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Education

1972-1975 School of Art and Design, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal

Solo Exhibitions / Expositions Individuelles

- 2023 *Natures mortes*. Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montréal.
2021 *Paint Factory*. Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montréal.
2018 *Studio*. Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montréal.
2016 *Michael Merrill*. Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montréal.
2011 *Espace intérieur*. Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal.
Outer Space. McClure Gallery, Montréal.
Tableaux panmorphiques. Galerie d'art d'Outremont.
2010 *In-between Paintings / Entre-tableaux*. Galerie Roger Bellemare, Montréal.
2008 Projectraum Knut Osler, Cologne, Germany.
I Never Saw Documenta. Galerie Roger Bellemare, Montréal.
2007 Galerie Roger Bellemare, Montréal.
2005 T66 Kulturwerk, Paintings About Art, Freiburg, Germany.
2003 Galerie Sylvianne Poirier, Recent Works, Montreal.
2002 McClure Gallery, Panmorphic Paintings, Montreal.
Galerie Sylvianne Poirier, Dessins, Drawing, Montreal.
Expression, Dessins, Drawing, St. Hyacinthe.
2001 Centre national d'exposition, Greatest Hits, 1989-2001, Jonquière.
1999 Pari Nadimi Gallery, Panmorphic Paintings, Toronto.
1998 Maison de la Culture, Plateau Mont-Royale, Greatest Hits, 1989-1998, Montreal.
Redhead, Concrete, Toronto.
Cité Internationale des Arts, 3 Heads, Paris.
1995 4324 St-Laurent, Heaven, Montreal
1992 Agnes Etherington Centre, Recent Work, Kingston.
1991 Garnet Press Gallery, Reclining Nude, Toronto.
1990 Garnet Press Gallery, Sun Kissed, Toronto.
1987 Garnet Press Gallery, Wild Kingdom Come, Toronto.
1986 Garnet Press Gallery, The Skins of Marsyas, Toronto.
1982 Chromazone Gallery, Sport of Painting, Toronto.
1981 The Funnel Gallery, Heads, Toronto.
1977 Galerie B, Petits Objets, Montreal.
1975 Powerhouse Gallery, Constructions, Montreal.

Group Exhibitions / Expositions de groupe

- 2022 *Du côté de chez Proust 2*. Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montréal.
2019-20 *Joueuses / joueurs: Enigmes et jeux d'esprit en art contemporain*, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal
2019 *Aquarelle / Watercolour*, McClure Gallery, Montreal
Aquarelles, Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montreal.
2015 *"Chemin faisant"*, Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montreal.
"Comme un lac", Musée de Lachine, Montreal.
"Reflets V", Maison de la Culture Marie Uguay, Montreal.
"Vos papiers", Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montreal.
"Tous deux", Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Montreal.

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- 2014 Group exhibition: J. Beuys, R. Bellemare, R. Eveleigh, M. Gaudet, S. La Rue, Maclean, M. Merrill, A. Verret, R. Wilson Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Mtl.
Group exhibition: R. Bellemare, R. Eveleigh, Y. Gaucher, J. Heward, S. La Rue, Maclean, M. Merrill.
- 2013 *Le Projet Peinture. Un instantané de la peinture au Canada*, Galerie de l'UQAM, Montréal.
Il était une fois dans le Sud-Ouest. Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier, Montréal.
- 2012-13 *Actuel : nouvelles acquisitions*. Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec.
- 2012 *J. Heward, R. Mead, M. Merrill et A. Verret*. Galeries Roger Bellemare et Christian Lambert, Mtl.
Builders: biennial. Musée des beaux-arts du Canada.
- 2011 *Family Ties - G. Szilasi, D. Lindsay, A. Szilasi, M. Merrill*. Stuart Hall, Pointe-Claire, QC.
- 2010 *Au travail*. Musée régional de Rimouski. Commissaire: Marie-Ève Charron.
Portrait of a Patron. University of Toronto Art Centre, Toronto.
- 2009 *Off the Wall*, Galerie Leonard & Bina Ellen, Université Concordia.
Conteneurs et contenants. Galerie Roger Bellemare, Montréal.
- 2008 Triennale québécoise, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal.
- 2007 Scope Art Fair: Miami
Scope Art Fair: Basel
Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2006 Summerville, Galerie Roger Bellemare, Montréal
- 2005 Dyan Marie Projects, In Construction, Toronto
Maison de la Culture Marie Urquay, 5 Painters, Montreal
- 2004 Marché Bonsecours, Le Salon du Printemps, Montreal
Stuart Hall Art Gallery, Entre les lignes, Montreal
Galerie Sylvianne Poirier, Collection d'été, Montreal
- 2003 Delta Hotel, Le Salon du Printemps, Montreal
La Foire internationale d'art contemporain, ARTÉNIM 2003, Nîme, France
- 2002 Stuart Hall Art Gallery, Just Painting, Montreal
Galerie Sylvianne Poirier, Collection d'été, Montreal
Galerie Sylvianne Poirier, Vente de Blanc, Montreal
Delta Hotel, Le Salon du Printemps, Montreal
Galerie Graff, Portraits-Robots, Montreal
Maison de La Culture Frontenac, Invitation au Voyage, Montreal
4060 blvd. St. Laurent, Les Ateliers s'exposent, Montreal
- 2001 Archive Gallery, Glo, Toronto
4060 St. Laurent #409, Les Ateliers s'Exposent, Montreal
Artmur, Blanc Divers, Montreal
Art Gallery of Ottawa, Optical Verve, Ottawa
- 2000 Artmur, Polyptiques, Montreal
Artmur, Debut de Collection, Montreal
Redhead Gallery, Redrospective, Toronto
- 1999 René Blouin/Lilian Rodriguez, Les Peinhe Gallery, Toronto
- 1995 Saidye Bronfman Centre, Artifice, Montreal
- 1989 Open Studio, Scrap Plate Project, Toronto
- 1988 Open Studio/Republic, Product Perfect, Toronto
Grunt Gallery, Queen St. Off Main, Vancouver
1987 A.R.C., Casual Casual, Toronto
Memorial Art Gallery, Canadian Genre, St. John's
Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Nostalgia For a Metier, Thunder Bay
Gallery 101, Culture Cameron Culture, Ottawa
- 1986 Open Studio, Visiting Artists, Toronto
- 1985 Art Gallery of Harbourfront, Riot, Calm & Luxury, Toronto
Gallery Binz, Fire & Ice, Zurich
Garnet Press Gallery, Best Presents, Toronto

- 1984 Mercer Union Gallery, Three Painters, Toronto
Gallery 101, Desire, Ottawa
Edmonton Art Gallery, Images: New Representational Art, Edmonton
Grunwald Gallery, Kromalaffing, Toronto
Saidye Bronfman Centre, Exchanges 2, Montreal
- 1983 Queen St., Unaffiliated Artists, Toronto
- 1982 Institut Unzeit, O Kromazone, Berlin
YYZ, Monumenta, Toronto
Mercer Union Gallery, Books From a Manuscript, Toronto
- 1976 London Regional Art Gallery, Young Contemporaries, Touring*

Awards and Grants / Prix et bourses

- 2016 The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
- 2014 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, A Grant
- 2012 Canada Council for the Arts, A Grant
- 2011 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, A Grant
- 2009 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, A Grant
- 2007 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, A Grant
- 2001 Canada Council for the Arts, B Grant
- 2000 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, A Grant
- 1998 Canada Council for the Arts, Travel Grant
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec, Travel Grant
- 1996 Canada Council for the Arts, Paris Studio
- 1994 Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec, Project Grant
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec, Project Grant
- 1992 Canada Council for the Arts, B Grant
- 1991 Canada Council for the Arts, Project Grant
- 1988 Canada Council for the Arts, Project Grant
- 1987 Canada Council for the Arts, Project Grant
Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant
- 1984 Canada Council for the Arts, Project Grant
- 1983 Ontario Arts Council, Visual Arts Grant
- 1976 Canada Council for the Arts, Short Term Grant

Collections

Musée des beaux-arts du Canada.
Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec.
Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal.
Musée d'art contemporain de Montreal.
Musée d'art de Joliette
Claridge Collection, Montreal, QC.
Deutsche Bank, Toronto, ON.
McLaren Art Gallery, Barrie, ON.
Banque nationale du Canada.
Banque Desjardins
Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Montréal.
Hydro-Québec, Montréal.
Various private collections

Catalogues

- 2013 J. Bélisle, L. Déry, R. Enright, N. Mavrikakis, J. Shaughnessy:
Le Projet Peinture. Un instantané de la peinture au Canada, 364 p.
Galerie de l'uqam ISBN 978-2-920325-49-4
- 2011 *Michael Merrill, Espace/Outer Space*. Visual Arts Center/McClure Gallery, Galeries Roger Bellemare/
Christian Lambert ISBN 978-0-9865933-1-4
- 2007 "*Michael Merrill, Galerie Roger Bellemare*" exhibition catalogue. ISBN 978-2-9809831-1-5

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- Delgado, Jérôme. *La touche de l'imaginaire, I Never Saw Documenta*, *Le devoir*, 9-10 août 2008, E5.
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- Fabo, Andy. (Introduction) "*O Kromazone: Die Anderen von Kanada*", West Berlin, Germany: 6 to 26 December 1982 (exhibition catalogue). (Das Institut Unzeit)
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- Fortin, Sylvie. *Optical Verve / Vers optique* Ottawa: 15 Feb. to 12 April, 2001 (exhibition catalogue).
- Liette Gauthier, Joanne Germain, Louise Matte, *Exposition Invitation au Voyage*. Montreal, June 20, 2002 (exhibition catalogue). (Maison de la Culture Frontenac, Ahuntsic, Plateau Mont-Royal)
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