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CAROLLYNE YARDLEY

Artist Bio

Carollyne Yardley is an interdisciplinary artist, designer. Her practice is driven by research into the changing relationships between humans and non-humans in urban environments, and imagining possible futures through hybrid-human development.

Yardley's body of work translates the visual, sonic, gestural, and social data she's collected by observing urban animals, into a dialogue between our species. After she rescued a dying squirrel in her yard, Yardley was compelled to create portraits of hybrid-humans in an effort to break down the barrier between humans and non-humans – and thus, Squirrealism was born.

Squirrealism is a self-coined term used to propose a "sympoiesis", in which our lives and the lives of other species biologically, culturally and politically intersect. Yardley invented her imaginary hybrid-humans to represent a non-hierarchical, non-binary consideration of being, a recognition of "we" in the evolution of universal consciousness, and our shared interconnected subconscious with all living matter. The objective of her work is not concerned with assimilation of animals as humans, but with a levelling of hierarchy.

Yardley's latest research into the biology of the Eastern Grey Squirrel has led her to discover they have excellent dichromatic colour vision that is mediated by green and blue cones. What a Squirrel Sees (2018) simulates the colour vision of the Grey Squirrel to examine the subjective reality of our own senses and to better imagine their worldview. My Hair Squirrel Mask (2012-2018), explores what it would be like to be a squirrel in a tactile sense by using Yardley's own hair to create a furry outer layer. Her series mtSQRL speculates the convergence of human and squirrel DNA. In Squirrel Co-Lab (2018), Yardley learned how frequently squirrels mark their territory. Sharing urban space with non-humans has become a contentious issue for many humans. Yardley believes we can come to know someone else through experience, which can promote new forms of cohabitation.

Squirrels became a vehicle for collaboration when First Nations artist, Chief Rande Cook (Kwakwaka'wakw) invited Yardley to paint his portrait. Chief Rande Cook Squirrel (2014) shows Cook as a hybrid human-squirrel wearing his traditional regalia and carved thunderbird mask inspired by the indigenous story of Squirrel and Thunderbird. A creative fusion of their works then developed during which Cook's indigenous knowledge supported Yardley's ideas about kinship networks and interspecies relationships.



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Carollyne Yardley has garnered all levels of press in Canada, featured in The Globe and Mail, The National Post, CTV News, CBC Radio, online weblogs, and the covers of several books and magazines. She was also successful in maintaining her registered [trademark Carollyne®](#) after being subjected to an expungement proceeding by a large U.S. toy manufacturer.

EDUCATION

Current MFA Candidate, Emily Carr University of Art and Design

1992-1997 B.A. Psychology and Art History (Double Major), University of Victoria, Canada

1991 Visual Arts Degree Program, University of Victoria, Canada

REPRESENTATION

Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC

Winchester Galleries, Victoria, BC

SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2017 Shapeshifting, Fazakas Gallery, Victoria BC

2014 Ravenous, Alcheringa Gallery, Victoria BC

2013 Romancing the Squirrel, Apartment Gallery, Victoria BC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 Unstoppable, Winchester Galleries, Victoria BC

2019 Shape/Colour/Form, Winchester Galleries, Victoria, BC.

2018 Sole Train to Night Market, Fluevog Shoes, Victoria BC

2017 In the Mood for Love, Poly Culture Art Centre, Vancouver BC

2017 FIVE, Winchester Galleries, Victoria BC

2017 SHEILA: Women, Art, and Production, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC

2016 All Together is the Best Example, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC



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2016 Divergent Convergence, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC

2016 Imaginary Friends, Open Space Arts Society, Victoria BC

2015 SHE: Diversity in Feminism, Fazakas Gallery, Vancouver BC

2015 Winter, Winchester Galleries, Victoria BC

2015 Co-Mix Art, Martin Bachelor Gallery, Victoria BC

2015 Pride in Art: The Queer Truth & Nothing But, Fifty-Fifty Arts Collective, Victoria BC

2014 TD Paint In, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria BC

2013 Difference and Repetition, Slide Room Gallery, Victoria BC

2013 #Strangelings: Paintings by Pixel Wizards, Massey Gallery, Victoria BC

2013 Curiouser: Contemporary Responses to Alice in Wonderland, Fifty-Fifty Arts Collective, Victoria BC

2013 Artist in Residence: House Tour, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria BC

2013 Colours of Summer, Madrona Gallery, Victoria BC

2013 TD Paint In, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria BC

2012 Pride Art Exhibition, Madrona Gallery, Victoria BC

2012 Artists with Lu Jun Wind Lotus, Apartment Gallery, Victoria BC

2012 Artist in Residence: House Tour, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria BC

2012 Sidney Fine Art Show, Sidney, Sidney BC

2012 Sooke Fine Art Show, Sooke, Sooke BC

2012 Art Rainbow, INDEXG, Toronto ON

2012 Boudoir, Victoria Emerging Art Gallery, Victoria BC

2011 Never Dine Alone, The Sculpture Studio, Victoria BC



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ART FAIRS

2018 Art Toronto, via Fazakas Gallery, Toronto ON

2018 Seattle Art Fair, via Fazakas Gallery, Seattle WA

2018 Papier Montréal, via Fazakas Gallery, Montréal QC 2017 Art Toronto, via Fazakas Gallery, Toronto ON

2016 Art Toronto, via Fazakas Gallery, Toronto ON

AWARDS

2013 Favourite Emerging Visual Artist 2013, Monday Magazine "M" Awards, Victoria BC

2012 Best 2 Dimensional, Sooke Fine Art Show, Sooke BC

PUBLICATIONS

2017 Walsh, Andrea, Ph.D. "Kə₁labə¹rāSH(ə)n Mask," exhibition text

2016 Shrumm, Regan. "Connecting a Collection," pp. 20-21, The Art of A. Banana, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria & Open Space

2014 Yardley, Carollyne. "Trademark Carollyne," Youtube

2013 Yardley, Carollyne. "Squirrealism," ISBN 978-0-9919419-0-2

2013 Coach House Books. Image Cover, Fall 2013 Catalogue

2013 Wilson, Keiran. Imitations of Eternity, Image Cover, St. Gengulphus' Publishing

2013 Focus Magazine. Image Cover, Vol. 25, No. 5 (Feb)

2012 Focus Magazine. Image Cover, Vol. 25, No. 3 (Dec)

2012 Monday Magazine. Image Cover 3829 (July)

2012 Willey, Philip. "Days in the Life," Illus. by Carollyne Yardley, pg. 13, Ahndai Books

2012 Koubaa, Bart. "De Brooklyn Club", Image Cover, Querido Publishing



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PRESS

2018 Herman, Pee-wee. "For Squirrel Appreciation Day, check out Carollyne Yardley's squirrel art!" peewee.com

2018 Walsh, Meeka. "Papier 18 | Editor's Picks Day 2," Border Crossings

2016 White, Laurie. "Seriously Silly, Horse Heads and Flower Beards in the Work of Carollyne Yardley," Analogue Magazine

2016 Wright, Andy. "From Portrait Painters to College Applicants, Squirrel Obsessives Through the Ages," Atlas Obscura

2016 Balzer, David. "7 Best Bets for Art Toronto," Canadian Art Magazine

2016 Landau, Emily. "10 most exciting artists to check out at Art Toronto," Toronto Life

2016 Blazenhoff, Rusty. "Rusty's Electric Dreams," Inbox Zine

2015 Lundy, Susan. "Secrets and Lives: Carollyne Yardley, Artist," Boulevard Magazine

2015 Thomson, John. "Canadian Artist Goes Squirrely," DZine Trip Design Magazine

2015 Becker, Noah. "Guerrilla Girls Inspired Exhibition Opens in Vancouver," Whitehot Magazine

2015 Blazenhoff, Rusty. "Banksy Squirrel Character with Mask by Carollyne Yardley," Blazenfluff

2015 Dobby, Emily. "Carollyne Yardley: Contemporary Pop Squirrealism," At Home Magazine

2014 Amos, Robert. "First Nations Art, meet squirrels," Time Colonist

2014 Madden, Aaren. "Ravenous, Alcheringa Gallery," Focus Magazine

2014 Cino, Kate. "Ravenous with Rande Cook and Carollyne Yardley," Art Openings

2014 Willey, Philip. "Ravenous: Carollyne Yardley and Rande Cook," Exhibit-V

2014 McCulloch, Sandra. "Artist goes after U.S. giant Mattel over trademark," Times Colonist

2014 Simcoe, Luke. "B.C. artist battles Mattel's American Girl over trademark," Metro News

2014 Hopper, Tristan. "Toymaker Mattel fighting Canadian 'Squirrealism' painter Carollyne Yardley over trademark to her own name," National Post



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2014 Editorial. "Canadian Art Fights Mattel's American Girl Over Trademark," Huffington Post

2013 Willey, Philip. "Carollyne Yardley, Jose Brand and Paul Dowd at AGGV," Exhibit-V

2013 Schlauch, Matthew. "#Strangelings: Paintings by Pixel Wizards," Snapd Magazine

2013 Sawatsky, Adam. "#Strangelings: Paintings by Pixel Wizards," CTV News

2013 Wahl, David. "Our recent post about Carollyne's Saint Squirrel and Pope Pinenuts," Archie McPhee's Endless Geyser of AWESOME!

2013 Smart, Amy. "Creative process shines, digitally and otherwise," Times Colonist 2013

Beneteau, Nicole. "Artists Take a Crack at Carroll Classic," Nexus Newspaper

2013 Lindsay, Teresa. "Revealing an Incredible Journey through Pop Surrealism," vic42.com

2013 Madden, Aaren. "The Unbearable Lightness of Squirrels," Focus Magazine

2013 Threlfall, John. "Culture Goes Pop," Yam Magazine

2013 Jones, Kate. "Romancing the Squirrel in Studio," Pennello Lane, Creative Canadian Women

2012 Green, MaryEllen. "Artist Is Nuts for Squirrels," Monday Magazine

2012 Wahl, David. "As Many of You Probably Know by Now, We Have A Soft Spot for Squirrels," Archie McPhee

2012 Wahl, David. "Hey Look, It's a Gingerbread Squirrel!" Archie McPhee's Endless Geyser of AWESOME!

2012 Patience, Kaitlyn. "Artist Spotlight on Carollyne Yardley," Pamplemousse!

2011 Amos, Robert. "Treasures of Oak Bay Galleries," Times Colonist

2011 DHaem, Jim. "Geisha Girl Squirrel (and QR Code)," QR Code Artist

2010 Quiroz, Efren. "Carollyne Yardley: Artist of the Month," Exhibit-V



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TELEVISION, YOUTUBE, RADIO

2016 Johnson, Andrew. "Victoria artist wins trademark name fight," CTV News

2015 de Blois, Maude. "Paroles d'artistes," CILS.FM 107.9

2014 Quiroz, Efren. "Ravenous: Opening Reception," Exhibit-V

2014 Quiroz, Efren. "Interview with Carollyne Yardley & Rande Cook," Exhibit-V

2014 Stanton, Kylie. "Vancouver Island artist takes on U.S. toymaker over name," Global News

2014 Grieves, Chandler. "Victoria artist takes on toy giant," CTV Vancouver Island

2014 Fisher, Gavin. "B.C artist facing down Mattel in expensive copyright fight," Globe and Mail

2014 Lus, Steven. "It's Caroline vs. Carollyne at the CIPO," CBC News

2014 Rankin, Eric. "Mattel's American Girl name fight," CBC News

2014 Off, Carol. "Canadian artist takes on giant toymaker Mattel," CBC Radio

2014 Elgersma, Karen. "Victoria Whisky Festival, Society Squirrel Painting," Shaw TV

2013 Sawatsky, Adam. "#Strangelings: Paintings by Pixel Wizards," CTV News

2013 Quiroz, Efren. "Your Eyes on the Visual Arts – Romancing the Squirrel," Exhibit-V

2013 Kahan, Dan. "The Kahan Show: Carollyne Yardley as the Therap-artist," Shaw TV

2013 Quiroz, Efren. "#Strangelings: Paintings by Pixel Wizards," Exhibit-V

2013 Sawatsky, Adam. "#Strangelings: Paintings by Pixel Wizards," CTV News

2013 Sawatsky, Adam. "Romancing the Squirrel," CTV News

2013 Sawatsky, Adam. "Eye on the Arts – Romancing the Squirrel," CFX1070

2012 Bramble, Eric. "Interview with Carollyne Yardley," 29er Radio Podcast

2012 Sawatsky, Adam. "TD Moss Street Paint In," CTV News

2012 Sawatsky, Adam. "Eye on the Arts – TD Paint In," CFX1070

2011 Quiroz, Efren. "Your Eyes on the Visual Arts – Secret Squirrels Show," Exhibit-V



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2011 Quiroz, Efren. "Your Eyes on the Visual Arts – Friends & Funny Folks," Exhibit-V

2011 Quiroz, Efren. "Your Eyes on the Visual Arts – Never Dine Alone," Exhibit-V

2010 Quiroz, Efren. "Your Eyes on the Visual Arts – Big Eyed Ladies Show," Exhibit-V

2010 Elgersma, Karen. "Art interview with Carollyne Yardley," Shaw TV

GUEST SPEAKER AND PANELS

2016 Guest Speaker. Sidney Fine Art Show Opening Night, Mary Winspear Centre

2015 Guest Speaker. Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria, Victoria College of Art

2013 Guest Presenter. Studio 30, Les Passmore Centre

2013 Guest Presenter. Saanich Peninsula Arts and Crafts Society, Mary Winspear Centre

2012 Guest Speaker. "Art and Community," PechaKucha, Volume 11, DIY Edition, Victoria Event Centre

2012 Artist in Residence, Massey Gallery, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Integrate Arts Walk

JURY PANEL

2014 Community Council of Greater Victoria, 15th Annual LOOK Show

2012 Victoria Emerging Art Awards, Emerging Art Gallery

WORK

1997-2012 **Founder, Co-owner, Creative Director, Star Global Advanced IT Corp. Ltd.**

Star Global was an expert in: E-Business & E-Commerce, Interface Design & Web Development, Blogs & Social Media Networking, Programming & Web Application, Database Modelling, IT Consulting & Training, Hosting & Domain Registration, Outsourcing and Maintenance, SEO