Esther Bordet

Mixed media artist

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CURRENT PROJECTS

May 2021 Jenni House Residency - Whitehorse YT

Developing the script for a long-form graphic novel project, "Makalu". Hosting a couple of outreach events: an in-person comic jam, and an online presentation.

Since Jan 2020 "Makalu" (work in progress)

A self-directed, ~150 pages graphic novel project, based on the true story of a great-uncle geologist who was part of the first mountaineering expedition to Makalu, in the Himalaya mountain range, in 1954.

COMICS

May 2021 "Breakup" (published by Hecate Press)

A 4-pages contribution published in the Northern Gaze, a comics anthology project curated and edited by Kimberly Edgar. Selected along with eight other comic artists from the Yukon, NWT and Nunavut. Designed with ink and watercolors on paper.

Sept 2020 "Makalu teaser" (unpublished)

An 8-pages comic laying out the context and characters for a long form work-in-progress graphic novel. Designed with black India ink on paper.

June 2020 "The Dive" (published on artist website)

A self-directed 3 pages comic inspired from a dream. Designed with black and colored inks on paper.

Dec 2017 "The Dome" (published on artist website)

A 6-pages comic created as part of a graphic novel class at Emily Carr University. Designed with black India ink on paper.

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SOLO EXHIBITS

Upcoming

Nov 2021 FREE SPACE at Northern Front Studio, Whitehorse, YT

Past

Jan-Feb 2021 Waves – Polarity Brewing, Whitehorse, YT

Self-directed solo show featuring a series of acrylic and ink paintings around the

theme "Waves", showing work evolution over a period of 5 years and the

constant inspiration from these liquid mountains.

Oct 2020 Baked Café, Whitehorse, YT

Self-directed solo show featuring recent ink drawings.

Nov 2019 Bullet Hole Bagels, Whitehorse, YT

Self-directed solo show featuring recent drawings and paintings.

Mar 2019 Baked Café, Whitehorse, YT

Self-directed solo show featuring recent drawings.

GROUP EXHIBITS

Jun 2021 Yukon Fairy Tales – Yukon Arts Center, Whitehorse, YT

Upcoming curated group show with the Yukon Illustration Coalition (ink drawing:

"Blue Beard: Still Life").

Dec 2020 Stoke – Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT

Curated group show by the members of the Yukon Arts Society (ink tryptic:

"Waiting for the sun").

Nov 2020 Beast of the Boreal – Northern Front Studio, Whitehorse, YT

Group show with the Yukon Illustration Coalition (ink and watercolor drawing:

"Who's the beast?").

PUBLIC ARTWORK COMMISSIONS

Mar 2020	"The Explorer", ink and watercolor on mixed media paper, 18"x24"— Whitehorse, YT Selected by the Yukon Department of Tourism and Culture, along with five other local artists, to create an original design for the Yukon tourism banners.	
Mar 2019	"Yukon mountains" , mural, acrylic paint on metal lockers, 6'x6'—Whitehorse, YT Commissioned by the art-project lead of Northlight Innovation/Cospace, along with other mural artists, to create original artwork in the new space of innovation and entrepreneurship in Whitehorse.	
Feb 2018	"Like the Yukon", acrylic paint on canvas, 16"x20" - Whitehorse, YT Commissioned by Whitehorse-based band Karen and the Love Dogs to create cover art for their album "Like the Yukon", released April 2018.	
Mar 2015	"Dunes" , acrylic paint on canvas, 32"x16" – <i>Vancouver, BC</i> Commissioned painting for the Earth Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Department, at The University of British Columbia.	
Dec 2014	"Hamac on a beach", mural, acrylic paint on brick wall, ~8'x11' – Vancouver, BC Mural commissioned by the owners of SkyHarvest for their microgreens warehouse in east Vancouver.	
PRIVATE ARTWORK COMMISSIONS		
Feb 2021	"Baby tigers and mini goats", ink and watercolor, 11"x15" – Whitehorse, YT	
Jan 2021	"Wave", acrylic paint on canvas, 14"x18" – Carcross, YT	
	"Icefields", acrylic paint on canvas, 18"x36" – Whitehorse, YT	
Dec 2020	"Rogue wave", acrylic paint on canvas, 14"x18" – Whitehorse, YT	
	"Storm", acrylic paint on canvas, 12"x24" – Whitehorse, YT	
Jul 2020	"MacMillan Pass", ink on paper, 12"x24" – Whitehorse, YT	
Jun 2020	"A life in comic", black and colored inks on paper, 11"x15" – Thunder Bay, ON	
Oct 2019	"Wave", acrylic paint on canvas, 30"x24" – Whitehorse, YT	
	"Athabasca", acrylic paint on canvas, 24"x36" – Whitehorse, YT	
Jun 2001	"A window on the ocean", mural, acrylic paint on wall – Choisy-le-Roi, France	

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ARTISTIC FORMATION

Aug 2019	The Center for Cartoon Studies - White River Junction VT, USA Graphic Novel Workshop, with Paul Karasik & Dan Nott	
Oct-Dec 2017	Emily Carr University (Continuing Studies) – Vancouver, BC The Graphic Novel, with Julian Lawrence Illustration concepts and context, with Vjeko Sager	
2004-2006	Adult art studios - Paris (France) and Quebec City, QC	
1987-2001	Youth art studios - France Hélène Picardi class, Municipal Art Schools, Vitry-sur-Seine, France Adek Zylberberg class, l'Haÿ-les-Roses, France	
OUTREACH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE		
Apr-June 2021	Experimenting with inks – Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT A 3-hours in-person workshop about techniques of ink drawing and washes.	
Apr-May 2021	Individual drawing classes (in person) - Whitehorse, YT	
Nov-Dec 2020	Substitute teacher-on-call – Yukon Department of Education, Whitehorse, YT	
2015-2018	Geology outreach events – Yukon Geological Survey Help run and organize various outreach events such as Weekend on the rocks (Tombstone Park), Mining Week (Whitehorse)	
WORK EXPERIENCE		
Since Oct 2020	Self-employed illustrator - Yukon Graphic Recording, <i>Whitehorse, YT</i> Illustration, infographics, live graphic recording.	
Since Jan 2019	Self-employed artist - Esther Bordet Painting, <i>Whitehorse, YT</i> Original drawings, paintings and comics, printed products.	
2001-2020	Geologist – <i>France, Quebec, BC, Yukon</i> Post-secondary studies and professional practice of geology.	

MEMBERSHIPS

- Yukon Illustration Coalition
- Yukon Crafts Society
- Professional Artist Member CARFAC National
- Yukon Art Society/Arts Underground
- Art Adventures on Yukon Time Artist Directory