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MARK PRESTON

Artist Bio

Mark Preston (b. 1960) Mark Preston is a multidisciplinary Tlingit artist who works in a variety of media, but began studying silver carving under renowned Gitksan artist Phil Janzé while attending K'san in Hazelton, BC. He then learnt various techniques of wood carving.

Preston recontextualizes Northwest Coast formline shapes by making precise cutouts into panels, thus turning traditional shapes into negative space. His minimalist, all-white motifs symbolize clarity, peacefulness, and open-mindedness. In this same vein, many of Preston's pieces are purposely left untitled to allow for open interpretations and meanings.

Preston cites European masters Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci as early influences, although works by Picasso, Mark Rothko, and Northwest Coast artists like Bill Reid, Robert Davidson, Roy Vickers, and Ted Harrison have all served to influence his more recent works. His contemporary pieces are inspired by minimalism and abstraction.

Preston's work resides in both private and public collections, including the Yukon Permanent Art Collection.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018
 - Filling the Void, Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse YT
 - White Noise, Focus Gallery, Arts Underground, Whitehorse YT
- 2016
 - Void, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019
 - Art of the Yukon, Emily Harding Gallery, Toronto ON, Canada
- 2018
 - Seattle Art Fair, Fazakas Gallery Booth, Seattle WA, USA
 - Papier Art Fair, Fazakas Gallery Booth, Arsenal, Montréal QC
- July 2017 – January 2018
 - Connective Tissue: New Approaches to Fiber in Contemporary Native Art, Anne and Loren Kieve Gallery and Fritz Scholder Gallery, IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts (MoCNA), Santa Fe NM



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- 2017
 - Great North, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2016
 - Art Toronto | Toronto International Art Fair, Fazakas Gallery Booth, Toronto ON
 - Divergent Convergence, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2015
 - Metamorphosis: Chris Paul and Mark Preston, Alcheringa Gallery, Victoria BC