

## Peter Hoffer

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Peter Hoffer's contemporary paintings have been described as being as much about studio materials and techniques as the subjects they convey.

Peter Hoffer portrays trees. He invites the audience to take a closer look at their posture, their details and their expressions. The subject is as important as the technique: the way trees grate, scratch and age is as much of a concern to Hoffer as the trees themselves. They are painted in a very classical, realistic and almost photographic manner, but they have a strong contemporary feeling imparted by the epoxy resin finish and the rough wooden box on which the artist paints. Hoffer's work is a paradoxical mix of past and present, old and new, rough and sophisticated, realistic and abstract, outside perspective and intimate feeling.

The trees that Peter paints are not a copy of an existing geography. Sometimes he paints from photographs, but most of the time these trees are reminiscences. However, whether they exist or not, he sees his work as more about technique, about how he perceives the world, rather than the reality of the world itself. A few kilometres from Montreal, Peter has a cottage in the middle of the forest, which has become his lair, a place where he loves to paint. When he gets started, he starts by painting with oil on wood, then the more creative part begins: he applies touches of acrylic paint and several coats of epoxy varnish, which he makes himself. This process was inspired by the varnishes used in the academic painting salons of the 19th century, a way of embellishing paintings and conserving them. For the artist, it is a question of staging evocative landscapes, which will awaken memories, dreams, a feeling of déjà vu in each one. But at the second reading, if we see more than a landscape but a true reflection on art, the representation of nature and the painting as an object in itself, then he will have succeeded in his wager.

### BIOGRAPHY

Peter Hoffer was born in 1965 in Brantford, Ontario. He has a M.F.A. from Concordia University in Montréal, degrees from the University of Guelph, Ontario, and the Ontario College of Art in Toronto. He has lived and worked in Toronto, New York City, and Montreal where he now resides. He has enjoyed a successful career in Northern America. His work has been exhibited in over 10 cities across the USA : including the prestigious Kathryn Markel gallery in Chelsea, New York and in the Mary Bell gallery in Chicago. Amongst many galleries that show his work in Canada, the Nicolas Metivier gallery in Toronto played a major role in his career. Hoffer works exclusively with our gallery in Europe.

### EDUCATION

1990 : A.O.C.A. Hon's, Ontario College of Art - Toronto, Ontario,  
1993 : B.F.A. Fine Arts, University of Guelph - Guelph Ontario,  
1996 : M.F.A. Concordia University - Montréal, Québec.

### EXHIBITIONS

2022  
Battersea Spring  
AAF New York Spring  
Art Market San Francisco  
AAF Hampsted  
AAF Singapor

2021  
AFF Bruxelles  
Battersea Fall

2020  
Group show K+Y Gallery, Paris

2019  
AAF Singapore  
AAF London  
AAF New York

2018  
AAF Hong Kong  
AAF London Hampstead  
AAF Brussels  
AAF Battersea Spring

2017  
Echoes, Kathryn Markel Fine Arts  
Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, QC  
2016  
Art Hamptons  
AAF New York  
AAF Hong Kong  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris VIII  
Chase Young Gallery, Boston  
Maerz Contemporary, Berlin

2015

AAF New York  
AAF Hong Kong  
AAF Seoul  
AAF Singapore  
Simon Blais gallery, Montreal  
Nicolas Metivier gallery, Toronto  
Kathryn Markel Fine arts  
De Bellefeuille gallery, Montreal

2014

Los Angeles Art Show  
AAF London  
AAF Hong Kong  
AAF Brussels  
AAF Hamburg  
AAF New York  
AAF Cologne  
AAF Singapore  
Art Basel  
Art Miami  
Art Hamptons

2013

AAF London  
AAF Milan  
AAF Hong Kong  
AAF Brussels  
20-21 International Art Fair  
Art Hamptons

2012

London Art Fair  
AAF Los Angeles  
AAF Milan  
AAF Bruxelles  
AAF London  
AAF New York  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris VII

2011

AAF Brussels  
AAF London  
AAF Milan  
AAF Singapore  
London Art Fair  
Art London  
Art Chicago

2010

AAF Brussels, Singapore, Amsterdam  
KH gallery, Chicago  
Simon Blais gallery, Montreal  
Battat Contemporary gallery, Montreal

2009

Envie d Art gallery, London  
Chase gallery, Boston  
AAF Brussels, London  
Kerstin Blaschke gallery, London  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa  
Foster-white gallery, Seattle

2008

St-Laurent Hill gallery, Ottawa, Canada  
Newzones gallery, Calgary, Canada  
Studio 21 Fine Art, Halifax, Canada  
Chase Gallery, Boston, Canada  
Bau-Xi gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
"L'Histoire Naturelle", Simon Blais gallery, Montreal, Canada  
Envie d art gallery, Paris VIII  
Envie d art gallery, Paris VII  
Art London  
AAF Amsterdam  
Laura Bresteau gallery, Brussels  
Kerstin Blaschke gallery, London  
Nicolas Metivier Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
Chase Gallery, Boston, MA

2007

Mary Bell, Chicago  
"Element", Nicolas Metivier, Toronto, Canada  
"Stigmata", Kathryn Markel, New York  
Stricoff Gallery, New York

2006

"Terrain", Nicolas Metivier, Toronto, Canada

"Common Ground", Kathryn Markel, New York  
Perry Nicole Gallery, Memphis, USA  
"Summertime in Paris", Parisian Laundry, Montreal, Canada

2005

Simon Blais gallery, Montreal, Canada  
Bau-XI Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa, Canada  
Parisien Laundry, Montreal, Canada

2004

St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa, Canada  
Bau XI gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
"The In Between", Newzones, Calgary, Canada

2003

Museum of Arts, University of Guadalajara, Mexico  
Art Mur gallery, Montreal, Canada  
Simon Blais gallery, Montreal, Canada  
"Zones d'Experience", Museum of Quebec, Canada

2002

National exhibitions center de Jonquiere, Quebec  
St-Laurent-Hill gallery, Ottawa, Ontario  
"Invitation Au Voyage" Maison de la Culture, Montreal, Quebec

2001

Exhibition "les Collections Permanentes", Maison des Arts, Quebec, Canada  
Teodora Gallery - Toronto, Canada  
"Distance", Port-Maurice Gallery - Saint-Leonard, Québec