

## **Kevin Sonmor**

**Born** 1959, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada

### **Education:**

1988 - 91. MFA Concordia University. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

1986. The Banff Centre. Banff, Alberta, Canada

Summer Art Studio

1983 - 88. The Alberta College of Art and Design. Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Diploma with honors

### **Museum and Public Gallery Exhibitions**

2012:

***Simple Short Stories.*** The Sherbrooke Museum of Fine Arts.

Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.

2 person exhibition with France Jodoin curated by Sarah Boucher.

Catalogue: Essays by Anthony Collins and Bernard Chase.

2010:

***Lahey, Sonmor, Bartram.*** The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre.

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Group exhibition curated by Judith Nasby and Dawn Owen.

2004:

***Falling Gravity.*** The Art Gallery of Mississauga.

Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Solo exhibition curated by Robert Freeman.

2003:

***Under Different Circumstances.*** The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center

Atlanta, Ga, USA

Group exhibition.

2002:

***The Landscape Perilous.*** Organized by the Mendel Art Gallery.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Solo exhibition curated by George Moppett.

Catalogue: Essays by Mark Daniel Cohen and George Moppett.

Travelled to the Art Gallery of Western Manitoba, Brandon, Manitoba and the Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario.

***Cultural Sensations.*** Coca-Cola.

Atlanta, Ga, USA

***Marks, Gestures, Symbols.*** The White Mountain Art Academy.

Elliot Lake, Ontario, Canada

Group exhibition curated by Natalie Olanick.

2001:

***Made in Canada: Contemporary Art From Montreal.***

The Burke Gallery, Plattsburg State Art Museum, The State

University of New York, Plattsburg, New York. USA.

Group exhibition.

***Controlled Substance.*** The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre.

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Group exhibition curated by Judith Nasby.

1999:

***The Menlove-Goode Collection: Endgames.*** The Agnes Etherington Art Gallery.

Queens University. Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Group exhibition.

1998:

**Sights of Contention.** Organized by the University of Waterloo.  
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Solo exhibition curated by Joseph Wyatt.

Catalogue: Essays by David Liss and Joseph Wyatt.

Travelled to the Art Gallery of Sudbury, Sudbury, Ontario and  
the Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

**The Word in Canadian Art.** The Canadian Centre for Contemporary Art.  
(formerly the Art Gallery of North York)

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Group exhibition.

**In the Wilds: Canoeing and Canadian Art.** The McMichael Collection.

Kleinburg, Ontario, Canada

Group exhibition curated by Liz Wylie.

Catalogue: Essay by Liz Wylie

1997:

**The Persistent Tradition: The Canadian Landscape.** The University of Waterloo.

Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Group exhibition curated by Joseph Wyatt.

1993:

**Sonmor Paintings.** The Niagara Artist Centre.

St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Solo exhibition.

**Sonmor Paintings.** Langage Plus.

Alma, Quebec, Canada

Solo exhibition.

1991:

**Rethinking Coyote Flats.** Gallery Skol.

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Solo exhibition.

Catalogue: Essay by Nicolas Mavrikakis

1990:

**Idn Painting Horses on My Walls.** Modern Fuel Gallery.

Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Solo exhibition.

1988:

**Reflections - Relocations.** Truck Gallery.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Solo exhibition.

**From the Landscape.** The Illingworth Kerr Gallery.

The Alberta College of Art and Design. Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Group exhibition

**Systematic Relocations.** The Works.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Group exhibition.

1987:

**Ten Years.** Modern Fuel Gallery.

Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Group exhibition.

1986:

**With Introspection.** The Walter Phillips Gallery.

The Banff Centre. Banff, Alberta, Canada

Group exhibition.

### **Solo Exhibitions: Commercial Galleries**

2013:

**Couture Galleri**

Stockholm, Sweden

2012:

**Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art**

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Galerie deBellefeuille.**

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

Catalogue: Essay by Mark Daniel Cohen

2010:

**Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art**

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Galerie deBellefeuille.**

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

Catalogue: Essay by Mark Daniel Cohen

2009:

**Addington Gallery**

Chicago, Il, USA

**Leo Kamen Gallery**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

2008:

**Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art**

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Galerie deBellefeuille.**

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

Catalogue

2007:

**Leo Kamen Gallery**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

2006:

**Addington Gallery**

Chicago, Il, USA

**Bill Lowe Gallery**

Atlanta, Ga, USA

**Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art**

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Galerie deBellefeuille.**

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

Catalogue: Essay by Tom Hopkins

2005:

**Leo Kamen Gallery**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**James Baird Gallery**

St. John's, NL, Canada

2004:

**The Lowe Gallery**

Los Angeles, Ca, USA

**Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art**

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Leo Kamen Gallery**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

***Galerie deBellefeuille.***

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

Catalogue: Essay by Paul Walde

2002:

***The Lowe Gallery***

Atlanta, Ga, USA

***Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art***

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Catalogue: Essay by Mark Daniel Cohen

***Leo Kamen Gallery***

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

***Galerie deBellefeuille.***

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

Catalogue: Essay by Natalie Olanick

2001:

***J.J. Brookings Gallery***

San Francisco, Ca, USA

***Leo Kamen Gallery***

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

2000:

***Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art***

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

***J.J. Brookings Gallery***

San Francisco, Ca, USA

1999:

***Leo Kamen Gallery***

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1998:

***Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art***

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1997:

***Leo Kamen Gallery***

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1996:

***Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts***

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

***Leo Kamen Gallery***

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1995:

***OK Harris Gallery***

New York, NY, USA

1994:

***Waddington Gorce Gallery***

Montreal. Quebec, Canada

1991:

***Leo Kamen Gallery***

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Group Exhibitions: Commercial Galleries**

2012:

**Giddy Up.** Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

2011:  
**Sunscreen.** Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

2010:  
**Natura Sublime.** Addington Gallery.  
Chicago, IL, USA

2008:  
**Landscape and Memory.** Addington Gallery.  
Chicago, IL, USA

2001:  
**Kevin Sonmor, Suzan Dionne.** James Baird Gallery  
St. John's, NL, Canada

1995:  
**The Common Hand.** Leo Kamen Gallery.  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
**Roland Reese, Kevin Sonmor.** Deacon Ulrich Fine Arts.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
**Kevin Sonmor, David Moore, Sunni Mercer.** Leo Kamen Gallery.  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1988:  
**Six Young Painters.** Virginia Christopher Gallery.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

### Selected Bibliography:

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Newsroom. **Musee des Beaux-arts de Sherbrooke - Simple Short Stories.** Sherbrooke Record, Sherbrooke, QC.  
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Moulin, Anik. **Societe Radio-Canada (television) - interview. Le Telejournal Estrie.** 23 Feb. 2012  
**Jodoin et Sonmor a Sherbrooke.** Le Devoir, Week-end Culture. 27 Jan, 2012  
Masbourian, Patrick. **Radio-Canada - interview with animateur de Bouillant de culture (arts et cultures)É  
Première Chaîne.** 4 Feb. 2012  
Martin, Clement. **De petites histoires sur grands formats.** Zone-Art, Sherbrooke, QC. Feb 8, 2012  
Martin, Laura. **Un couple bien assorti.** La Tribune, Sherbrooke, QC. Feb 16, 2012  
Catellier, Maxime. **La Peinture a l'huile.** Ici Vol. 10, No. 5, Montreal, QC. Nov 1, 2006  
Hayward, Karla. **Redefining the Landscape.** The Telegram, St. John's, NL. Oct 21, 2005  
Goddard Peter. **Kevin Sonmor a master of the big picture.** The Toronto Star. Mar 1, 2003  
Cohen, Mark Daniel. **Still Lives Lived.** (Catalogue Essay: Newzones Gallery, Calgary 2002)  
Cohen, Mark Daniel. **The Landscape Perilous: Kevin Sonmor Paintings 1998-2002.** (Catalogue Essay. the  
Mendel Art Gallery. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. 2002)  
Lungu, Florentina. **Paysages Lyriques Atemporals et Natures Mortes.** vie des Arts, No. 186, Printemps, 2002  
Olanick, Natalie. **Kevin Sonmor.** (Catalogue Essay: Galerie deBellefeuille, Montreal 2002).  
Caudel, Robin. **The Best of Canadian Art at Plattsburg State.** ThePlattsburg Press Republican. Nov 29, 2001  
Milsom, Fred. **On The Cover.** (cover story) Alberta Gallery Guide, Nov 2000 - Jan 2001  
Dault, Gary Michael. **Kevin Sonmor at Leo Kamen,** The Globe and Mail, April 28, 2001  
Dault, Gary Michael. **The End of the Earth,** Canadian Art, Fall 2000qVolume 17. No.3  
O'Flanagan, Rob. **Artist paints for the sheer thrill of it,** The Sudbury Star, May 1, 1999  
McGregor, Leah. **Work has visual vocabulary,** Northern Life, May 2, 1999  
Severson, Anne. **The Journeyman,** vie des Arts, No. 174, Printemps, 1999  
Crosson, David.. **From corral to canvas,** C & W magazine, Jan 1999

Fast Forward. **Kevin Sonmor**, Canadian Art, Vol 15, No. 4, Winter, 1998  
 McCartney, Leah. **Gallery Notes**, The Calgary Straight, Dec 3, 1998  
 Tousley, Nancy. **The Hit List-Best Bets**, The Calgary Herald, Dec 3, 1998  
 Reid, Robert. **Art & Emotion - Painter Kevin Sonmor grows in stature**, The Record, Oct 17, 1998  
 Liss, David. **Sights of Contention** (Catalogue Essay: University of Waterloo, Ont. Sept 98).  
 Wylie, Liz. **In the Wilds: Canoeing and Canadian Art**. (Catalogue Essay: The McMichael Collection. Kleinburg, Ontario June 98)  
 Brackett, Donald. **Painterly Inclinations**, The Financial Post, Sept 13, 1997  
 Jordan, Betty Ann. **The Common Hand**, (Catalogue Essay: Leo Kamen Gallery, Oct 95)  
 Hakim, Mona. **Kevin Sonmor**, Le Devoir, March 16, 1994  
**Le Far West à Langage Plus**, Progrès-dimanche, September 19, 1993  
**Langage Plus amorce sa nouvelle saison**, Le Lac St-Jean, September 12, 1993  
 Sanford, Judith and Weins, Ronald. **Gallery Walkabout**. WorkSeen, Fall 1991  
 Moreau, Yvan. **Kevin Sonmor, Repenser les plaines du coyote**, Etcetera, Automne 1991  
 Mavrikakis, Nicolas. **Bitte et Myth: Half-cocked**, (Catalogue Essay: Galerie Skol 91)  
 Cron, Marie-Michèle. **Les Hommes et leur jeu interdit**, Le Devoir, May 23, 1991  
 Darrah, Benjamin. **Artscenes, Between the Lines**, February 15, 1990  
 Punter, Jennifer. **Idn Painting Horses on my Walls**, The Kingston Whig Standard, February 24, 1990  
 Gustafson, Paula. **Class of 188**, The Calgary Herald, April 4, 1988  
 Tousley, Nancy. **Rodeo Past Rides in Abstractions**, The Calgary Herald, May 29, 1988

#### **Selected Collections:**

Canada Council Art Bank. Ottawa, Ontario  
 Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. Halifax, Nova Scotia  
 Banque Nationale. Montreal, Quebec  
 Cirque du Soleil. Montreal, Quebec  
 Brock University. St. Catharines, Ontario  
 Macdonald Stewart Art Centre. Guelph, Ontario  
 Atlas Developments Ltd. Calgary, Alberta  
 Art Gallery of Algoma. Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
 Government of Canada, Department of External Affairs. Ottawa, Ontario  
 Grimsby Public Art Gallery. Grimsby, Ontario  
 Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer. Calgary, Alberta  
 Hewlett-Packard Ltd. Toronto, Ontario  
 SunLife Insurance. Toronto, Ontario  
 Simon Fraser University. Vancouver, British Columbia  
 Telesystem. Montreal, Quebec  
 Tristone Capital. Calgary, Alberta  
 White Mountain Art Academy. Elliott Lake, Ontario  
 University of Manitoba. Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 University of Waterloo. Waterloo, Ontario  
 Canada Life Insurance. Toronto, Ontario  
 The Royal Bank of Canada. Toronto, Ontario  
 The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Toronto, Ontario  
 Toronto Dominion Bank. Toronto, Ontario  
 Claridge Inc. The Bronfman Collection. Montreal, Quebec  
 Church and Company. Vancouver, British Columbia  
 Canderel Corp. Montreal, Quebec

#### **Grants and Awards:**

##### **1992 - 95:**

Conseil des arts et des lettres du Quebec: B - grants

##### **1989:**

J.W. McConnell Memorial Graduate Fellowship. Concordia University. Montreal, Qc  
 Alberta Culture Visual Arts Study Grant. Calgary, Ab

**1988:**

J.W. McConnell Memorial Graduate Fellowship. Concordia University. Montreal, Qc  
Alberta Culture Visual Arts Study Grant. Calgary, Ab

**1986:**

Alberta College of Art Travel Scholarship. Calgary, Alberta  
Singleton Family Fine Arts Scholarship. Banff, Alberta

**1985:**

Louise Mckinney Scholarship. Alberta College of Art. Calgary, Ab

**1984:**

Illingworth Kerr Painting Scholarship. Alberta College of Art. Calgary, Ab  
Louise Mckinney Scholarship. Alberta College of Art. Calgary, Ab