



CV AND ARTIST STATEMENT

Clay Ellis was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, in 1955. He currently resides in Edmonton, where he has maintained a studio since 1981. Ellis has been included in numerous exhibitions in England, France, Spain, Botswana, the USA, and Canada. He has been a participant in many international workshops. In 1995, while living in



France, co-organized Triangle France, an international artists workshop held at the l'Ecole d'Art de Marseille-Luminy. In 2003 he was the guest artist at the Emma Lake Workshop, Saskatchewan, Canada. In 2006, he was invited to be an artist in residence and construct an installation in the Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.. He has given lectures at the University of Lethbridge, the University of Saskatchewan, the Georgian College, the Emily Carr School of Art and Design, and the New York Studio School. He is represented in private and public collections including the Mendel Art Gallery, the Art Gallery of Alberta, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Canada Council, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Barcelona.

"mes jolies chaussures / fete au village" Acrylic, nylon, aluminum 2020

A Short Statement:

It is my studio practice to allow work to come from work – a daisy chain of images and objects - each new project is linked to the one preceding it, blending the refinement of process with changes in circumstance. The artifacts produced, while sharing a lineage, are distinguished by the moment in which they are made.

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2018 " Amuse - Bouches & Mintz, Peter Robertson Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2016 The Third Stake Esplanade Art Gallery, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- 2016 Sculptures at an Exhibition, Peter Roberson Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2014 Weaners, Culls, and Divvies
The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie, Alberta
- 2012 Simple Equations, Sticks, and Mascots for Dirty Little Cities
Peter Roberson Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2009 Related Articles, Peter Roberson Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2009 Eight miles of Barbed Wire, APT Gallery, London, UK
- 2007 Nappe Sacrée, Gallery One, Toronto, Ontario
- 2005 Eight Miles of Barbed Wire, Inaugural Exhibition
Esplanade Art Gallery, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- 2005 Remittance, Vanderleelie Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2004 New York Studio School, NY
(Installation in conjunction with the Evening Lecture Series)
- 2002 Postmarks and Memos, Gallery One, Toronto, Ontario
Harcourt House, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2000 The Works, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1994 Black & Greenberg Gallery, New York
- 1993 The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1983 The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Borderline AGA Biennial of Contemporary Art
- 2014 Fresh Paint University of Alberta Museums
- 2012 Venerator, Allan Ball, Chris Cran, Clay Ellis, John Freeman, Angela Inglis, George Littlechild,
Jane Ash Poitras, Daryl Rydman Art Gallery of Alberta
- 2009 Extreme Possibilities, Frances Barth, Clay Ellis, John Gibson, Joseph Marioni, Marjorie
Minkin, Jill Nathanson, Thomas Nozkowski, Susan Roth
The Painting Center, New York, NY
- 2007 Color As Structure / Structure As Color, Jill Nathanson, Enrico Riley, Ann Walsh, and Clay Ellis
Lori Bookstein Fine Art, New York
- 2007 Aspects of Abstraction, FAB Gallery, University of Alberta

- 2006 Bag and Baggage, Galerie de l'École supérieure des beaux-arts, Marseille
The Emily Carr School of Art, Vancouver August 2006
- 2006 2 x 2, Clay Ellis and Karlis Rekevics, Jaffe-Friede & Strauss Galleries, Dartmouth College,
Hanover, New Hampshire
- 2005 Spell, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario
The Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff, Alberta, The Edmonton Art Gallery,
Edmonton, Alberta
- 2002 The Body Disembodied: Vinent Barre, Willard Boepple, John Gibbons, and Clay Ellis, The MacLaren Centre
For the Arts, Barrie Ontario
- 2003 Technicolour: Chris Cran, Geoffrey Hunter, Angela Leach, Chris Rodgers, Arlene Stamp, and Clay Ellis
Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2002 Five Degrees, 25th Anniversary Exhibition, Art Gallery of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
- 2002 Selections from the Canada Council Art Bank, Museum of Civilization, Ottawa, Ontario
- 2000 Materialism: Jonathan Forrest, Terry O'Flanagan, and Clay Ellis,
Art Placement Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1997 Peter Hide and Clay Ellis, Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 1996 The Berman Collection at the Johnson Atelier, Hamilton, New Jersey
- 1995 Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, New Jersey
- 1995 Triangle France, Hôtel du Département, Marseille, France
- 1994 Obscure Object (2 person exhibition), Littlejohn/Sternau Gallery, New York
- 1993 On Site, Phillip and Muriel Berman Museum, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania
- 1993 Lead and Follow: The Continuity of Abstraction/The Robert Loder Collection, Bede Gallery, Jarrow,
Northumberland and Atlantis Gallery, London
- 1993 City of Poughkeepsie Sculpture Park, Poughkeepsie, New York
- 1990 Sculpture by Invitation, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta (also 1989, 88, 87,86)
- 1989 Exotic Steel, Fine Arts Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
Drawing Motivations, Glenbow Museum and Art Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
- 1987 Studio Watch (Valentin Tatransky, curator), Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1987 Collaboration in Clay, Alberta College of Art, Calgary, Alberta
- 1986 Hardingham Sculpture Workshop, Sainsbury Centre, Norwich, England
- 1985 Sculpture City, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta Stockwell Depot, London, England
Southern Exposure, (touring exhibition) organized by Alberta Culture

COLLECTIONS

City of Vancouver	Transalta, Calgary
Alberta Art Foundation	Phillip and Muriel Berman Museum,
Canada Council Art Bank	Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania
City of Red Deer, Alberta	City of Medicine Hat, Alberta
Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta	Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
The Robert Loder Collection	Lehigh Valley Hospital Collection, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Museum of Contemporary Art, Barcelona, Spain	Triangle Trust, New York
National Gallery of Botswana	Sant Pere de Villamajor, Spain
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta	Westburne Collection, Montreal, Quebec
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia	

WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA:

2002	Guest Artist: Emma Lake Artists Workshop, Emma Lake, Saskatchewan
2002	Invited Artist: Triangle Artists' Workshop, Brooklyn, New York
2000	Emma Lake Invitational Artists Workshop, Emma Lake, Saskatchewan
1994	Triangle France, Marseille, France (President of Triangle France and Participant)
1992	Mashomack Workshop, Pine Plains, New York
1992	Workshop Leader: Thapong International Artists Workshop, Gaborone, Botswana
1990	Triangle Artists' Workshop, Pine Plains, New York
1989	Sant Pere Workshop, Sant Pere de Villamajor, Spain
1988	Sant Pere Workshop, Sant Pere de Villamajor, Spain
1987	Art Triangle Barcelona, (invitational workshop), Barcelona, Spain
1984	Collaboration in Clay Workshop, Edmonton, Alberta
1984	Hardingham Invitational Sculpture Workshop, Norwich, England
1985	Director: Medicine Hat Sculpture Symposium, Medicine Hat, Alberta
1982	Triangle Artists' Workshop, Pine Plains, New York
1981	Emma Lake Artists Workshop, Emma Lake, Saskatchewan
1980	Emma Lake Artists Workshop, Emma Lake, Saskatchewan
1980	Red Deer Sculpture Symposium

TEACHING

2004	Guest lecturer New York Studio School, New York, NY
2004	Guest lecturer University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge,
2003	Artist in residence Georgian College, Barrie, Ontario
2003	Guest lecturer Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta
2002	Guest lecturer University of Saskatoon, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
2001	Guest lecturer University of Alberta, Department of Sociology,
1986	Visiting artist Norwich School of Art, Norwich, England
1983 -99	Sessional Instructor, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Community

1995– 1997	Artshab board member, Edmonton
1994 – 2000	Advisor to the Friends of Medalta Board
2000 – 2002	Edmonton Art Gallery board member

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS:

City of Medicine Hat

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