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## TAKAO TANABE

B. 1926

Born in Prince Rupert, BC

Lives and works on Vancouver Island, BC

### EDUCATION:

1946-1949: Winnipeg School of Art, Winnipeg

1951-1952: Brooklyn Museum Art School, Brooklyn, NY

1954: Central School of Arts & Crafts, London, England

1959: Isao Hirayama, Tokyo University of Fine Arts, Tokyo

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2020:

Takao Tanabe: Paintings, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

2019:

Takao Tanabe: A Major Exhibition, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2018:

On Paper: A Survey Exhibition, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

2017:

Takao Tanabe: New Paintings, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

2016:

Sumie: Ink Brush Paintings, Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, Burnaby, BC

2014:

Takao Tanabe, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Takao Tanabe: Chronicles of Form and Place, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, BC

Takao Tanabe: New Paintings, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

2012:

Takao Tanabe: New Paintings, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Chronicles of Form and Place: Works on Paper by Takao Tanabe, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC

2011:

The Seasons, Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa, ON

Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary AB

Chronicles of Form and Place: Works on Paper by Takao Tanabe, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC

2010:

The Early Years, 1951-1965, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

Print Retrospective, 1967-2007, Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary, AB

2009:

Mountains in Winter, Whyte Museum, Banff; Penticton Art Gallery, Penticton BC; West Vancouver Museum, Vancouver, BC

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2008:

Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary AB

2007:

Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

Takao Tanabe Retrospective, McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg, ON (circulated by the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria)

2006:

Banners & Banner Paintings, Centre A, Vancouver, BC

Takao Tanabe: Light, Sky & Land, Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff

2005:

Takao Tanabe Retrospective, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Works on Paper, Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary

2004:

50 Years of Works on Paper, Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary, AB

2002:

Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

2001:

Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2000:

Takao Tanabe: Wet Coasts and Dry Lands, Kelowna Art Gallery; Southern Alberta Art Gallery; Kamloops Art Gallery; Two Rivers Gallery

1999:

Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary, AB

1998:

Dominion Gallery, Montreal, QC

1996:

Site Gallery, Winnipeg, MB

Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary AB

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:**

2020:

Uncommon Language, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Op Art In Vancouver, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

The Uncanny Outdoors, Maclaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON

Together Apart, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC

20/20 Spirit Doubles, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

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2018:

The Landscape Show, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON  
Beyond the Edges: Art and Geometry, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, BC

2017:

Ann Kipling and Takao Tanabe, Levy Gallery, McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, ON (Duo)  
Point of Contact: On Place and the West Coast Imaginary, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, BC  
Stone and Sky: Canada's Mountain Landscape, Audain Art Museum, Whistler, BC  
Canadian and Indigenous Art: From Time Immemorial to 1967, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON

2016:

Revolving Group Exhibition, Thielsen Gallery, London, ON

2013:

Special Collection: Acquisitions and Archives, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, UBC, Vancouver, BC

2012:

Cut and Paste, Equinox Project Space, Vancouver, BC

2011:

Calgary Collects, Art Gallery of Calgary, Calgary, AB  
Shore, Forest and Beyond: Art From the Audain Collection, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Parade, Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery, Concordia University, Montréal, QC  
An Autobiography of our Collection, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2010:

Landscape/Cityscape, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, ON

2009:

Enacting Abstraction, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Dynamic Rhythm, Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa, ON

2008:

Our Changing Landscape: Perspectives On and Interpretations of British Columbia, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC  
The Group of Seven to Takao Tanabe...Inspiring Landscape, Whyte Museum, Banff, AB  
Seeing Through Modernism, FAB Gallery, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

2007:

Cannon Fodder: Looking at Landscape, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, SK  
An Eye for It, Museum London, London, ON  
Nexus, Histories and Communities, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, BC

2006:

Views of the Coast, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Altered Images, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Vancouver: 75 Years, Permanent Collection, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Recent Acquisitions, Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, BC  
Recent Acquisitions: Convention and Invention in the 60's, Museum London, London, ON

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2005:

POP: Paintings and Prints from the 60's, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, SK  
Printmaking in the 1950's, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
Prior Editions: 10 Years Canadian Printmaking, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC

2004:

Determined Pursuit: Highlights from the Longstaffe Collection, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
A Modern Life: Art and Design in British Columbia, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2003:

Locations: Space, Culture, and Identity, Nickle Arts Museum, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

2002:

This Place, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2001:

Made in Banff, Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff, AB  
Land Markings: Abstracted Landscape Paintings from WAG Collection, Art Gallery of S.W. Manitoba, Brandon, MB  
Colouring the West: A Century of BC Painting, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Vancouver Collects, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2000:

Art of Our Century: Modern Art at Millenium's End, Appleton Museum of Art, Ocala, Florida

1999:

Out of this Century, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Travelling Identities II, East Meets West, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, SK  
Impact: Japanese and Canadian Woodlocks, Nickle Art Gallery, University of Calgary, AB

1998:

Home Base, Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops, BC

1997:

A "Duchampian" Look at The Glenbow Art Collection, Glenbow Museum, Calgary, AB  
Contemporary Art of BC, Vancouver Art Gallery, BC

1996:

Recent Acquisitions, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, UBC, Vancouver, BC

**AWARDS:**

2013: Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts  
2007: Paul D. Fleck Fellowship in the Arts, The Banff Centre  
2003: Govenor-General's Award in the Visual and Media Arts  
2002: Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal  
2000: Doctor of Letters (Hon), Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design  
1999: Member, Order of Canada  
1995: D.F.A.(Hon), University of Lethbridge  
1993: Order of British Columbia  
1990: Honourary Diploma, Emily Carr College of Art and Design  
1977: Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal

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1969: Canada Council Senior Fellowship  
1967: Associate of the Royal Canadian Academy  
1959: Canada Council Bursary  
1953: Emily Carr Foundation Scholarship

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

Collection, Connection and the Making of Meaning (exhibition catalogue), The Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, 2013, p. 22.  
Martens, Darrin J., Denise Leclerc, and Ihor Hulubizky. Chronicles of Form and Place: Works on Paper by Takao Tanabe. Hemlock Printers Ltd., 2012. Print.  
Sinclair, Catherine, Takao Tanabe, and Heather Igloliorte. Takao Tanabe: The Seasons (exhibition catalogue). Ottawa Art Gallery, 2011.  
Reid, Robert R., William C. McConnell. Takao Tanabe: Sometime Printer. Alcuin Society, 2010. Print.  
Nasgaard, Roald. Abstract Painting in Canada. Douglas & MacIntyre, 2007. p.139. Print.  
Thom, Ian M., et al. Takao Tanabe. Douglas & MacIntyre, 2005. Print.  
Ed. Elder, Alan C. A Modern Life: Art and Design in British Columbia 1945 – 1960. Arsenal Pulp Press, 2004. p. 172.  
Niosi, Goody. Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives: Recipients of the Order of British Columbia. Heritage House Publishing Co., 2002. p. 185.

**PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:**

Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
Art Gallery of Hamilton  
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia  
Art Gallery of Ontario  
Art Gallery of Windsor  
Burnaby Art Gallery  
Canada Council, Ottawa  
Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa  
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio  
Confederation Centre and Art Gallery, Charlottetown  
Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton  
Glenbow Museum, Calgary  
Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener  
Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops  
Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna  
Laurentian Museum, Sudbury  
London Art Gallery, London, ON  
MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina  
Musée d'art Contemporain, Montreal  
National Gallery of Canada  
Ottawa Art Gallery, Ottawa  
Peter Whyte Gallery, Banff  
Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa  
Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey BC  
Vancouver Art Gallery  
Winnipeg Art Gallery  
The Banff Centre, Banff  
Carleton University, Ottawa  
Concordia University, Sir George Williams Galleries, Montreal

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Dalhousie University, Halifax  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida  
Memorial University, St. John's  
Mt. Allison University, Owens Gallery, Sackville, NB  
Queen's University, Agnes Etherington Gallery, Kingston  
Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta  
Scotiabank  
Seneca College, Toronto  
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby  
Tate Museum, UK  
University of Alberta, Edmonton  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Guelph  
University of Lethbridge  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Toronto, Hart House  
University of Regina  
University of Victoria  
University of Western Ontario, London  
Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, San Francisco  
Alberta Art Foundation, Edmonton  
Alberta House Collection, London, England  
British Columbia Provincial Collection, Victoria  
CBC Vancouver  
Dept. of External Affairs, Ottawa  
Dept. of Public Works, Ministry of Agriculture, Ottawa  
Dept. of Trade and Commerce, Exhibition Commission, Ottawa  
Province of Manitoba Collection, Winnipeg  
Winnipeg Centennial Library