

## **ALEX BIERK**

Born 1982, Peterborough, ON Canada

Lives and works in Peterborough, ON Canada

### **Solo/Exhibitions**

**2021** “How do you let go”, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada

**2018** The Place at the End, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada

**2017** Memory, Memory, Memory, Mulherin New York, New York, NY USA

**2016** Forerunners, Artspace, Peterborough, ON Canada

**2015** Keepsake, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada

**2014** Pitfalls and Withdrawals, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada

### **Group/Exhibitions**

**2021** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto ON Canada

**2020** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto ON Canada

**2019** A Portrait Show, VIVIANEART, Calgary, AB Canada

**2019** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth C50, Toronto ON Canada

**2019** Papier 19, VIVIANEART, Montreal, QC Canada

**2018** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth C74, Toronto, ON Canada

**2018** Afire, Skylab Gallery, Columbus, OH USA

**2018** Harper’s Books, Beverly Hills Hotel Pop-Up, Beverly Hills, CA USA

**2017** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth C77, Toronto, ON Canada

**2017** From / were / are, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON Canada

**2017** Spring/Break Art Show, Mulherin New York, New York, NY USA

**2017** Old Guard, Mulherin New York, New York, NY USA

**2016** Inconvenient Interiors, Wilder, Nashville, TN USA

**2016** Another World, Drake Devonshire, Prince Edward County, ON Canada

**2016** GIFC, David Risley Gallery, Copenhagen, Steinsland Berliner Gallery, Stockholm, Agnes B’s Galerie du Jour, Paris

**2016** Summer Group Show, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada

**2015** Hidebound, MAW, New York, NY USA

**2015** UNTITLED, Mulherin New York, Booth D-29 Miami Beach, FL USA

**2015** Art Toronto, Portrait & Landscape Editions, Superframe, Toronto, ON Canada  
**2015** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth C-28, Toronto, ON Canada  
**2015** NOW – curated by Luis Mora, Working Title, Toronto, ON Canada  
**2015** Uncooperative, Forest City Gallery, London, ON Canada  
**2015** Face/Off, PDA Projects, Ottawa, ON Canada  
**2015** Mercury Rising, Mulherin New York, New York, NY USA  
**2014** I Will Not Grow Old in Peterborough, Artspace, Peterborough, ON Canada  
**2014** AFTER, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON Canada  
**2014** Project Space, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada  
**2014** Papier14, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth 404, Montreal, QC Canada  
**2014** On View, Lyons Wier Gallery, New York, NY USA  
**2013** The Kingston Prize, Art Gallery of Calgary, Calgary, AB Canada  
**2013** Art Southampton, Lyons Wier Gallery, booth A71, Southampton, NY USA  
**2013** Skipping Stones, General Hardware Contemporary, Toronto, ON Canada  
**2012** SCOPE Miami, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth K07  
**2012** Art Toronto, General Hardware Contemporary, Booth 944

### **Public Projects**

**2016** Mural, *Passing Cloud*, City of Peterborough, 114 Simcoe St.

### **Corporate Collections**

The Shinola Hotel  
Royal Bank of Canada  
TD Bank  
The City of Peterborough  
Art Gallery of Peterborough  
Luciano Benetton Collection  
CIBC Collection

### **Grants + Awards**

2020 The Canada Council Award

2020 The Ontario Arts Council Award  
2020 Ontario Arts Foundation, Laura Ciruls painting award  
2019 Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant  
2019 Ontario Arts Council, Mid-Career Visual Artist Creation Project Grant  
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2017 Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant  
2015 Open Studio guest artist Published edition  
2015 Finalist, BP Portrait Award, National Portrait Gallery, London UK  
2014 Canada Council for the Arts, Project Grant  
2014 Ontario Arts Council, Visual Artist Grant  
2014 Toronto Arts Council, Project Grant  
2013 Kingston Prize Finalist

### **Selected Reviews**

2020 CBC Radio: “Artist grapples with the complicated relationship between addiction and art”  
2020 TVO “How this artist brings the opioid crisis to the art gallery”, Tatum Dooley  
2019 Canadian Art Magazine online, Artist Speaks Out on Opioid Deaths  
A Bellwether Riding Grapples With A Growing Opioid Crisis, Huffington Post  
2017 William Eckhardt Kohler – Huffington Post, “Alex Bierk: Memory, Memory, Memory at Mulherin” (Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
2016 Ann Jaeger – Electric City Magazine, “Forerunners” (Nov. 2016)  
2015 Nick Gazin – Vice, “All the Beautiful, Expensive, and Corny Art I Saw at Art Basel This Year”  
2014 Leah Sandals – Canadian Art, Review, “Alex Bierk: When Addiction Becomes Art”  
2014 Murray Whyte – The Toronto Star, “Alex Bierk and Andre Ethier: A tale of two painters”  
2014 Murray Whyte – The Toronto Star, “Light from Darkness: Alex Bierk at General Hardware”  
2013 Leah Sandals – Canadian Art, News “\$20,000 Kingston Prize Goes to Richard Davis”

### **Publications**

2017 “Memory, Memory, Memory”, Self-published  
2017 “Peterborough”, Alex Bierk with foreword by Derek McCormack, Swimmers Group  
2016 “Out of the Bush Garden”, Imago Mundi, Luciano Benetton Collection  
2016 “Hart House Review”, University of Toronto

2014 "AFTER", Art Gallery of Peterborough, essays by Charles Foran and Murray Whyte  
2013 "The Kingston Prize", Exhibition Catalogue

## **Donations**

2021 C-Magazine, Toronto, ON, Canada  
2020 Art Gems, Toronto ON, Canada  
2019 Art With Heart, Casey House, Toronto ON, Canada  
2019 Social 2019, Canadian Art Foundation, Toronto ON, Canada  
2018 Auction, Art With Heart, Casey House, Toronto, ON Canada  
2018 Auction, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON Canada  
2017 Auction, Stellar Living, Mercer Union, Toronto, ON Canada  
2017 Auction, C Magazine, Toronto, ON Canada  
2016 Auction, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON Canada  
2016 Fundraiser, Artspace (Artist Run Centre), Peterborough, ON, Canada  
2016 Auction, Canadian Art Foundation, Toronto ON, Canada  
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