

GAIL HARVEY

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BIOGRAPHY | Gail Harvey graduated from the Glasgow School of Art in 1977, and has been a resident of the Shetland Isles since 1988. She has exhibited prolifically across the country with group and solo shows held in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bath, London and Shetland.

Her career as an artist has long been distinguished -- while a student, Harvey won scholarships to the Hospital Summer School, Arbroath, and the Scottish Education Department's Travelling Scholarship. In 1985, Harvey was presented with the John Murray Thomson Award by the Royal Scottish Academy, and in 2011, 2012 and 2014 has been the recipient of Creative Scotland's Visual Arts Award.

Harvey's paintings are impressionistic meditations on the landscape the artist has spent her adult life enthralled by. Her palette is drawn from the island's light, its verdure, its water; each painting capturing the sheer kinesis of the place. The thrashing waves of the ocean, the stillness of its frozen loch, the presence and absence of roaring daylight, the weight of a Nordic seastorm are Harvey's subjects -- or, rather, sub-subjects, dimensions of a Shetland that has for almost half a century now been her muse. 'Years', in Shetland, 'are split into two distinctive halves: the long dark winters and summer months of almost continuous daylight', describes Harvey. 'As a painter, winter allows for a more introspective working day [...] I am painting and trying to find colour and shapes which relate to an inner feeling'.

Using the universal, pictorial language of Shetland, Harvey articulates a kind of universal relation we all share with our homes: namely, that we seek in them a relation, an enunciation perhaps, of our inner selves. It is for this reason that these paintings are not simply representations of their artist's surroundings -- they speak to a far more elemental landscape than that.

EDUCATION | **1988**
Member of Shetland Arts Trust's visual arts sub-committee

1972-1977
Glasgow School of Art, *Diploma of Art and Diploma of Post Graduate Studies*

1977
Scottish Education Department Traveling Scholarship

1975
Hospitalfield Summer School, Arbroath

SOLO EXHIBITIONS | **2016**
"60 Degrees North", Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh

2013
Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh

2012
Da Gadderie, Shetland Museum and Archives, Lerwick

2008
Roger Billcliffe Gallery, Glasgow

2005
Adam Gallery, Bath
Adam Gallery, Corck Street, London

2002

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2000

Adam Gallery, Bath

1998

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1997

Roger Billcliffe Gallery, Glasgow

1994

The Macaulay Gallery, Stenton
The Bohoga Gallery, Shetland (opening exhibition)

1991

The Macaulay Gallery, Stenton

**MIXED
EXHIBITIONS**

The Macaulay Gallery, Stenton
The Arts Centre, Leeds
The Atholl Gallery, Dunkeld
Roger Billcliffe Gallery, Shetland
Adam Gallery, Bath (two person show)
Postcard Exhibition, Roger Billcliffe, Glasgow (annually)
The Fine Art and Antiques Fair, Olympia with Adam Gallery
Art on Paper, London with Adam Gallery

2016

Summer Exhibition, Roger Billcliffe, Glasgow
London Contemporary Art Fair, Islington with Arusha Gallery

2015

Kilmorack Gallery, Inverness-shire
What Seas What Shores, Six painters from Orkney and Shetland, Woodendbarn Gallery
September Song, Roger Billcliffe Gallery
Undercurrents, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
Fine Arts and Antiques Fair, Olympia, London with Arusha Gallery
London Contemporary Art Fair, Islington with Arusha Gallery
Edinburgh Art fair, Arusha Gallery

2014

What Seas What Shores, Six painters from Orkney and Shetland, Museum Lerwick
London Contemporary Art Fair, Islington with Arusha Gallery
20/20 Bonhoga Gallery, 20th Anniversary Show, 2014
Edinburgh Art fair, Arusha Gallery
Midsummer Night, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
The Power of the Sea, Making Waves in British Art, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol

2013

Kinetic Landscapes, West Fest, Stranraer Museum

1997-2006

20/21 British Art Fair, London with Adam Gallery

2004

Art Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Florida with Adam Gallery

2003

Art Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Florida with Adam Gallery
Art of the 20th Century, New York with Adam Gallery

2002

Royal Academy, Summer Exhibition
Art of the 20th Century, New York with Adam Gallery

2000-2005

Works on Paper, New York with Adam Gallery

1997-2006

London Contemporary Art Fair, Islington with Adam Gallery

AWARDS

2014

Visual Arts Award, Creative Scotland and Shetland Arts

2012

Visual Arts Award, Creative Scotland and Shetland Arts

2011

Visual Arts Award, Creative Scotland and Shetland Arts

1985

Royal Scottish Academy, John Murray Thomson Award

**PRIVATE
AND PUBLIC
COLLECTIONS**

Shetland Museum and Archives
Shetland Arts Trust
Highland and Islands Enterprise
Wolfson College, Oxford University
Grant Thornton Accounting
Colleagues Direct Marketing
Robert Fleming Asset Management
Goldman Sachs
Sir John and Lady Keegan
Lady Singer
Belmont House Trust, Shetland.