

## **FRANCES FERDINANDS**

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### **EDUCATION;**

B. ED. University of Toronto (Visual Art & Drama) 1976  
HON. B.F.A. York University (Visual Art) 1974  
A.R.C.T. Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto (Classical Piano) 1970

### **SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS:**

ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Mid-Career Grant 2023, 2016  
BRIDGEMAN STUDIO ART AWARD, ENGLAND - Shortlist 2019  
ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Chalmers Professional Development Grant 2019  
ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Access and Career Development Grant 2016 (Sri Lanka)  
ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Access and Career Development Grant 2014 (Sri Lanka)  
CANADA COUNCIL Travel Grant 1999  
ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Exhibition Assistance Grant 2025, 2023, 2019, 2017, 2015,  
2014, 2013, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2000, 1999, 1995, 1989, 1987, 1986  
ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Artist-in-the-School Grant 1994, 1992, 1991, 1978  
ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL Project Grant 1975

### **COMMISSIONS:**

Design of the 2019 Multi-Cultural Coin - Royal Canadian Mint  
Winner of 2017 "Diwali" Coin Design Competition - Royal Canadian Mint

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

Featured Artist "UPPERCASE" Magazine - Vol. #63, 2024  
Featured Artist "WOVEN TALE PRESS, Vol. #9, 2023, Vol. #8, 2020  
Featured Artist "THE PURPOSEFUL MAYONNAISE, Vol. 1 #5, 2022  
Featured Artist in "ACRYLIC INNOVATION"- Nancy Reyner, Northlight Books, 2010  
Featured Artist in "RETHINKING ACRYLIC" - Patti Brady, Northlight Books, 2008  
EDITOR: "ECLECTIC EVE " - Coach House Press, 1973

### **CONFERENCES:**

Panelist -RESISTANCE THROUGH ART ,Munk School of Global Affairs, UofT, 2018

**FAIRS:** EXHIBITOR, ARTIST PROJECT, Toronto, 2026  
EXHIBITOR, SURTEX , Javits Centre, NYC 2019

### **EXHIBITIONS: SOLO**

2025 Riverdale Hub Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
2024 Art Gallery of Northumberland, Ontario "COVENANT OF CIRCLES"  
2020-21 Art Gallery of Mississauga, Ontario "Installation "26"  
2020 Camden Image Gallery, London, England "ENDURING PATTERNS"  
2018 Open Sesame, Waterloo, Ontario "EXOTIC LANDSCAPES"  
2017 Station Gallery, Whitby, Ontario "BETWEEN LATITUDES"  
2017 Visual Arts Clarington, Ontario "CONNECTIVE THREADS"  
2017 Gallery Stratford, Ontario "BETWEEN LATITUDES"  
2015 Articsok Gallery, Toronto, Ontario "LASSANA!" (BEAUTIFUL)  
2013 Propeller Centre, Toronto, Ontario "CONVERGENCE"  
2009 Lola's Lounge, Sarnia, Ontario "FRANCES FERDINANDS @ LOLA'S"  
2008 ARTSPlace, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia "FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

2007 Propeller Centre, Toronto, Ontario "FOOD FOR THOUGHT"  
 2004 Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, New York (U.S.A) "EMBODIED IDEALS"  
 2003 Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Ontario "EMBODIED IDEALS"  
 2003 Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, British Columbia "ADRIFT"  
 2001 MacDonnell Gallery, Toronto, Ontario "ADRIFT"  
 2000 Gallery Lambton, Sarnia, Ontario "ADRIFT"  
 2000 Ka 'Ikena Gallery, Kapi'olani College, Honolulu, USA. "PALM BREEZE"  
 1997 Gallery 13, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, USA  
 1991 Kenneith Gallery, Sarnia, Ontario  
 1990 Gallery Lambton, Sarnia, ON "FRANCES FERDINANDS 1983-1989"  
 1988 Albert White Gallery, Toronto, Ontario "URBAN / NATURE"  
 1987 Galerie Arpege, Collingwood, Ontario "MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLERS"  
 1986 Albert White Gallery, Toronto, Ontario "MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLERS"  
 1986 La Centrale, Montreal, Quebec "WAR"  
 1985 Kozak Gallery, Toronto, Ontario "WAR"  
 1981 Merton Gallery, Toronto, Ontario "SOLITARY WOMEN"

### **SELECTED TWO OR THREE PERSON**

2022 Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto "FERDINANDS & RACHLIS"  
 2014 Art Gallery of Northumberland, Cobourg "MINING BEAUTY"  
 2010 Rouge Concept Gallery, Toronto "RIPE"  
 2008 Diamond-Newman Fine Arts, Boston USA "Echoes of Surrealism"  
 2006 U. of Waterloo Art Gallery, Ontario "BY APPEARANCES"  
 1987 Lynnwood Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario "FIGURATIVE IMPACT"  
 1985 Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa "OLD WARS BY YOUNG ARTISTS"

### **SELECTED GROUP**

2026, 2024 Station Independent Projects, Toronto "FRESH START"  
 2023 RO2 Gallery, Dallas, USA, "CHAOS 9:  
 2022 Art Gallery of Northumberland, Cobourg, "AMBIENT LANDSCAPES"  
 2022 Orillia Museum of Art & History, Orillia "CONVERSATIONS"  
 2022 Noble Sage Art Gallery London, ENGLAND "IN THE MIX"  
 2021 Curator's Salon, London England "AUTUMN EXHIBITION"  
 2020 Noble Sage Art Gallery, London, ENGLAND "IN THE MIX"  
 2019 Nuit Blanche & Day of the Dead, Toronto "EULOGY FOR THE COFFIN FACTORY"  
 2014 Articsok Gallery, Toronto, "UBUNTU"  
 2014 Guelph Humber University Gallery, Toronto, "ROUND ROBIN"  
 2013 Articsok Gallery, Toronto "21st CENTURY SURREALISM"  
 2013 Guelph Humber University Gallery, Toronto "COLLOQUIUM"  
 2009 WomanMade Gallery, Chicago USA "CULTURAL MEMORY"  
 2007 Lennox Contemporary, Toronto "DOUBLE DATE" (Tableau Vivant Performances)  
 2006 WomanMade Gallery, Chicago USA " ANTHROPOMORPHISM"  
 2006 A.K.A. Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan "DOUBLE DATE" (Tableau)  
 2005 Galeria Carrion Vivar, Bogota COLUMBIA "NORD-SUD"  
 2005 Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, Ontario "GO FIGURE"  
 2004 WomanMade Gallery, Chicago USA "FABRICATIONS"  
 2001 LNT. Governor's Suite, Queen's Park Toronto, "THE NEW SPIRIT OF ONTARIO"  
 1996 Gallery Lambton, Sarnia, Ontario "HERITAGE PARK COLLECTION"  
 1993 Passions Gallery, Provincetown, USA  
 1992 Galerie AderTajan, Paris, FRANCE "ART CONTEMPORAIN DU CANADA"  
 1992 Lynnwood Arts Centre, Simcoe "BEYOND TIME & CIRCUMSTANCE"  
 1990 Art Gallery of Northumberland, Cobourg "CONTEMPORARY REALISM"

## **CATALOGUES**

2022 AMBIENT LANDSCAPES, Art Gallery of Northumberland  
2022 CONVERSATIONS, Orillia Museum of Art & History  
2020 ENDURING PATTERNS, Noble Sage Art Collection  
2017 CONNECTIVE THREADS, Visual Art Clarington  
2014 MINING BEAUTY, Art Gallery of Northumberland  
2013 CONVERGENCE, Propellor Art Centre  
2008 FOOD FOR THOUGHT, ArtsPlace  
2007 DOUBLE DATE, Lennox Contemporary  
2004 EMBODIED IDEALS, Buffalo Arts Studio  
2001 NEW SPIRIT OF ONTARIO, Queen's Park  
2000 ADRIFT, Judith & Norman Alix Gallery  
1992 ART CONTEMPORAIN DU CANADA, Galerie AderTajan  
1992 BEYOND TIME & CIRCUMSTANCE, Lynnwood Arts Centre  
1990 FRANCES FERDINANDS 1983-1990 Gallery Lambton  
1985 OLD WARS BY YOUNG ARTISTS, Robert McLaughlin Gallery

## **COLLECTIONS: PUBLIC / CORPORATE**

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHICS, Danvers, Massachusetts  
ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO, Toronto  
ARCHON CONSTRUCTION, Toronto  
ART GALLERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, Cobourg  
BAYCREST HOSPITAL, Toronto  
CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE, Toronto  
CADILLAC-FAIRVIEW CORP., Toronto  
CARROUSEL HOLIDAYS, Toronto  
CHSLD PROVIDENCE NOTRE-DAME DE LOURDES, Montreal  
CITY OF MARKHAM, Ontario  
DR. ANNA TUCKA DENTISTRY, Port Hope  
DRESDNER BANK CANADA, Toronto  
FRANCO-NEVADA MINING, Toronto  
GIRIG, INC. Toronto  
JUDITH & NORMAN ALIX GALLERY, Sarnia  
GERLING GLOBAL LIFE INSURANCE, Toronto  
K.P.M.G., Toronto  
KPM KENTE MANAGEMENT CO., Belleville  
LINDA LEIBEL ART SOURCE, Toronto  
MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL, Toronto  
MUSIC FOR MEDIA, Toronto  
NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL, Cobourg  
OJCR CONSTRUCTION, Toronto  
REMMUS TEXTILES, Montreal  
ROBERT McLAUGHLIN GALLERY, Oshawa  
ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, Toronto  
SATO CONSULTANTS, Toronto  
SEAMARK CORPORATION, Gloucester, Massachusetts  
SENECA COLLEGE, Toronto  
STANDARD BROADCASTING CORPORATION, Toronto  
ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Cobourg  
SMM LAW PC, Cobourg  
TOM THOMSON ART GALLERY, Owen Sound