



# PETER BARELKOWSKI

Peter A. Barelkowski started experimenting in painting in the 70's and in 1975 he established his first studio.

His art education began with an MA from the University of Poznan and continued at Goldsmith College (Poznan, Poland), Ontario College of Art in Toronto (1985 – 1988) and less formally - in London, England ( Camden Arts Centre ) and Norway, where he was street performing for tourists during the late 70's.

His work has been about human conditions like isolation and alienation. Creating a paradox between his joyful colours and darker subject matter, his paintings attempt to play with our ideas around sadness. As a form of subtle escapism, the figures in his paintings are depicted in a one dimensional, cartoonish style - with almost grotesque undertones.

His paintings are in private collections in Europe, USA ,Canada and Asia. His studio is currently located in Toronto, Ontario (Canada).

## EXHIBITONS

Artist Project 2019, Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, February 21 - 24, 2019

Arta Gallery, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, Appetites - group show, February 12-27, 2019

The Papermill Gallery, Toronto , Ontario Society of Artists Members Exhibition, October 3-28, 2018

AAF New York, NY, represented by Spence Gallery, September 27-30, 2018

Gordon Harrison Gallery, Ottawa, "A Spring Affair", April 14 - May 31, 2018

Artist Project 2018, Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, February 22 - 25, 2018

Art Fair Battersae, London UK, represented by Spence Gallery, October 19 - 22, 2017

Art Fair New York, represented by Spence Gallery, September 13 -17, 2017

2017 TOAE, Toronto, July 14 - 16, 2017

Mosaic, Ontario Society of Artists's 145th Aniversary Exhibition , Aurora, May 8 - August 7, 2017

Minded Spaces, Solo Exhibition, Gallery 133, Toronto, March 25 - April 8, 2017

Artist Project 2017, Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, February 23 -26, 2017

Art Fair Battersae, London UK, represented by Spence Gallery, October 20-23, 2016

Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills Museum, Toronto, The 2016 Ontario Society of Artists Members' Exhibition, October 5 - 16, 2016

Art Fair New York, represented by Spence Gallery, September 28-October 2, 2016

Art Fair Seoul, Korea, represented by Spence Gallery, September 9-11, 2016

Art Fair Hamstead, London UK, represented by Spence Gallery, June 14-19, 2016

Artist Project 2016, Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, February 18-21, 2016

The Art Wynwood , Contemporary Art Fair, Miami, FL, represented by Spence Gallery, Feb 11 - 15, 2016

Art Fair Battersea, London UK, represented by Spence Gallery, October 21 - 25, 2015

INSOMNIA / Nuit Blanche, group show, Red Head Gallery, Toronto, September 30 - October 4, 2015

Art Fair New York, represented by Spence Gallery, September 10 - 12, 2015

2015 TOAE, Toronto, September 18 - 20, 2015

Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills Museum, Toronto, The 2015 Ontario Society of Artists Members' Exhibition, Aug 19 - Sept 13, 2015, Best in Show Award

Art Hamptons, NY, Contemporary Art Fair, represented by Gallery 133, July 2 - 5, 2015

Colour, Members Exhibition, Propeller Gallery, June 24 - July 5, 2015

Arta Gallery, Group Show, June 19 - July 7, 2015

Arta Gallery, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, 4 Expression, Four Artists Show, March 4 - 17, 2015

Artist Project 2015, Juried Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, February 19 - 22, 2015

Collective Memories, Solo Exhibition, Miles Nadal JCC Gallery, Toronto, November 6 - 30, 2014

Migration, Nuit Blanche 2014, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, September 24 - October 23, 2014

Shared Places, Shared Spaces, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, July 30 - August 10, 2014

2014 TOAE , Toronto, July 4 - 6, 2014

Artist Project Toronto, Juried Contemporary Art Fair, February 20 - 23, 2014

13, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Group Show, October 2 - 12, 2013

Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton, Four Artists Show, July 4—August 4, 2013

Darkness at the edge... ( curated by Thom Sokoloski ), Propeller Gallery, Toronto, June 12—July 7, 2013

TOAE 2013, Juried, Toronto, July 5— 7, 2013

Brooklyn College, New York, NY, Group Show, March 7—May 13, 2013

The Artist Project Toronto, Juried Contemporary Art Fair, February 21 - 24, 2013

Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills Museum, Toronto, The 2012 OSA Members' Exhibition of Selected Works, January 9 - 20, 2013

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Salon 7, Group Exhibition, January 2—20,2013

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Holier Than Thou, Four Artists Show, September 26 - October 7, 2012

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Go Figure , Group Exhibition , August 15—26, 2012

TOAE 2012, Toronto, July 6—July 8, 2012

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Political Acts - It's not about the art, July 4—July 15, 2012

Not In Contact, Photography, Propeller Gallery, Toronto , May 9—May 20, 2012

The Artist Project 2012, Toronto, March 1—4, 2012

**Arta Gallery**, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, **Visual messages**, February 16—March 1, 2012

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Salon 6 Show , January 4 – 29, 2012

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche Independent Project, Intersecting Messages, Propeller Gallery, Toronto, September 28-October 9 , 2011

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, 15 Years -Anniversary Exhibition, August 17—28, 2011

Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills Museum, Toronto, The 2011 OSA Members' Exhibition of Selected Works, July 13 - 24, 2011, Best in Painting Award

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition ( TOAE ), juried, Toronto, July 8— 10, 2011

Arta Gallery, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, "I Paint", ,June 2—14, 2011

The Artist Project Toronto, Toronto, March 3—6, 2011

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, The Black and White Ball, February 16—27, 2011

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Scapes, February 2—13, 2011

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Salon Show, January 12 – 30, 2011

Arta Gallery, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, "It's that moment of expression",  
November 18 - 29, 2010

Workman Arts , Toronto, Face it Head On: Self-Portrait Redefined , November 6 -13, 2010

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Nuit Blanche Project, Face it Head On: Self-Portrait Redefined  
, September 29 - October 10, 2010

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition ( TOAE ), juried, Toronto, July 9—July 11, 2010

Propeller Gallery, Main Gallery, Toronto, Solo Exhibition—"Come Play With Us ( An  
Invitation To Our Horrors) ", April 14—25, 2010

Gallery Stratford, Stratford, Ontario, OSA 138th members juried exhibition "Being in  
Time", April 11—June 6, 2010

John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, Ontario Society of Artists juried show "Cause &  
Effect", March 30—April 23, 2010

New York Art Expo 2010, New York, Solo, March 25—28, 2010

Toronto Artists Project 2010 ( TAP ), juried, Toronto, March 4—7, 2010

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Salon Show, January 3—17, 2010

John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, OSA New Members Exhibition, December 1, 2009—  
January 8, 2010

Arta Gallery, Distillery Historic District, Artists Toronto juried show "Vis a Vis", October 1—15, 2009

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Nuit Blanche, October 3, 2009

Arta Gallery, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, " I open my eyes ", August 8—20, 2009

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, Group Show ( After TOAE ), August 5—16, 2009

Propeller Gallery, Toronto, New members show, July 22—August 2, 2009

Pentimento Fine Art Gallery, Toronto, OSA Summer 2009 Exhibition, July 16—August 30, 2009

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition ( TOAE ), juried, Toronto, July 10—July 12, 2009

John B. Aird Gallery, Ontario Society of Artists juried show "Open Minds", Toronto , May 7 – 29, 2009

Toronto Art Expo 2009, Toronto, March 19 –22, 2009

Studio Fuse, Distillery Historic District, Toronto, " Paint the Town Red", Group Show, February 14 – March 1, 2009

New York Art Expo 2009, New York, February 26—March 3, 2009

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition ( TOAE ), juried, Toronto, July 11—13, 2008

Festival International Montreal en Arts ( FIMA ), Montreal, July 3—6, 2008

John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto , Ontario Society of Artists juried show "Surfaces", May 1 – 23, 2008, Award of Merit

Toronto Art Expo 2008, Toronto, March 6—9, 2008

Canadian Art, Casa Loma, Toronto, February 2—3, 2008