

# JENNIFER HARRISON

## BIOGRAPHY

Jennifer Harrison was born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1972. Belonging to a long line of mediocre (yet persistent) landscape artists, she first began painting at a prodigiously early age.

Following her first 'real' gallery exhibition in 1999, Jennifer quickly developed the textural technique that she's best known for today. Since then, she's managed to sustain herself through painting and has exhibited extensively in galleries in both Canada and the United States.

Though her materials and technique may continue to evolve, her favorite subject will always be the old houses and alleyways surrounding her house in Toronto.



## ARTIST'S STATEMENT

"The texture of my paintings is achieved through a layering process; using first an impasto medium, then under painting and finally, the colour. The colours I choose - though bright-seeming for Toronto houses - are very accurate and frequently seen throughout the city. I've never been interested in capturing light, shadow or perspective; I'll often simplify the structures so that I can concentrate on the pure colour as it's been faded and altered over time. I collect them, walking through alleys and actually picking off 'samples' of peeling paint from garages, fences and old weathered brick and then try to match them exactly with artists' oils. I mix these in large batches and fill my own tubes; allowing me to do several series with a common, consistent palette..."

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2007 Berenberg Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2006 Yard Dog Gallery, Austin, Texas  
Gallery on the Grange, Caledon, Ontario  
Grocer's Gallery, Fenelon Falls, Ontario  
Holly Farrell Studio, Toronto, Ontario  
Garde-Rail Gallery, Seattle, Washington
- 2005 Yard Dog Gallery, Austin, Texas
- 2004 Angela Usrey Gallery, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2004-05 Berenberg Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2003-04 Katherine Mulherin Contemporary Art Projects, Toronto, Ontario  
Garde-Rail Gallery, Seattle, Washington
- 2002 BUSGallery, Toronto, Ontario  
Berenberg Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2001 1080Bus, Toronto, Ontario
- 2000 Partners Film Company, Toronto, Ontario
- 1999-0 BUSGallery, Toronto, Ontario

## PUBLICATIONS

- House & Home, May 2005
- Art World News, March 2005
- Canadian House& Home Magazine, October 2004