

GALERIE LeROYER

CURRICULUM VITAE | DOMINIC BESNER

Dominic Besner was born in North Lancaster, Ontario, Canada in 1965

EDUCATION

2014

Lithography, Atelier Circulaire, Montreal, Canada

2011

Engraving, Atelier Circulaire, Montreal, Canada

1992

Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Montreal, Canada

DISTINCTIONS

2010

Representing Canada at Shanghai World Expo, China

2009

Exclusive Preview at Caisse Dépôt et Placement for Annual Gala celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fédération des Chambres de Commerce du Québec, Canada

2007

Canadian Embassy in Morocco, Exhibition Grant for Museum La Villa des Arts de Casablanca

COLLECTIONS

Besner's artworks have been placed in numerous public and private collections including : Suzhou Museum, Cirque du Soleil, Royal Canadian Mint, Loto-Québec, Casino de Charlevoix and Casino de Hull, Sherbrook University, Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa, Fasken Martineau, Gowling Lafleur Henderson, Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Proaction International, Musée Pierre-Boucher, Musée La Villa des Arts de Casablanca, Cromwell Art Collection

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024

Vers des Mondes, Art center Diane Dufresne, Repentigny, Canada
Or Standar, Galerie LeRoyeur, Montreal, Canada

2023

The Rainbow Club, Galerie LeRoyeur, Toronto, Canada

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- 2022**
NUMAINS, Museum of Fine Arts, Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Canada
- 2021**
Les Insilences, LeRoyeur Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- 2020**
Focus on Besner new Collection, LeRoyeur Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- 2019**
Oros Copus, Iris Gallery, Baie Saint-Paul, Canada
- 2017**
The Ivory Madonnas, MX Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- 2015**
Les Branches d'Ovane, SO ART Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
La Singulière nature humaine, MX Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- 2013**
Humani Ex Machina, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2012**
The Light Side of the Moon, Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, USA
- 2011**
MORA, Manège Militaire Côte-des-neiges, Montreal, Canada
- 2010**
Hundred Word of China, CANART Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2009**
La voyageuse du temps, Iris Gallery, Baie Saint-Paul, Canada
- 2008**
Continuation of Internation Travelling Exhibition "Au Fil de l'Art", Thompson Landry Gallery, Calgary and Toronto, Canada
- 2007**
"Au Fil de l'Art", Besner accompanied by Haute-couture creations by six Quebec fashion designers MX Gallery, Montreal, Canada
Le Banquet de Nacarat, Venise-Cadre Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2004**
La démesure des convoités, CDP Capital Centre, Montreal, Canada
La Xe cité révolue, Head Office of the Cirque du Soleil, Montreal, Canada
- 2002**
Le cri des lunes, Estampe Plus, Quebec, Canada

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023

Land Art Urbain "Tout est Gaïa" - Daniel A. Séguin Garden, Saint-Hyacinthe, Canada

2019

30th Anniversary, Iris Gallery, Baie Saint-Paul, Canada

2016

Exhibition "Art de la tolerance", Rabat, Paris & London

2010

Art of Giving at Saatchi Gallery invited by One Drop Foundation, London, UK

2008

Make-A-Wish Exhibition, MX Gallery, Montreal, Canada

2007

Rendez-vous, MX Gallery, Montreal, Canada

2006

Strawberries-Champagne, Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA

ARTS FAIRS

2024

Art Miami, Galerie LeRoy, Miami, USA

2023

Art Miami, Galerie LeRoy, Miami, USA

2022

Hamptons Fine Art Fair, Onessimo Fine Art, New York, USA

Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, New River Fine Art Galerie, USA

2021

Art Toronto, LeRoy Gallery, Toronto, Canada

Art Miami, LeRoy Gallery, Miami, USA

2020

Art Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Onessimo Fine Art, USA

Art Palm Beach, Onessimo Fine Art, USA

2019

Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Onessimo Fine Art, USA

Art New York, Onessimo Fine Art, USA

2017

Foire Art Mural, MX Gallery, Montreal, Canada

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2016

TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto, Canada

2012

Casablanca International Art Biennale, SO ART GALLERY, Morocco

2010

Western China International Art Biennale, Q-Art Belgium, Yinchuan, China

2004

TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto, Canada

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

2021

"Canevas urbain", a public performance in the program "Quand l'art prend l'air" a collaboration by Le Conseil des arts de Montréal and La maison de la culture Maisonneuve. Parc Morgan and Parc Thomas-Chapais, Montreal, Canada

2018

Strophes d'une poésie, Gallery d'art Antoine-Sirois de l'Université de Sherbrooke, Canada

2013

Immortalis, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China

2009

Espace Création, Loto-Québec, Montreal, Canada

2007

La nuit des cités, Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Canada
Travelling Exhibit "Au Fil de l'Art", Museum La Villa des Arts, Casablanca, Morocco
"Au Fil de l'Art", Museum La Villa des Arts, Rabat, Morocco

2003

Las Artes Museum of the University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico (Group exhibit organized by Loto-Quebec). Title of exhibit : Quebec in Mexico!

2000

La relève à l'aube du XXIème siècle, Musée Pierre-Boucher, Trois-Rivières, Canada

MULTI-MEDIA FILMS & VIDEO

DUPUIS, Lawrence, Portrait, A collaboration with Quebec Art Council, Montreal 2022, 7min15sec
Dominic Besner, Les insilences à la Galerie LeRoy, par ACEMEDIA, Montreal Septembre 2021, 1min33sec et 33sec

PÉRIS, Patrick, « Dominic Besner fait du Land Art », Productions GMX, Montreal Octobre 2017, 5 min. 47 sec.

BUNDOCK, Pierre and DEBELLEFEUILLES, Danielle. « MORA, Urban Tale », Productions GMX, Montreal Novembre 2011, 3 min. 17 sec.

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BÉGIN, Francisque, Expression, TV5, Reportage sur l'artiste Dominic Besner, Montreal, Canada Octobre 2008, 26 min.

BUNDOCK, Pierre and François ARSENEAULT, «Dominic Besner, La mécanique des villes», Les productions Cirque du Soleil. Short film produced by Le Cirque du Soleil and Mensi&Rioux, Montreal, April 20 2007, 20 min.

ISLANDS PRODUCTIONS, « La démesure des convoités », Novembre 2004, 12 min. 22 sec.

LES PRODUCTIONS LÉA PASCAL, « Dominic Besner - Tablo » Diffusé sur Art TV (Radio-Canada) 2002 7 min. 09 sec.

CHARITABLE WORK

Dominic Besner frequently donates to a number of charities, most notably One Drop Foundation, Émergence, Art Sida, Fondation du Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec, Art of Giving, Fondation Proaction, Make-A-Wish, Fondation Lise Watier, Fondation des maladies mentales, etc.

ACTIVE MEMBER OF

R.A.A.V. Regroupement des Artistes en Arts Visuels du Québec

S.O.D.R.A.C. Société du droit de reproduction des auteurs compositeurs et éditeurs au Canada

SPECIAL COLLABORATIONS

2021

« Canevas urbain », a public performance in the program « Quand l'art prend l'air » a collaboration by Montreal's Art Council and La maison de la culture Hochelaga-Maisonneuve & Mercier. Parc Morgan and Parc Thomas-Chapais, Montreal, Canada

Creation of a painting "Les nuits blanches" inspired by the song "homme de rien" by Vincent Vallières for the Annual Gala ADISQ (Association Québécoise de l'Industrie du Disque, du Spectacle et de la Vidéo). Shown on Radio-Canada National Television Channel November 7th

2019

Creation of the artwork « Hommage aux activistes » for The Fondation Émergence's LGBTQ+ 's Flag, Montreal, Canada

2017

Land Art Project « Création-sur-le-champ », Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Canada

2013

Creation of an artwork to be reproduced on a Porsche 911 Carrera 1989 and conceptualized by Artist Yves Thibault. Montreal, Canada

Creation of a Duo Project Besner-Ruel for Fund Raising presented by the Quarterly Event Transitl, Atelier Nicolas Ruel, Montreal, Fall, Canada

2012

Artist Residency at Contemporary Art Center of Essaouira (Ifitry) with Artist Mostapha Romli and Creation of an Artwork presented at Casablanca Art Biennale, Morocco

2011

Creation of a commemorative silkscreen Limited Edition by André Lemieux, Centre Félix-Antoine-Savard, Charlevoix, Canada

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Exposition-Event MORA, Multidisciplinaries performances with Diane Dufresne, José Luis Pérez, Martin Lord-Ferguson, Eugene Draw, inspired by the Urban Tale written by Dominic Besner, Manège Militaire de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

2010

Presentation of “L’aisance de la grande strassedam notoire” belonging to Cirque du Soleil, Shanghai World Expo, China

2008

First viewing of “La Mécanique des villes” (The Mechanics of Cities) a short movie dealing with artistic career of Dominic Besner and in situ monumental artwork created for the Head Office of the Cirque du Soleil in Montreal. 26e FIFA Montreal (International Festival of Films on Art) Directed by Pierre Bundock, François Arsenault as a joint production of the Cirque du Soleil in partnership with Mensi&Rioux. Montreal’s Museum of Fine Art, Montreal, Canada

2007

Unveiling of the artwork L.O.V.E. (L.ongue O.vation des V.anesses É.ployée) A Tribute to LOVE, The show on the Beatles produced by Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas, USA
Private collection of Mr. Neil Aspinall, road manager for The Beatles and CEO for Apple Corps (The Beatles’ company)