

# MIKE GOUGH

Gough's interest in the elusive quality of memory is a constant interest in his art practice. Rooted in memories of his upbringing in Newfoundland, his autobiographical paintings carry universal narratives. In the absence of detail there is an opportunity for one's own memories to develop. Expansive solitude and a sense of isolation is met with a universal feeling of what it means to belong.



Mike Gough was born in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, in 1985. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in 2007 and in 2010

graduated from Centrail Saint Martins College of Art and Design in London with a Masters of Fine ArtsAt its core, his practice explores how our relationship with the natural world connects and defines us. Working in mixed media, he endeavors to create familiar meditative spaces that exhibit a personal journey, but simultaneously invite the viewer to insert themselves in the narrative.



Gough's paintings partially stem from fear of memory loss which is taken from experiences with Alzheimer's in his family. Not only does the painting process exercise his memory, but the paintings themselves act as records of his experience becoming a blend of reality and idealism. They are not painted from photographs; the places not precisely rendered, and the experiences not accurately told. With the incongurence, they are his authentic recollection of them. Gough's intent in his work is to create a patchwork map of memories as a guide back to the authenticity of human feeling.

Gough has exhibited both nationally and internationally in over 40 exhibitions and his work appears in private, corporate, and public

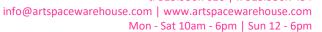
collections in England and Canada, including The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery, Humber College, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, The City of St. John's, and Global Affairs Canada. Prominent collectors include the United Arab **Emirates Royal Family.** 

He was the winner of the Excellence in Visual Arts (EVA) People's Choice Award in 2015 and was shortlisted for the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council Emercing Artist of the Year in 2013. He has been the recipient of numerous Arts and Letters Awards and was selected for both the Elbow Room Residency Program (2013) at the Rooms Provincial Art Gallery and the Artist in Residence (2016) at 2 Rooms Contemporary Art Projects in Duntara, Newfoundland.

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### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2019 "Cerenity of Tides," Jones Gallery, Saint John, NB
- 2018 "The Impression of Something Real," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
- 2017 "The Impression of Something Real," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
- 2016 "How We Get There," Christina Parker Gallery, St.
- 2014 "We Made This Our Home," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
- 2013 "Retrace," The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery, NL "Surfacing," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
- 2012 "From the Beginning," Christina Parker Gallery, St.
- 2009 "Please Write," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL

#### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 "Representation of Imagination", Artspace Warehouse, Los Angeles, CA Affordable Art Fair NYC, New York
- 2020 LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA Art Palm Springs, Palm Springs, CA Affordable Art Fair NYC, New York
- 2019 "Together we Roam," Christina Parker Gallery, Toronto, ON Affordable Art Fair, Hong Kong
- 2018 Art Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, ON

"Mood Shifts," Artspace Warehouse, Los Angeles, CA

- 2017 "Great and North," Curated by Francesca Valente for Imago Mundi, Palazzo Loredan, Venice, IT Art Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, ON
- 2016 "Architec Tonic," 2 Rooms Contemporary Art Projects, Duntara, NL
  - Art Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, ON
  - "30 + 1," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
- 2015 "Narrative, NL," Grenfell Art Gallery, Memorial University, NL
  - "30 + 1," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL "Paper," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
  - Art Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, ON

- 2014 "Keeping Current: Artwork From Our Country's Eastern Edge," Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, ON "Changing Tides: Contemporary Art of Newfoundland and Labrador," The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, ON
  - Art Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Center, T oronto, ON
- 2013 "A Celebration of Gallery Artists," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
  - "Summer Exhibition 2013," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL
  - Art Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, ON
  - "25 for 25: 25th Anniversary of The Provincial Art Bank," The Rooms, St. John's, NL, Touring
- 2012 "25 for 25: 25th Anniversary of The Provincial Art Bank," The Rooms, St. John's, NL, Touring Toronto International Art Fair, Metro Toronto C onvention Center, Toronto, ON
- 2011 "The Works," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL Toronto International Art Fair, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, ON
  - "Arts and Letter Exhibition," St. John's, NL: Winning
  - "City of St. John's Art Procurement Exhibition," St. John's City Hall, St. John's, NL
  - "Drawn Words and Written Images," Queen Elizabeth II Library, St. John's, NL
- "Atlanticus," Christina Parker Gallery, St. John's, NL 2010 "Nothing To Be Done," Empire Gallery, London, UK
  - "Necessary Illusions," CSM Interim Show, Curated by the Chelsea School of Art Curatorial Critical Framework Course, London
- 2009 "Time After Timeline," Eastern Edge Gallery, Members Exhibition, St. John's, NL
- 2008 "Aumento," Melon, St. John's, NL
- 2007 "Sincerely Yours," Sorrento, On the Rocks, Corner Brook, NL
  - "Segment," B.F.A Graduation Exhibition, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Art Gallery, Corner Brook, NL
- 2006 Student Print Exhibition, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, NS "Harlow," Harlow, Essex, England

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2005 "Searose Exhibition," Husky Oil Corporation Permanent Collection Exhibition, Humber Galley Resort, NL

2004 "Intersection," Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Art Gallery, Corner Brook, NL

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2016

2015	NLAC Professional Project Grant
2015	EVA People's Choice Award Winner
2013	NLAC Shortlist – Emerging Artist of the Year
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2011	Arts and Letter Winner, Senior Division
2011	NLAC Professional Project Grant

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### **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

City of St. John's

Provincial Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Permanent Collection Husky Oil Corporation Permanent Collection Mischon De Reya, Solicitors, London McInnes Cooper, St. John's, N Bank of Montreal Cox and Plamer, St. John's, NL Fortis, St. John's, NL The Rooms Permanent Collection Global Affairs Canada



