

## SYLVIE CLOUTIER

Born in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, in 1957.

Unlike many artists, who tend to theorize before picking up a brush, Sylvie Cloutier prefers to just do and let her natural instincts guide her. She believes in drive and spontaneity, accepting that the materials may wish to express something too.

Over the years, theory or rather certain similarities, the use of shape, colour or transparency, have left a coherent, well-defined corpus.

Sylvie always begins with a geometric approach – the rational side of her personality.

However, at this stage, Sylvie's work resembles collages rather than sketches. There is texture, an architecture of sorts. As she once said in an interview, the architecture in her art starts with a drawing but is overtaken by the poetic side of her personality. Like a puzzle, the pieces finally come together in one painting. Throughout the process, there is a tension that the artist herself struggles to describe. In order to retain this tension, she works vertically, that is, she stands in front of the piece that is lying on the ground.

A form takes shape, an "icon" is revealed before her very eyes. Spontaneity requires a special medium which explains Sylvie's preference for acrylic paints that dry quickly.

There is a surge, but in the creative fireworks, drippings soon follow. As a result, her art exudes tremendous emotional intensity in which discord merges with harmony as if inspired by an inner music that haunts the studio.

J.-C. Leblond, *Magazin'Art*, summer 1999.

## STUDIES

1985	Monotype workshops with Guitta Caserman-Roth, Montreal
1984-83	Courses in art of impression, UQAM (University of Quebec in Montreal – Faculty of Beaux-Arts)
1980-79	Certificate in educational methods – Teaching of High school arts Science of education – University of Montreal
1979-76	Bachelor in Fine Arts – Concordia University, Montreal
1976-74	College Diploma (DEC) in plastic arts, Cégep du Vieux-Montréal
1973-72	Painting Diploma – Teaching of adults, Ministry of Education, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec
1972-69	Diploma Young artists – Famous artists school, Westport, Connecticut, USA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012	<i>Solliciter l'imaginaire</i> , Boréart, Centre d'exposition en arts visuels, Granby, Canada
2011	Imprimé Cadencé, Espace Desjardins du Théâtre des Deux Rives, Quebec, Canada
2009	Hôtel Nelligan, Old Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2008	Centre de la culture St-Antoine-sur-Richelieu, Québec, Canada
2007	ARTO, St-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada
2006	Galerie Minerva, Paris, France
2004	Socio cultural Centre of Brossard, Galerie Renée Blain, Quebec, Canada
2003	Cultural Centre of Beloeil, Quebec, Canada
2002	Galerie Le Rucher d'art, Saint-Hubert, Montérégie
1999	Le Commensal du Musée, Montreal, Quebec
1998	Maison des Arts et de la Culture du Haut-Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada
1998-97	Le Commensal, Greenfield Park, Montérégie
1996	Café Passion, Saint-Lambert, Quebec, Canada

## SYLVIE CLOUTIER (cont'd)

- 1992,1984 Centre d'arts Le Vieux Presbytère, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Montérégie  
1991 Galerie Léonard de Vinci, Sainte-Julie, Quebec, Canada  
1990 Galerie Quatre Saisons, Quebec, Canada  
1989 Fédération des Caisses d'économie - Anjou, Montreal, Québec  
1985 Galerie Le Balcon d'Art, Saint-Lambert, Quebec, Canada

## DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 *Fil conducteur*, Art(o), St-Jean-sur-Richelieu (duo with Khaled Laggoune)  
2006-2005 Galerie Michel-Ange, Montreal, Canada (duo with G. Castonguay)  
2002 Galerie Michel-Ange, Montreal, Canada (duo with Nicole Foreman)  
Galerie Artazo, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada (duo with Denise Custeau)  
1995 Socio cultural Centre of Brossard (duo with Mario Cournoyer)

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 Virée des Ateliers, Montréal  
2009 17th edition of the auction in support of OMPAC  
2008-1999 Galerie Michel-Ange, Montreal, Canada  
2008 Cultural Center of St-Antoine-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada  
2005-04 Circuit des arts Memphrémagog, Magog, Quebec, Canada  
2004-01 Art Centre Arts Station, Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada  
2002 Haut-Richelieu Symposium, Iberville, Quebec, Canada  
2001 Vaudreuil-Soulanges Museum, « Printemps en art », Quebec, Canada  
Galerie Artérium, Chambly, Quebec, Canada  
2000 Saint-Hilaire Museum, Quebec, Canada  
PASSART – Expo passage 1999 to 2000 – Rouyn-Noranda Exhibition Centre,  
Quebec, Canada  
2000-1999 Galerie Michel-Ange, Montreal, Canada  
1999 Socio cultural centre, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Quebec, Canada  
1998 Vision des arts Centre, Montreal, Canada  
1997 Maison de la Culture de Gatineau, Quebec, Canada  
1994 Exhibition Sun Life building, Conseil de la peinture du Québec, Montreal,  
Canada  
1994-93 Galerie de Bougainville, Montreal, Canada  
1993 Galerie Mayrand, Mont-Laurier, Quebec, Canada  
1993-91 Galerie Maxan, Saint-Marc-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada  
Galerie Claude Brocard, Prévost, Quebec, Canada  
1992 Vaudreuil-Soulanges Museum, Vaudreuil, Quebec, Canada  
1991-90 Galerie Artes, Montreal, Canada  
1989 Galerie Garth, Ville Lorraine, Quebec, Canada

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2008-04 Les Éditions Gaëtan Morin, artwork chosen for illustrations of university book covers  
2003 Commissioned artwork and edition of greeting cards, SAQ, Montreal, Canada  
1999-98 Les Éditions Gaëtan Morin, artwork chosen for illustrations of university book covers  
1995 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, public performance large formats, HMV Music Canada competition, Montreal, Canada

## **SYLVIE CLOUTIER (cont'd)**

- 1993 1<sup>st</sup> prize, contemporary art, order of merit, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Quebec, Canada
- 1993 Member of the jury, visual arts concours, Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada
- 1992 Award of excellence all categories – C.A.P.S.Q.  
Mention of Honour, concours « Visions d'ici », Varennes, Quebec, Canada
- 1991 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, category « Professionals », « Un coin de village », Varennes, Quebec, Canada

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

Association des enseignants(es) en arts plastiques du Québec (AQESAP)  
Regroupement des artistes en arts visuels (RAAV)  
Société des droits d'auteur – Artistes en arts visuels (SODART)  
Conseil montréalais de la culture et des communications (CMCC)  
Fondation arts et culture du Bassin de Chambly (FAC)  
ARTO – Coopérative Artistes, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec

## **MEDIAS**

Magazin'art, 18<sup>th</sup> year, no.1, fall 2005, p. 107-109  
Magazin'art, 18<sup>th</sup> year, no.1, fall 2005, p.178-180

## **COLLECTIONS**

Fondation FARHA, Montreal  
VISA Desjardins, Montreal  
Ex-Prime Minister of Quebec, Mr Lucien Bouchard  
Lévesque, Beaubien, Geoffrion, Montreal  
Maison de la culture du Haut-Richelieu  
City of Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville  
Institut du tourisme et de l'hôtellerie du Québec  
City of Varennes Library  
Reine-Élisabeth Hotel, Montreal  
Remax 2000 Inc., Laval  
Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal  
Cultural Center of St-Antoine-sur-le-Richelieu  
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec