

BESNER

Born June 9th 1965
City of North Lancaster, Ontario, Canada

EDUCATION

- 2014** Lithography, Atelier Circulaire of Montreal (Canada)
- 2011** Engraving, Atelier Circulaire of Montreal (Canada)
- 1992** Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Montreal (Canada)

DISTINCTIONS

- 2010** Representing Canadian's painters at Shanghai World Expo (China)
- 2009** Exclusive Preview at Caisse Dépôt et Placement for Annual Gala celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fédération des Chambres de Commerce du Québec.
- 2007** Canadian Embassy in Morocco, Exhibition Grant for Casablanca Museum Exhibition

COLLECTIONS

Besner's artworks have been placed in numerous public and private collections including :

- Suzhou Museum
- Cirque du Soleil
- Royal Canadian Mint
- Loto-Quebec, Casino de Charlevoix et Casino de Hull
- Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa
- Fasken Martineau
- Gowling Lafleur Henderson
- Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges
- Proaction International
- Musée La Villa des Arts de Casablanca

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019** *Oros Copus*, Galerie Iris, Baie St-Paul (Canada)
- 2017** *The Ivory Madonnas*, Galerie MX, Montréal (Canada)
- 2017** *Les immortels de Bois*, Galerie Iris, Baie St-Paul (Canada)
- 2015** *Les branches d'Ovane*, SO ART GALLERY, Casablanca (Morocco)
- 2015** *La singulière nature humaine*, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
- 2013** *HUMANI EX MACHINA*, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto (Canada)
- 2012** *The Light Side of the Moon*, Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale (USA)
- 2011** *MORA*, Manège Militaire Côte-des-neiges, Montreal (Canada)
- 2010** *Hundred Words for China*, Canart Gallery, Beijing (China)
- 2009** *La voyageuse du temps*, Galerie Iris, Baie-St-Paul (Canada)
- 2008** Continuation of International Travelling Exhibit "*Au Fil de l'Art*",

- Thompson Landry Gallery, Calgary AND Toronto (Canada)
- 2007** *Au fil de l'Art*, Besner accompanied by Haute-couture creations of six Quebec fashion designers (Yso, Denis Gagnon, Yves Jean Lacasse, Antonio Ortega, Rush Couture, Andy Thê-Ahn), Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
- 2007** *The Banquet of Nacarat*, Venise Cadre Gallery, Casablanca (Morocco)
- 2004** *La démesure des convoités*, CDP Capital Centre, Montreal (Canada)
- 2004** *La X^e cité révolue*, Head Office of the Cirque du Soleil, Montreal (Canada)
- 2002** *Le cri des lunes*, Estampe Plus, Quebec (Canada)
- 2000** Saint-Dizier, Montreal (Canada)
- 1998** *Coup de théâtre*, Estampe Plus, Quebec (Canada)

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS // MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

- 2018** *Strophes d'une poésie*, Centre Culturel de l'Université de Sherbrooke (Canada)
- 2013** *IMMORTALIS*, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou (China)
- 2009** Espace Création, Loto-Quebec, Montreal (Canada)
(Exhibit *La collection selon...*) Work selected by Andrée Lachapelle and André Melançon
- 2007** *La nuit des cites*, Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Vaudreuil-Soulanges (Canada)
(including architectural models and stained glass)
- 2007** Travelling Exhibit *Au Fil de l'Art*, Museum La Villa des Arts, Casablanca (Morocco)
(presented by La Fondation ONA).
- 2007** *Au Fil de l'Art*, Museum La Villa des Arts, Rabat (Morocco)
(paintings by Besner accompanied by caftans created by three Moroccan designers: Karim Tassi, Albert Oiknine and Mohamed Lakhdar)
- 2003** Las Artes Museum of the University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara (Mexico)
(Group exhibit organized by Loto-Quebec). Title of exhibit: Quebec in Mexico!
- 2000** *La relève à l'aube du XXI^{ème} siècle*, Musée Pierre-Boucher, Trois-Rivières (Canada)

ART FAIRS

- 2020** Art Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, MJL Gallery (USA)
- 2020** Art Palm Beach, MJL Gallery (USA)
- 2019** Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Onessimo Fine Art Gallery, (USA)
- 2019** Art New York, Onessimo Fine Art Gallery (USA)
- 2017** Foire Art Murale, Galerie MX, Montréal (Canada)
- 2016** TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto (Canada)
- 2012** Casablanca International Art Biennale, SO ART GALLERY (Morocco)
- 2010** Western China International Art Biennale, Q-Art Belgium, Yinchuan (China)
- 2004** TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Teodora Fine Art, Toronto (Canada)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019** 30th Anniversary, Galerie Iris, Baie-St-Paul (Canada)
- 2016** Exhibition « Art de la tolerance », Rabat, Paris, London
- 2016** 10th Anniversary, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto (Canada)
- 2010** Art of Giving at Saatchi Gallery invited by One Drop Foundation, London (UK)

2008 Make-A-Wish Exhibition, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
2007 *Rendez-vous*, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
2006 Strawberries–Champagne, Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (USA)
2006 *10th Anniversary*, Galerie Saint-Dizier, Montreal (Canada)

MULTI-MEDIA FILMS AND VIDEOCLIP

PÉRIS, Patrick, « *Dominic Besner fait du Land Art* », Productions GMX, Montréal
Octobre 2017, 5 min. 47 sec.
BUNDOCK, Pierre and de BELLEFEUILLE, Danielle. « *MORA, Urban Tale* », Productions GMX,
Montréal **Novembre 2011**, 3 min. 17 sec.
BÉGIN, Francisque, *Expression*, TV5, Reportage sur l'artiste Dominic Besner, Montréal, Canada
Octobre 2008, 26 min.
BUNDOCK, Pierre and François ARSENEAULT, «Dominic Besner, La mécanique des villes», Les
productions Cirque du Soleil. Short film produced by Le Cirque du Soleil and Mensi&Rioux, Montréal,
April 20 2007, 20 min.
LES PRODUCTIONS LÉA PASCAL, « *Dominic Besner - Tablo* » Diffusé sur Art TV (Radio-Canada)
2007 7 min. 09 sec.
ISLANDS PRODUCTIONS, « *La démesure des convoités* », **Novembre 2004**, 12 min. 22 sec.

CHARITABLE WORK

Dominic Besner frequently donates to a number of charities, most notably One Drop Foundation, Émergence, Art Sida, Fondation du Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec, Art of Giving, Fondation Proaction, Make-A-Wish, Fondation Lise Watier, Fondation des maladies mentales, etc.

ACTIVE MEMBER OF :

R.A.A.V. Regroupement des Artistes en Arts Visuels du Québec
S.O.D.R.A.C. Société du droit de reproduction des auteurs compositeurs et éditeurs au Canada

SPECIAL COLLABORATIONS

2019 Creation of the artwork « *Hommage aux activistes* » for The Fondation Émergence's LGBTQ+ 's
Flag, Montréal (Canada)
2017 **Land Art Project** « *Création-sur-le-champ* », *Mont-Saint-Hilaire (Canada)*
2013 Creation of an artwork to be reproduced and conceptualized by Artist Yves Thibault on a
collectible Porsche Car. Montréal (Canada)
2013 Creation of a Duo Project Besner-Ruel for Fund Raising presented by the **Quarterly Event**
Transitl,
Atelier Nicolas Ruel, Montreal, Fall (Canada)
2012 **Contemporary Art Center of Essaouira**, Artist Residency and Creation of an Artwork presented
at Casablanca Art Biennale. (Morocco)
2011 Creation of a commemorative silkscreen Limited Edition by André Lemieux
Center Félix- Antoine-Savard, Charlevoix (Canada)

- 2011** Exposition-Event MORA, Multidisciplinaries performances with Diane Dufresne, José Luis Pérez, Martin Lord-Ferguson, Eugene Draw, inspired by the Urban Tale written by Dominic Besner, **Manège Militaire of Montreal**, Montreal (Canada)
- 2008** Launching of the movie “La Mécanique des villes” (*The Mechanics of Cities*) dealing with artistic career of Dominic Besner and in situ fresco that he created for the Head Office of the *Cirque du Soleil* in Montreal. 26^e FIFA Montreal (International Film Festival on Art) Directed by Pierre Bundock, François Arsenault as a joint production of the *Cirque du Soleil* in partnership with *Mensi&Rioux*. **Montreal’s Museum of Fine Art**, Montreal (Canada)
- 2007** **Participation in Fashion show “Canvas”, by Rush Couture** (Claudette Floyd), summer collection 2008, Intervention by Besner on two dresses created by the designer. Montreal (Canada)
- 2007** Unveiling of the artwork representing the show LOVE and the Beatles produced by **Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas** (USA) Private collection of Mr. Neil Aspinall
- 2006** Creation of monumental work (architectural integration) at **Head Office of the Cirque du Soleil**, intergrating painting and stained glass. Title : « *La mécanique des villes* » Montreal (Canada)
- 2004** Exhibition-Event « **La démesure des convoités** » presented at CDP Capital. Collaboration of Eugene Draw and Canadian National Swim Team members. Montreal (Canada)
- 2003** Multidisciplinary Project by Roxanne Chamberland and Jérémie Boudrault, Theatre Play inspired by Besner’s art, « **Suspendues au cadre de la Nuit** », **Arts Station**, Mont-Saint-Hilaire (Canada)

EXTRA-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

- 2019** Member of Jury, Festival Montreal en Art, Montreal (Canada)
- 2018** Conférencier/Speaker « TRACES » Musée régional Vaudreuil-Soulanges (Canada)
- 2017** Conférencier/Speaker, Groupe Proaction International, Montreal (Canada)
- 2017** Privates Conferences at Artist Studio (Groupe of 15 artists), Montreal (Canada)
- 2015** Privates Conferences at Artist Studio (Groupe of 12 artists), Montreal (Canada)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017** BESNER, DOMINIC, *Les Madones d’Ivoire*, Les Éditions GMX, 68 p. (catalogue d’exposition)
- 2015** BESNER, DOMINIC, *Les Branches d’Ovane*, Casablanca, Maroc, 66 p. (catalogue d’exposition)
- 2015** BESNER, DOMINIC, *La singulière nature humaine*, Montréal, 32 p. (catalogue d’exposition)
- 2013** BESNER, DOMINIC, « *Humani Ex Machina* » Mensi&Rioux Toronto 72p.
- 2013** BESNER, DOMINIC, *IMMORTALIS*, Mensi&Rioux, Suzhou Museum China, 72p.
- 2011** BESNER, DOMINIC, *Mora, Un conte urbain*, Limited Edition 98 p.
- 2011** BESNER, DOMINIC, *Journal Orient Express, des nouvelles de la cité d’Euclide*, Éditions Mensi & Rioux, 39p
- 2010** BESNER, Dominic, *Hundred Words*, Éditions Mensi&Rioux, 72 p. China (catalogue d’exposition)
- 2007** Venise Cadre Gallery, *Le banquet de Nacarot*, Maroc, 2007, 32 p. (catalogue d’exposition)
- 2007** VAUDREUIL-SOULANGES REGIONAL MUSEUM, *La nuit des cités «oeuvres récentes»*, Vaudreuil-Soulanges, 2007, 40p. (catalogue d’exposition)
- 2007** ONA FOUNDATION, *Au fil de L’art «Exhibit of Dominic Besner with M. Lakhdar, A. Oiknine, K. Tassi»*, Casablanca, First Class Event, 2007, 44p.
- 2004** BESNER, Dominic, *La démesure des convoités. Dominic Besner (2000-2004)*, Montreal, Mensi & Rioux, 2004, 161 p.
- 2000** BESNER, Dominic, *Dominic Besner (1993-2000)*, Montreal, Mensi & Rioux, 2000, 128 p.