



James Nye visual artist

James was born in Kitchener and grew up in Ajax. After graduating from high school he found himself with no ambition in his life and no insight into where it would take him. He moved to Vancouver Island where a slow and steady process of awakening took place. This is when James discovered painting. Within two years he was studying art full time at the Victoria College of Art and painting became a way of life. He graduated in 2002 and moved back to Ontario. Kitchener has been his home now since 2004.

James has become a prominent artist in Waterloo Region, continuously exhibiting thought provoking works of the highest standard. Presently James is a member of The Art District Gallery, an artist-run cooperative located in Downtown Kitchener.

Artist Statement:

Nye's paintings are rooted in the realist, descriptive tradition of oil painting. The act of seeing is not always easy and to him the beauty is in looking and not necessarily what you are looking at. In his ongoing series of paintings "Manifest Expression" there is an abundance of information at hand. Imagery overlaps. Systems collide. Colour, line and form blanket the landscape. Nye's compositions are like a playground for the eyes and decoding their message requires a certain kind of visual agility.

Inspired by graffiti found in the real world, James calls these works "modern day cave paintings". For thousands of years humans have been compelled to express themselves by writing on walls and his paintings provide both compelling and colourful evidence of this condition.

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