

CYNTHIA COULOMBE-BÉGIN

Coulombe-Bégin brings a sensitivity to her work that stems from her exploration of identity in performance art. Her work draws us into her internal world: exploring the soul and matter, conscience, and the universe.

Coulombe-Bégin's paintings portray mostly large close-up portrayals of the mouth and eyes, which are depicted with great contrasts of color and chiaroscuro. She focuses on an abstract universe full of movement, symbolism, and eroticism.

Born in Miami, Coulombe-Bégin grew up in Quebec City where she earned a Bachelor of Visual Arts in 2006 from Laval University. She also trained as a dancer and has participated in numerous dance/animation performances throughout Quebec. Starting very young, her parents focused a great deal on both the arts and athletics which helped her develop her own mode of expression.



"I am particularly interested in the fragmented corporal shell, which I emphasize through spontaneous movement and vivid colors." stated Coulombe-Bégin. "My experience with painting has led me to see things differently, to self-discovery and to great astonishment. A movement begins to take shape, from the outside in, resembling a quest for invisible energy and the total union between body and mind. The notion of performance, the search for identity, and the exposure of the body to an explosive universe are indicative of my desire to cast light on all the beauty and vulnerability of our existence in a single image."



Coulombe-Bégin began her professional artistic career at the Marius Barbeau Museum with her first solo exhibition, *Traces Corporelles*, in 2006. She has continued to exhibit in galleries and art fairs in Hong Kong, New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Quebec. Coulombe-Bégin's works have been acquired by numerous private collectors in Canada, the United States, Europe, Brazil and Australia.

EDUCATION

2006 Laval University - Bachelor of Visual Arts
2003 Cégep de Ste-Foy - College Diploma in Visual Arts

SOLO SHOWS

2019 Rêve moi, Centre Boréart, Granby, QC
Feel Moi, Galerie Iris, Baie-St-Paul, QC
2017 Wildest Dreams, La nuit des Galeries, Québec

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- 2016 Salon d'habitation d'automne, Québec
- 2015 Polyphonie, Palais Montcalm, Québec
- 2012 Le feu à la bouche, SSS, Québec, QC
- 2011 Le Moulin La Lorraine, Lac Etchemin, QC
- 2010 Lunetterie du faubourg, Quebec
- Les futures Déesses désirées, Le Cercle, Quebec, QC
- Trafic d'organes, Clocher penché, Quebec, QC
- Corps et Corporalités, Studio Party Time, Quebec
- 2007 Mehurt Passus, performance et installation multimédia, Centre d'art Diagonale, Montreal, QC
- 2006 Traces corporelles, Marius-Barbeau Museum, St-Joseph de Beauce, QC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Scope Art Show, Arteria Gallery, Miami Beach
- Le Luxart Art Gallery, Montreal
- Affordable Art Fair, Arteria Gallery, New York
- Riverdale Art Walk, Toronto
- Beauchamp Art Gallery, Quebec, Baie-St-Paul and Toronto
- 2018 Affordable Art Fair, Arteria Gallery, Hong Kong
- Art Market San Francisco, Arteria Gallery, California
- Art Palm Spring, Arteria Gallery, California
- Le Luxart Art Gallery, Montreal
- Riverdale Art Walk, Toronto
- 2017 Cléo Art Fair, New York
- The Artist Project, Toronto
- Galerie d'art du Chateau Frontenac, Quebec
- 2016 Le Luxart Art Gallery, Montreal
- Galerie d'art du Chateau Frontenac, Quebec
- Riverdale Art Walk, Toronto
- 2015 Féminin Plurielle, Galerie Iris, Baie-St-Paul
- Beauchamp Art Gallery, Quebec, Baie-St-Paul and Toronto
- 2014 Take Over, See-me, Time Square New York
- Las Olas Fine Arts Gallery, Fort Lauderdale
- Iris Art Gallery, Baie-St-Paul
- Beauchamp Art Gallery, Quebec, Baie-St-Paul and Toronto
- 2013 Contemporary Masters, Las Vegas
- The Story of Creatives, See-Me, New York
- Factory Art Gallery, Quebec
- 2012 Beauchamp Art Gallery, Quebec, Baie-St-Paul and Toronto
- Ambiance Art Gallery, Montreal
- 2011 Ni Vu Ni Cornu art Gallery, Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré
- 2006 Exhibition of award winners 2006, Gallery of Visual Arts of Laval University
- Exhibition of graduates in visual arts, the School of Visual Arts of Laval University
- Les, the Art Gallery of the Alphonse-Desjardins Building of Laval University



PRESS

- 2019 TV interview, Personnalité, Radio-Canada, Catherine Gignac
- TV performance and interview, Salut Bonjour (Morning Show), Gino Chouinard, TVA
- TV interview, Pleins feux sur Québec, Marie-Christine Leblanc, TVA
- TV interview for the visual work on The Voice (QC)TV show, Anouk Meunier, TVA
- Pour la voix, elle a fait du Cynthia! Journal de Québec & Journal de Montréal, Cedric Belanger
- 2018 Artist honored on the show of National Quebec day, Plaines d'Abraham
- CCB, une artiste authentique et éclatée, Journal Le Soleil, Claude Thibault
- CCB Amour fou, Sofa-Deco Magazine, hors serie, Sylvie Laberge p.292-293
- 2017 #2 The 30 most exciting artists in Toronto right now, BlogTO
- 2015 Interview, Quebec Scope Magazine
- 2014 Ses toiles de Lady Gaga à la vue de la star derrière la scène, Journal de Québec et Journal de Montréal, Cedric Belanger
- 2014 Article in magazine 1608 (Summer 2014 edition)
- 2013 Newspaper article in Le Soleil, weekend edition, October 5
- 2013 News report, Radio-Canada, September 17
- CBC Radio-Canada 106,3 FM, radio interview with Ann-Josée Cameron, August 8
- CKRL 89,1 FM – radio interview, July 3
- 2012 Magazinar no98, pp.57- 59 (French) pp. 84-86 (English) written by Michel Bois
- 2010 CKRL 89,1 FM, interview Émission L'Aérospatial, April 7

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2009 CKRL 89,1 FM, interview Émission L'Aérospatial, April 22

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2019 Visual artist for the TV show The Voice (Qc) Special commission
- 2019 Hotel Suite Cynthia Coulombe Begin (#5) at La maison Otis, Baie-St-Paul, QC
- 2014 Live painting at Musée des Beaux-Arts du Québec
- 2009 Dancer-interpreter for a Harold Rhéaume choreography Carrefour international de théâtre, Quebec
- 2007 Dancer-interpreter, Karma Kameleon Show
- 2009 Rough Draft, live demonstration– Miami
- 2008 Studio director on the self-portrait for the Association of Visual Artists of the South Shore, Quebec
- 2005 Practicum at the Manif d'art 3 –International Art Manifestation of Quebec

COLLECTIONS

- 2010 Public collection MRC Nouvelle-Beauce Award winning work at the 7th Art competition, Marius-Barbeau Museum
Museum Vie en 3T: Tranche, Tronc, Trace
- 2008 Public collection MRC Nouvelle-Beauce Award winning work at the 5th Art competition, Marius-Barbeau Museum
Museum Mouvance: Recherches et apparitions

AWARDS AND MENTIONS

- 2017 Second prize Birthday Competition - Artist Project Toronto
- 2012 First prize - Le bal des yeux, Bursary provided by Opti Boutiq, Château Frontenac, QC
- 2010 Grand Jury Award MRC Nouvelle-Beauce, 7th Art competition, Marius-Barbeau Museum, QC
- 2010 Moulin La Lorraine Award, 7th Art competition, Marius-Barbeau Museum, QC
- 2008 Grand Jury Award MRC Nouvelle-Beauce, 5th Art competition Marius-Barbeau Museum, QC
- 2006 Art Diagonale Award, Exhibition of Visual Arts graduates of Laval University, QC
- 2006 Mention from jury, 3rd Art competition, Marius-Barbeau Museum, QC

