art Exhibition for Heritage Week (2015), West Kelowna, BC
- Westside Culture Days Together Westside Gallery (2014), West Kelowna, BC
- Westside Culture Days Pop-up Gallery Coordination (2014), West Kelowna, BC
- Okanagan Erotic Art Show Coordination (2014), West Kelowna, BC
- New Moon Gallery Student Show (2013), West Kelowna, BC
- Apple Artworks Gallery Manager and Sales Associate (2011-2013), Kelowna, BC
- Artwalk (2008-2012), Lake Country, BC
- Livessence at Artwalk(2008-2014), Lake Country, BC
- Livessence Exhibitions Coordinator (2008-2010), Kelowna, BC
- Resident Artist with Studio 113 Artist Coop at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (2010), Kelowna, BC
- Art-in the-Park, Quail's Gate Winery (2009), West Kelowna, BC
- Evergreen Gallery at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (2009), Kelowna, BC
- Greata Ranch Art Exhibit (2009), Summerland, BC
- The Painter's Studio Group Show (2008), Kelowna, BC
- "Art on the Bluffs" at Sovereign House Artist Run Gallery (2006), Oakville, ON
- The Meeting House Good Friday Art Show (2005), Oakville, ON

## Private Collections

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## Professional & Community Experience

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- Vice Chair #1, Suk'w̓təmsqilx̓ West Kelowna Arts Council (2015), West Kelowna, BC
- Costume Alterations & Event Volunteer, Ballet Kelowna (2014-2015), Kelowna, BC
- Events Volunteer, Kelowna Art Gallery (2011), Kelowna, BC
- Director and Exhibitions Coordinator, Livessence (2008-2010), Kelowna, BC
- Juror, Okanagan Erotic Art Show (2009), Kelowna, BC
- Director & Communications Chair, Oakville Arts Council (2005-2007), Oakville, ON

## Professional Affiliations – Past and Present

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Suk'w̓təmsqilx̓ West Kelowna Arts Council, West Kelowna, BC  
 Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, BC  
 Livessence, Kelowna, BC  
 Central Okanagan Arts Council, Kelowna, BC  
 The Painter's Studio, Kelowna, BC  
 Arts Westside, West Kelowna, BC  
 Supporting Member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, Vancouver, BC  
 Oakville Arts Council - Oakville, ON

## Awards

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- Winner, Kelowna General Hospital Juried Art Show (2013), Kelowna, BC
- Short-listed for Centuria Condominium Painting Project (2008), Kelowna, BC
- Waterscapes Competition Top 9 Finalist, Canadian Brushstroke Magazine (2008), online magazine
- Executive Award for Outstanding Membership, Burloak Theatre Group (2006), Oakville, ON
- Nomination for "Best Set Design of a Comedy" Thea Award, ACT (2006), Ontario Central Region, ON
- Scholarship to Art Program of Houghton College, declined (1992), USA
- First Recipient of the St. Catharine's Collegiate Art Award (1992), St. Catherines, ON

## Published

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- Illustrator, "Look at the Birds and Consider the Flowers" by Wendy Carter, 2014, published by Kainos Enterprises
- "Growing Up with a Canadian Obsession", Chicken Soup for the Soul; O Canada, 2011, published by Canadian Soup for the Soul Publisher, LLC
- "Livessence; Simplicity in Mind" Group Show Catalogue, 2010, published by Julia Trops
- Illustrator for Children's Storybook, "Zoo Makeover" by Sara Burton, 2008, published by Kainos Enterprises

## Articles and Mentions

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- "Art council meets business group" Mention in Westside Weekly (2015), West Kelowna, BC
- "Growing Up with a Canadian Obsession" Article in Westside Weekly (2012), West Kelowna, BC
- "Grand Opening Studio 113" Article in Snap Okanagan (2010), Kelowna, BC
- "Some great theatre comes your way this week" Mention in The Daily Courier (2010), Kelowna, BC
- "Greata Ranch offers local art smorgasbord" Mention in Westside Weekly (2009), West Kelowna, BC
- "Performance artists shine" Mention in The Daily Courier (2009), Kelowna, BC
- "Ontario artist wins Waterscape Competition" Mention in Canadian Brushstroke Magazine (2008), online magazine
- "It's the right mix for Rebekah Wilkinson" Article in Arts About Town Magazine (2006), Oakville, ON
- "Take a walk around the Urban Garden" Article in The Oakville Beaver (2006), Oakville, ON
- Mention in Oakville Today (2006), Oakville, ON
- "Chairs for Charity" Mention in The Oakville Beaver (2006), Oakville, ON
- "Oakville Players win three Thea awards for Vinci" Mention in The Oakville Beaver (2006), Oakville, ON
- "Members rally to save Oakville Arts Council" Mention in The Oakville Beaver (2005), Oakville, ON
- "New Board of Directors for OAC" Mention in Oakville Today (2005), Oakville, ON
- "Breaking Down the Barriers" Mention in the Oakville Beaver (2005), Oakville, ON

## Internet Experience

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- Internet Marketing for personal artistic career including website design, newsletter, blog, youtube videos, social media, print material using Mac programs such as iweb, imovie, Photoshop, Illustrator (2004-2015), West Kelowna, BC
- Internet Marketing set-up for Studio 113 including web design, blog, Youtube videos, social media and print material (2010), Kelowna, BC
- Desktop Publishing for artist Lyn Estall exhibition invitation (2006), Oakville, ON

- Wedding Invitation Commission and Design (2006), Oakville, ON
- Desktop Publishing for Bronte Historical Society (2006), Oakville, ON
- Digital Photography of paintings for artist Tanja Sassi (2005), Oakville, ON
- Web Designer for 2 invitation websites and a women's discussion group (2004-2005), Oakville, ON
- Desktop Publishing and Graphic Design contract work (1998-2000), Oakville, ON

## **Set Design, Set Painting, Front-of-house Décor, Interior Design & Murals**

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- Crust Pizzeria Chalk Art Project (2015), Peachland, BC
- Front-of-house Theatre Décor Volunteer Coordinator, Dance City Academy (2008-2013), West Kelowna, BC
- Interior Design of café in Heritage House for Kainos Entreprises (2007), Churchville, ON
- Co-Designer with award winner Jane Coryell for the West End Studio production of "The Secret Garden" (2007), Oakville, ON
- Mural Interior Painter for CJ's Café (2006), Oakville, ON
- Painter with Lyn Estall for the Oakville Parent-Child Centre (2006), Oakville, ON
- Set Painter for Burl- Oak Theatre Group production of "I Hate Hamlet" (2006), Oakville, ON
- Set Designer for the Burl-Oak Theatre Group production of "Yesteryear" (2006) which was nominated for a Thea Award of "Best Set Design of a Comedy" at the Gala of the Association of Community Theatres of Ontario Central Region (2006), Oakville, ON
- Set Painter for The Oakville Player's production of "Vinci" (2006) which won a Thea Award for "Best Set Design of a Drama" at the Gala of the Association of Community Theatres of Ontario Central Region (2006), Oakville, ON
- Set Designer for the Burl-Oak Theatre Group production of "Pride's Crossing" (2005), Oakville, ON
- Volunteer with installation for The Meeting House's Good Friday Art Exhibition (2005), Oakville, ON
- Set Painter for Glenburnie School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" (2005), Oakville, ON
- Volunteer décor set-up for Mayor's Awards Gala (2004), Oakville, ON
- Set Painter for The Oakville Drama Series productions of "Death of a Salesman", "Mousetrap" and "Music Man" (2004), Oakville, ON