

Born July 6, 1980, graduated OCAD 2004, Katie Bond Pretti is a Toronto based artist interested in lyrical abstraction through automatic mark-making and spontaneous responses. With repetition, marks accumulate to represent a visual narrative as the image approaches realism spontaneously (as in the nature of contour drawing or gestural abstraction). Optical mixing, intuitive and formal colour theory, and the cumulative elements and principles of design are means to describe the indescribable, like poetry uses words, syntax, rhyme, and rhythm to illustrate mood.

Pretti has held studios in Brooklyn and Buenos Aires. Her first publication, a book of drawings entitled *Sonority of Words*, was launched in Toronto by Art Metropole, featured at the 2007 NYC Art Book Fair, and subsequently added to the collection of The National Gallery of Canada. Pretti was also recently featured in the *Carte Blanche Volume 2: Painting* survey of Canadian painters.

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2009 *Spleen and Ideal*, LE Gallery, Toronto
- 2008 *Something That Matters*, LE Gallery, Toronto  
*Collusion*, LE Gallery, Toronto
- 2007 *Damsels and Distress*, LE Gallery, Toronto  
*Grander Failures*, Galerie Simon Blais, Montreal  
*Dominant Recessives*, LE Gallery, Toronto
- 2006 *Under, Over and Over*, LE Gallery, Toronto

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 *Psychic Space*, Loose Canon Gallery, Hamilton  
*Cause & Effect*, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto
- 2009 *Remains to be Seen*, Lennox Contemporary, Toronto  
*Permeate*, The Music Gallery, Toronto  
*LE Cinq*, LE Gallery, Toronto
- 2008 *Valentine's Day Show*, Bjornson Kajiwara Gallery, Vancouver
- 2007 *Mulled Mix*, Bjornson Kajiwara Gallery, Vancouver  
*Standard Form's First 3 Books*, Art Metropole, Toronto  
*May Invitational*, Bjornson Kajiwara Gallery, Vancouver
- 2006 *Le Trois*, LE Gallery, Toronto  
*This Distance*, LE Gallery, Toronto  
*Manifold Project*, OCAD: *Nuit Blanche*, Toronto
- 2005 *Deck the Walls*, Lehmann Leskiw Fine Art, Toronto  
*The Drawing Room*, Bjornson Kajiwara Gallery, Vancouver  
*Hard Drawing*, Lehmann Leskiw Fine art, Toronto  
*Love the Ladies*, Gallery 61, Toronto  
*XXX*, Propeller Centre for the Visual Arts, Toronto
- 2004 *Vaginas in Their Natural Habitat*, Queen West Art Crawl – Artist's Studio, Toronto  
*Printers' Devils*, LE Gallery, Toronto

#### SELECTED AUCTIONS AND ART FAIRS

- 2010 *Bloor Street Entertains*, Toronto  
*Timeraiser Auction*, The Fermenting Cellar, Distillery District, Toronto  
*Creative Art Gems Auction*, The Berkeley Church, Toronto
- 2009 Live Auction - *Who Done It*, OCAD, Toronto  
*Art With Heart Auction*, supporting Casey House Foundation, The Carlu, Toronto  
*September Online Auction*, Heffel, Toronto Select Sale, Ritchies Auctioneers, Toronto  
*Creative Art Gems Auction*, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Toronto
- 2008 *Art With Heart Auction*, supporting Casey House Foundation, The Carlu, Toronto  
*Toronto International Art Fair*, The Convention Centre, Toronto  
*Creative Art Gems Auction*, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Toronto  
*Timeraiser Auction*, Framework Foundation, Toronto
- 2007 *Toronto International Art Fair*, Metro Convention Centre, Toronto  
*Art With Heart Auction*, supporting Casey House Foundation, The Carlu, Toronto  
*NYC Art Book Fair*, NYC  
*Creative Art Gems Auction*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto  
*Norman Burgess Memorial Fund Silent Auction*, Canadian Music Centre, Toronto
- 2006 *Art With Heart Auction*, supporting Casey House Foundation, The Carlu, Toronto  
*Toronto International Art Fair*, The Convention Centre, Toronto  
*Timeraiser Auction*, Framework Foundation, Toronto  
*Norman Burgess Memorial Fund Silent Auction*, Canadian Music Centre, Toronto
- 2004 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2010 *Bloodletting*, LE Gallery, Toronto  
*The Vanitas*, location tba, Toronto

#### PUBLICATIONS

- 2009 *Fresh Picks V1E14*, Vantage Art Projects, Vancouver
- 2008 *Carte Blanche Vol. 2: Painting*, The Magenta Foundation, Toronto
- 2007 *Sonority of Words*, Standard Form, Toronto

#### REVIEWS AND PROFILES

- 2009 *Editor's Picks: All the Single Ladies*, Magenta Magazine Online, Vol. 1 No. 1  
*View on Canadian Art*, www.viewoncanadianart.blogspot.com, Andrea Carson
- 2008 *Pretti Gets Sensual*, Now Magazine Vol. 28, No. 11, Leah Sandals  
*Artists to Watch*, Inside Entertainment Canada, September 2008  
*Artist File*, Canadian House & Home Vol. 30 No. 6, Betty Ann Jordan  
*Artist Profile*, Our Neighbourhood Magazine June 2008, Dr. Matthew Follwell
- 2007 *Eye Candy*, Eye Weekly, December 13 2007, David Balzer  
*Fair Maidens*, Elle Canada No. 77, Lori Seymour  
*View on Canadian Art*, www.viewoncanadianart.blogspot.com, Andrea Carson
- 2006 *LE Gallery's Young Blood*, Now Magazine Vol. 26, No. 11, David Jager
- 2004 *Above My Sofa*, www.artart.ca, Carly Butler

#### GRANTS, AWARDS, RESIDENCIES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2010 Project Room Resident, The White House, Toronto  
Visual Artists Grant, Ontario Arts Council  
Visual Artists Grant, Toronto Arts Council  
Spark Box Studios Residency
- 2007 Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2006 *A.I.R.* (Artist in Residence), [www.thecommons.ca](http://www.thecommons.ca)
- 2004 Student Honourable Mention, Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto  
Open Studio Prize, OCAD Printmaking Award
- 2003 Printmaking Scholarship, OCAD
- 2002 Printmaking Award, OCAD

#### COLLECTIONS

- The National Gallery of Canada
- Femmarte, Canada
- Cecconi Simone, Toronto
- Mirax Headquarters, Moscow
- BPA Financial Group, Mississauga
- Ocean Four, Miami (by Yabu Pushelberg)
- TD Canada Trust Bank, Toronto

#### EDUCATION

- 2004 Fine Arts Diploma (with Honours), Ontario College of Art and Design - Printmaking
- 1999 OSSD (with Honours), Mayfield Secondary School - Fine Arts