



IRENE SIRKO sculptor

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Curriculum Vitae

Artist's Statement

Irene's sculptures are a response to life's balance between control and freedom. Working with a structurally challenging medium, she utilizes a visceral and intuitive process to work the stone into free forms, constantly testing her own understanding of structure, movement and flow as she perceptively feels for the stone's ability to accept or reject her applications. Intrinsic to her artistic practice is the sculptures simplicity, diversity of shape and organic state. Through constant sensorial reactions, such as touch and sight, Irene curates an immersive experience for her viewers.

Biography

Irene's sculpture plays an especially important part in her life. She always needed to express her artistic feelings. For many years, she had searched to find the right medium for 3-dimensional work. From the very first time she placed her hands on stone to sculpt, she was captivated. The freedom that comes with creating what she feels is enlightening and a perfect outlet for her creativity.

Though Irene sculpted exclusively by hand for many years, she now includes the use of power tools. This enables her to expand how she sculpts and thereby create more interesting sculptures.

Her art training includes Toronto School of Art, Wilfrid Laurier University, Haliburton School of Arts and private studies. She continuously experiences other media to expand her basis for creativity.

Awards

- 'Anticipation' – Canadian soapstone – *2nd Place, 3D – 6th Annual Artist's Choice – Fusion Art*
- 'A Matter of Degree' – serpentine – *Finalist – 6th Annual Artist's Choice – Fusion Art*
- 'Deep Sea' – alabaster – *Distinguished Artist Award – 'Abstract' 2020 Art Competition - ArtAscent*
- 'Sensual' – alabaster – *Distinguished Artist Award – 'Sensuality' 2020 Art Competition - ArtAscent*
- 'Flight of Fancy' – serpentine, porcelain – *3D Honourable Mention – Abstracts 2020 Competition – Light Space & Time*
- 'Anticipation' – Canadian soapstone – *Special Merit – Abstracts 2020 Competition – Light Space & Time*
- 'Groovee' – soapstone – *Special Merit – Abstracts 2020 Competition – Light Space & Time*
- 'A Matter of Degree' – serpentine – *Distinguished Artist Award – 'Grey' 2020 Art Competition - ArtAscent*

- ‘A Matter of Degree’ – serpentine – 5th Overall - Special Merit – All Women 2020 Competition – Light Space & Time
- ‘Facets of Life’ – soapstone - Special Merit – All Women 2020 Exhibition – Light Space & Time
- ‘Go With The Flow’ – soapstone – Special Merit – All Women 2020 Exhibition – Light Space & Time
- ‘Petals’ – plaster – 4th Place 3 Dimensional – 2019 Leaves & Petals – Fusion Art
- ‘Thoughtful’ – bronze – 4th Place 3 Dimensional – 2019 Figures & Faces - Fusion Art
- ‘Thunder & Lightning’ – soapstone – Overall Award 6th Place – 2019 Patterns Textures & Forms Competition – Light Space & Time
- ‘Connected’ – alabaster – Special Recognition – 2019 Patterns Textures & Forms Competition – Light Space & Time
- ‘Thunder & Lightning’ – soapstone – 1st Place 3 Dimensional – 2019 Patterns Textures & Forms Competition – Light Space & Time
- ‘High Seas’ – soapstone – Distinguished Artist Award – ‘Water’ 2019 Art Competition - ArtAscent
- ‘Running Man’ – soapstone – Best In Show – 2019 TWAC Members Juried Exhibition – Artworld Gallery
- ‘Flight of Fancy’ – serpentine, porcelain – Artist Spotlight Winner – ‘Black’ 2018 Art Competition – ArtAscent
- ‘Bow Tie’ – soapstone – Artist Spotlight Winner – ‘Black’ 2018 Art Competition – ArtAscent
- ‘High Seas’ – soapstone – Special Recognition Award – ‘Abstracts’ 2018 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Thoughtful’ – bronze – Artist Spotlight Winner – ‘Portraits’ 2018 Art Competition – ArtAscent
- ‘Tuxedo’ – clay – 6th Place Award Winner – ‘Patterns Textures & Forms’ 2017 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Forest By The Lake’ – acrylic – Special Recognition Award Winner – ‘Patterns Textures & Forms’ 2017 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘The Gift’ – aluminum, copper, wood, polyester – 4th Place Award Winner – ‘Open’ 2017 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Flowering’ – wax – 3rd Place – 3 Dimensional Art Category Winner – ‘Botanicals’ 2017 Online Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Petals’ – plaster – Honorable Mention – 3 Dimensional Art Category Winner – ‘Botanicals’ 2017 Online Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Bird In Flight’ – soapstone – Honorable Mention Award Winner – ‘Animals’ 2017 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Avalanche’ – soapstone – Artist Spotlight Winner – ‘Abstract’ 2017 Art Competition – ArtAscent
- ‘Slopes’ – alabaster & marble – 5th Place – 3 Dimensional Award Winner – ‘Landscapes’ 2017 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- ‘Mount Everest’ – soapstone – 2nd Place – 3 Dimensional Award Winner – ‘Landscapes’ 2017 Art Exhibition - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- Artist Showcase – Winner – 2017Solo Art Series – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery

- ‘Thoughtful’ – bronze – *3rd Place – 3 Dimensional Award Winner – ‘Figurative’ 2017 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Hand’ – wax – *Special Recognition Award Winner – ‘Figurative’ 2017 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Blowing In The Wind’ – limestone – *Distinguished Artist Award Winner – ‘Orange’ 2017 Art Competition – ArtAscent*
- ‘Discovery’ – plaster - *Distinguished Artist Award Winner – ‘Orange’ 2017 Art Competition – ArtAscent*
- ‘Avalanche’ – soapstone – *3rd Place – 3 Dimensional Award Winner – ‘Abstracts’ 2017 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Bow Tie’ – serpentine – *Special Merit Award Winner – ‘Abstracts’ 2017 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Starburst’ – alabaster – *Award Winner – ‘All Women’ 2017 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Thoughts’ – soapstone & granite – *Special Merit Award Winner – ‘All Women’ 2017 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Neptune At Play’ – soapstone – *Special Merit Award Winner – ‘Seascapes’ 2016 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Noble’ – soapstone – *Award Winner – ‘Open’ 2016 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Rock & Roll’ – soapstone – *Special Recognition Award Winner – ‘Open’ Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Stallion’ – soapstone – *Distinguished Artist Award Winner – ‘Wild Call’ Art Competition – ArtAscent*
- ‘Ice House’ – alabaster – *Special Merit Award Winner – ‘Season’ Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Gibraltar’ – soapstone – *Honorable Mention Award Winner – ‘Nature’ Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Blowing In The Wind’ – curry limestone – *Special Recognition Award Winner – ‘Nature’ Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Father With Children’ – soapstone & slate – *Special Merit Award Winner – ‘Figurative’ Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Serpent’ – soapstone – *Award Winner – ‘Animals’ 2016 Art Exhibition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Penguin’ – soapstone – *Honorary Mention Award Winner – ‘Animals’ 2016 Art Competition – Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery*
- ‘Penguin’ – soapstone – *People’s Choice Award Winner – Artworks Oakville*
- *Award of Distinction for Artistic Excellence – Artscape*
- ‘The Wave’ – soapstone – *Show Sculpture Award Biennial Open Juried Exhibition – Colour & Form Society*

Solo Shows

2017

Artist Spotlight – Solo Art Exhibition
 Artist Showcase – Featured Artist
 Of Solo Art Exhibition

Fusion Art
 Light Space & Time Gallery

2016

‘Living Stone – Abstract Sculpture

Bezpala-Brown Gallery, Yorkville, Toronto

by Irene Sirko'

Group Shows & Exhibitions

2021

21st Annual Juried Show Artworks Oakville – QECCC Gallery
6th Annual Artist's Choice Fusion Art

2020

Colours of Autumn Exhibition Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada
Abstract Expressionism Sculptors Society of Canada – Distillery Gallery
Toronto Outdoor Art Fair Toronto Outdoor Art Fair Online
Abstract Competition ArtAscent
Sensuality Competition ArtAscent
Abstracts Competition Light Space & Time
Grey Competition ArtAscent
All Women Competition Light Space & Time
Home Group Exhibition Artists Network Gallery

2019

Mosaic of Colour Exhibition Legacy Gallery - Ivan Franco Residence
Transformation Exhibition Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada - Winnipeg
Colours of Autumn Exhibition Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada
TWAC Art Card Exhibit Artworld Gallery
Leaves & Petals Competition Fusion Art
Dzerelo Art Auction Ukrainian Youth Ensemble Fashion Show
Figures & Faces Competition Fusion Art
New Moon Exhibition Arta Gallery
Patterns Texture Forms Competition Light Space & Time
Water Competition ArtAscent
TWAC Members Juried Exhibition Artworld Gallery
Toronto Outdoor Art Fair Nathan Philips Square - Toronto
Spring Salon Ukrainian Art Song Project – Gallery 345
The Other Art Fair Saatchi - Mana Contemporary Chicago
Spatial Modes Sculptors Society of Canada – Distillery Gallery
Contemporary Art Fair The Artist Project

2018

Christmas Show Williams Mill Visual Art Centre
TEDx Trinity Bellwoods Conference Metro Hall
Fall Salon Ukrainian Art Song Project – Gallery 345
Expressions in Art Show St. Volodymyr
Little Black Book Artists In Canada
35th Anniversary Annual Tour Images Thanksgiving Studio Tour
90th Anniversary Show Sculptors Society of Canada – John B. Aird Gallery
Members' Art Show Toronto West Art Collaborative
Artwalk In The Square Artists' Network
57th Annual Outdoor Art Fair Toronto Outdoor Art Fair
Leacock Museum, Orillia Images Thanksgiving Studio Tour
Rosedale Art Fair Rosedale Main Street
Spring Salon Ukrainian Art Song Project – Gallery 345
Black Competition ArtAscent
60th Anniversary Show Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada - Chicago
Seriously Stoned Sculptors Society of Canada – Canadian Sculpture Centre
Open International Juried Online Exhibition Society of Canadian Artists

Abstracts Competition
Contemporary Art Fair
Portraits Competition
40th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts

Light Space & Time
The Artist Project
ArtAscent
Visual Arts Mississauga – Art Gallery Mississauga

2017

Joy
Patterns Textures & Forms Competition
USOM Fall Exhibition
Expressions in Art Show
Images Studio Tour
USOM 60th Anniversary Exhibition
'Our Canada'
Open Competition
2nd Annual TWAC Members Exhibit
Botanicals Competition
Animal Competition
Abstract Competition
Landscapes Competition
Vasyl Otkovich Fund Raiser
Wine & Cheese Gala Fund Raiser
Annual Open Juried Exhibition
Figurative Competition
Orange Competition
Abstracts Competition
Contemporary Art Fair

Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
Light Space & Time Gallery
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada - KUMF Gallery
St. Volodymyr
Horseshoe Valley, ON
Oseredok Gallery, Winnipeg MN
Sculptors Society of Canada – John B. Aird Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
Artworld Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
ArtAscent
Light Space & Time Gallery
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada - KUMF Gallery
Rotary & Roncesvalles United Church
Ontario Society of Artists – John B. Aird Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
ArtAscent
Light Space & Time Gallery
The Artist Project

2016

Holiday Open House
Holiday Spirit
Women Competition
Portrait Theme
Holiday Salon
Seascapes Competition
Expressions in Art Show
60th Anniversary Show
Open Competition
Rock About
Wild Theme
Seasons Theme
Canada Ukraine Friendship Evening
TWAC / CNE Juried Art Show
No Boundaries
Nature Theme
Figurative Theme
In The Space of Colour – Landscapes
Animal Theme
Biennial Open Juried Exhibition
Celebrating The Arts Live Auction
17th Annual Juried Show
Contemporary Art Fair

Wilfrid Laurier Alumni
Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
Light Space & Time Gallery
ArtAscent
Toronto West Art Collaborative
Light Space & Time Gallery
St. Volodymyr
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
ArtAscent Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
Central Ontario Export Club
Canadian National Exhibition Juried Art Show
Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
Light Space & Time Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery
Light Space & Time Gallery
Colour and Form Society – Paper Mill Gallery
Gilda's Club Greater Toronto
Artworks Oakville – QECCC Gallery
The Artist Project

2015

Holiday Treasures
Expressions in Art Show
Stone It!

Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
St. Volodymyr
Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre

Colours of Autumn Art Exhibition
Outdoor Art Exhibit
50th Art In The Park
Bizarre Bazaar
53rd Annual Summer Show
Capture A Moment
18th Annual Art Show & Sale
200th Anniversary of Birth of
Taras Shevchenko Art Exhibit

Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery
Queen West Art Crawl
Oakville Art Society
BizBaz
Muskoka Arts & Crafts
Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation - KUMF Gallery
Kingsway Lambton United Church
Oseredok Gallery, Winnipeg MN

2014

Holiday Joy
Christmas Marketplace
36th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts
New Members Exhibition
200th Anniversary of Birth of
Taras Shevchenko Art Exhibit
17th Annual Art Show & Sale
15th Annual Juried Show
Artfest at the Distillery
20th Anniversary Shevchenko Exhibit
Solid Ideas
Expressions in Art Show
Fall Art Exhibition
Annual Open Juried Exhibition

Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
St Joseph Catholic Church
Visual Arts Mississauga – Art Gallery Mississauga
Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery

Kingsway Lambton United Church
Artworks Oakville – QECCC Gallery
Artfest Ontario
Ukrainian World Congress in Ukraine
Sculptors Society of Canada - Canadian Sculpture Centre
St. Volodymyr
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery
Colour and Form Society – Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery

2013

16th Annual Art Show & Sale
14th Annual Juried Show
'Toronto The Beautiful' Juried Exhibit
Expressions in Art Show

Kingsway Lambton United Church
Artworks Oakville – QECCC Gallery
Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation – KUMF Gallery
St. Volodymyr

2012

34th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts
139th Annual Open Juried Exhibition
Open Juried Show 2012
CFS Biennial Art Exhibition
Invitational Art Show
Fall Art Exhibition
Expressions in Art Show
Christmas Show

Visual Arts Mississauga – Art Gallery Mississauga
Ontario Society of Artists – John B. Aird Gallery
Beaux-Arts Brampton
Colour and Form Society – Paper Mill Gallery
World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organization
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery
St. Volodymyr
Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation – KUMF Gallery

2011

Our Summer Show
Fall Art Exhibition
Expressions in Art Show
Christmas Show

Personal Show with L. Ireland & H. Klaassen – Visual Arts Mississauga
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada – KUMF Gallery
St. Volodymyr
Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation – KUMF Gallery

2010

Open Juried Show
11th Annual Juried Show
Biennial Open Juried Exhibition
Expressions in Art Show
Christmas Show

Beaux-Arts Brampton
Artworks Oakville – QECCC Gallery
Colour and Form Society – Paper Mill Gallery
St. Volodymyr
Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation – KUMF Gallery

2009

Open Juried Show
Open Mind – 135th Annual Open
Juried Show
Open Juried Show for Students
57th Annual Open Juried Exhibition

Beaux-Arts Brampton
Ontario Society of Artists – John B. Aird Gallery
Metallic Art Society of Canada
Colour and Form Society – Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery

Commissions

‘Shades of Green’
‘The Crest’

Private Collection
Private Collection

Professional Affiliations

Sculptors Society of Canada
Artists In Canada
Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada
Toronto West Arts Collaborative