

Art & Artists in Exhibition: Vancouver 1890 - 1950

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Jack Leonard Shadbolt**February 4 1909 - November 22 1998**

Federation of Canadian Artists (Founding Member 1941)

Royal Canadian Academy of Arts

Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (1955 - 67)

Jack Shadbolt was born in Shoeburyness, England, in 1909, later emigrating to Canada. He studied art in Victoria and New York, and then taught art at Kitsilano High School in Vancouver. He also published essays in *The B.C. Teacher*, the monthly magazine of the B.C. Teachers Federation.

In 1932 he travelled by car to see the Chicago World's Fair. He also viewed a Cezanne exhibition there which he stated "stunned" him. The trip continued to Toronto, then he lived for eight months in New York city before returning to Vancouver. He also exhibited with the Island Arts and Crafts Society in Victoria in 1932.

Shadbolt worked as a photo-classification officer in London, England during World War II, serving as a Lieutenant. He returned to Canada after the war, and began teaching painting at the Vancouver School of Art.

He exhibited his work in a number of the annual *B.C. Artists* exhibitions at the Vancouver Art Gallery, in 1936, from 1939-1943, 1946, 1947, 1949 to 1956, 1962, and 1966.

Shadbolt exhibited with the B.C. Society of Fine Arts in their annual exhibitions, including 1937, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946 to 1948, 1950, 1954 to 1964, and in 1967.

He was on a list titled "Leading Vancouver Artists," provided to the Labour Arts Guild on April 10, 1946 by the Vancouver Art Gallery to assist in the Guild's call for entries to the second annual B.C. At Work exhibition.

Shadbolt showed his work in the 1944 and 1945 *British Columbia At Work* exhibitions. In 1946 - 1947 he had work in a Federation of Canadian Artists travelling exhibition.

He exhibited with the Royal Canadian Academy in 1941, 1942, and 1964.

He had a long and distinguished career, with numerous solo exhibitions. He continued to paint and create until his death in 1998. His wife Doris died in Mexico in 2003 of a heart attack. Following her death parts of the Shadbolt estate came onto the market, including thousands of books and exhibitions catalogues. Many of these volumes were inscribed to the Shadbolts, a number of them contained additional ephemera tucked in between the pages. One exhibition catalogue yielded the following "Chronology of Conceptual Concerns", a three-page typed manuscript that includes a range of dates from 1926 to 1977, although the manuscript is otherwise undated.

Exhibitions

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

DATE	EXHIBITION	LOCATION
1936 Oct. 27 - Nov. 8	Oils, Watercolours, Drawing, and Prints	VAG (VAGx0173)
1938 Nov. 8 - 20	Solo Exhibition	VAG (VAGx0253)
1939 Oct. 10 - 22	Oil Painting & Watercolour	VAG (VAGx0299)
1940 May 28 - June 9	Models & Caricature	VAG (VAGx0335)
1941 Jan. 14 - 26	Solo Exhibition	VAG (VAGx0366)
1942 Feb. 17 - Mar. 1	Solo Exhibition (53 paintings)	VAG (VAGx0436)
1942 Oct. 20 - Nov. 1	Solo Exhibition (89 watercolours)	VAG (VAGx0474)
1943 June 27 - July 14	Solo Exhibition (23 pictures)	VAG (VAGx0518)
1947 Feb. 25 - Mar. 16	Solo Exhibition (76 pictures)	VAG (VAGx0763)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

DATE	EXHIBITION	ARTWORK
1932 May - July	VAG All Canadian Exhibition	Desolation Rhythmic Roots
1942 May 15 - 31	BCSFA 32nd Annual	The White House Signature Piece
1942 Nov. 3 - 15	FCA Red Cross Benefit	(no information available)
1943 May 15 - June 6	BCSFA 33rd Annual	Road to Little Mountain Camp Putting up Camouflage Nets Suburban Night Scene The Camouflage Boys
1944 Nov. 21 - Dec. 10	Labour Arts Guild 1st B.C. At Work	Ship Under Construction Road Grader, Little Mountain B.C. Ranch
1945 Nov. 13 - Dec. 2	Labour Arts Guild 2nd B.C. At Work	Mending the Hopper, False Creek Mill Workers Going Home, Marpole Bridge Fishermen Putting Out
1946 July 2 - 28	VAG Jubilee Exhibition	Eddie's Store, Robson and Homer Streets
1946 Sept. 21 - Oct. 13	VAG 15th Annual B.C. Artists	Memory of V.J. Day Receding Profile Lower Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

1946 - 47	<u>F.C.A. Travelling Exhibition #2</u>	Mountain Stream Under the Awning, Granville Street, Van. Granville Street Theatre Section Yellow House, Point Grey Forest Edge (drawing) Caribou Country Landscape Along the Rideau River Near Ottawa Old Houses Near Victoria
1947 July 8 - 27	<i>B.C. Artists</i> <u>Summer Exhibition</u>	Low Tide, Cornwall
1948 May 18 - June 6	<u>BCSFA 38th Annual Exhibition</u>	Trees and Rocks, Thormundby Island Driftwood at Wreck Bay, Thormundby Island Forest Edge, Buccaneer Bay
1950 April 25 - May 14	<u>BCSA 40th Annual Exhibition</u>	Indian Reserve Stump Image

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**SOUVENIR CATALOGUE OF EXHIBITIONS OPENING
THE NEW VANCOUVER ART GALLERY** (refer to VAG51)

100 YEARS OF B.C. ART (refer to VAG58)

B.C. PAINTINGS BURNABY 58 (refer to BAG58)

B.C. ARTISTS 27th ANNUAL (refer to BCA58)

7 WEST COAST PAINTERS (refer to VIF59)

SPRING EXHIBITION - FCA - BC REGION (refer to FCA64)

BOUQUET - A Selection of Flower Paintings (refer to BAG65.2)

B.C. ARTISTS' TRIBUTE TO COLIN GRAHAM (refer to AGGV74)

SOME PAINTERS OF THE B.C. MAINLAND (refer to AGGV66)

FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW (refer to [VAG77](#))

PAPERWORKS: Contemporary works on paper by BC artists (refer to [AGGV78](#))

PRINTMAKING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA 1889-1983 (refer to [AGGV83](#))

VANCOUVER: ART & ARTISTS 1931 - 1983 (refer to [VAG83](#))

ARTROPOLIS 1990 (refer to [ART90](#))

64 - 94 CONTEMPORARY DECADES (refer to [ECU94](#))

ART UNLEASHED! (refer to [ECU97](#))

YUMMM! THE COOKIE EXHIBITION (refer to [CCDM01](#))

A MODERN LIFE: Art and Design in British Columbia 1945-1960 (refer to [VAG04](#))

RICHMOND ART GALLERY 25:25 - 1980-2005 (refer to [RAG05](#))

PAINT - A PSYCHEDELIC PRIMER (refer to [VAG06](#))

OUR CHANGING LANDSCAPE (refer to [BAG08](#))

VISIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (refer to [VAG09](#))

SHORE, FOREST AND BEYOND - ART FROM THE AUDAIN COLLECTION (refer to [VAG11](#))

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1937, (Jan. or Feb. issue) *The B.C. Teacher* magazine

School Art and the Workshop Spirit by Jack Shadbolt
1937, June issue *The B.C. Teacher* magazine

WHO'S WHO IN NORTHWEST ART edited by Marion Brymner Appleton
"A Directory of Persons in the Pacific Northwest Working in the Media
of Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Arts, and Handicrafts".
1941; published by Frank McCaffrey, Seattle Washington.

A Report on Art Today in British Columbia by Jack Shadbolt
Canadian Art magazine, November-December 1948, p. 4-7, 45; 2 illustrations

:p.m. magazine, 3 issues published in Vancouver 1951

Published by Robert Reid, Edited by Yvonne Agzarian, George Wright, John Brockington

Issue 2 had one original linocut by [Jack Shadbolt](#): *Seed Children*

Issue 2 also included one original linocut by [Molly Carter](#): *Hooyah the Raven*

Issue 3 had two original linocuts by [Jack Shadbolt](#): *Forms For Spring*, second is untitled

Issue 3 Shadbolt linocuts were included in article on [Jack Shadbolt](#) by Marya Fiamengo
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MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE - B.C. CENTENNIAL ISSUE (refer to [MAC58](#))

PERMANENT COLLECTION (refer to [AGGV64](#))

CREATIVE CANADA - VOLUME TWO

Compiled by Reference Division, McPherson Library, University of Victoria, B.C.
1972; ISBN 0-8020-3285-0

"A biographical dictionary of twentieth-century creative and performing artists."

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1972, ISBN -07710-9029-3, publisher McClelland and Stewart Limited
224 pages, hardcover, extensively illustrated

Chapters on 24 artists, list of bibliographies and galleries

Western artists include [J.W.G. Macdonald](#), **Jack Shadbolt**

ISLAND ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY - List of Exhibitors

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BRITISH COLUMBIA ART COLLECTION 1974-80 (refer to [BCAC80](#))

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No ISBN, 64 pages, illustrated in colour and b&w

Includes history of the collection, artist biographies

CARMANAH - ARTISTIC VISIONS OF AN ANCIENT RAINFOREST

1989, 168 pages; Western Canada Wilderness Committee; ISBN 0-9692230-5-6

Includes Foreword by David Suzuki, Preamble by Cameron Young;

Introduction by Randy Stoltmann, History, Map, Natural History,

Epilogue by Bruce Cockburn, The project by Arne Hansen, The Art.

100 B.C. artists participated including [LeRoy Jensen](#), **Jack Shadbolt**, [Gordon Smith](#)

A CENTURY OF SCULPTURE (refer to [SSBC98](#))

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2000, Douglas & McIntyre Ltd., ISBN 1-55054-808-5

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