DOMINIC BESNER

Born on June 9, 1965
North Lancaster, Ontario, Canada

EDUCATION

2014: Lithography, Atelier Circulaire, Montreal (Canada)
2011: Printmaking, Atelier Circulaire, Montreal (Canada)
1992: Bachelor's in Architecture, University of Montreal (Canada)
1988: Architectural Technology, Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario (Canada)

AWARDS & HONORS

2025: Honorary President and Speaker at the Mont-Saint-Hilaire Arts Summit Biennale
2024: Album cover illustration for *ÉTAT DE SIÈGE* by Diane Dufresne
2023: Jury member for the Biennale of Drawing, Museum of Fine Arts, Mont-Saint-Hilaire
2021: Montreal Arts Council Grant for the creation of two public works
2021: Arts and Letters Council of Quebec Grant for the creation of a biographical work
2019: Artist selected for the creation of a work on the official LGBTQ+ flag, Montreal
2018: Jury member, Montreal en Art Festival
2017: Speaker at the Entrepreneurial Summit of Proaction International
2010: Artist selected to represent Canada at the Shanghai World Expo (China)
2007: Creation Grant, Canadian Embassy in Morocco

COLLECTIONS

Besner's works are included in several public, corporate, and private collections, including:
Suzhou Museum (China), Museum of Fine Arts of Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Cirque du Soleil, Loto-Québec, Casino de Charlevoix, Casino de Hull, University of Sherbrooke, Borgata Hotel, Fasken Martineau Law Firm, Gowling Lafleur Henderson Law Firm, Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Proaction International, Musée La Villa des Arts in Casablanca, Musée Pierre-Boucher, Cromwell Management, and many others.

EXHIBITIONS

2024: *Vers des Mondes*, Centre d'art Diane Dufresne, Repentigny (Canada)
2024: *Or Standard*, Galerie LeRoyer, Montreal (Canada)
2024: Art Miami, Galerie LeRoyer (USA)
2023: *Land Art Urbain "Tout est Gaïa"*, Collaboration with Jocelyn Lussier (Topia). Creation of the work "Lili Régénérescence" at Daniel A. Séguin Garden, Saint-Hyacinthe (Canada)
2023: *The Rainbow Club*, Galerie LeRoyer, Toronto (Canada)

2023: Art Miami, Galerie LeRoyer (USA)
2022: *NUMAINS*, Museum of Fine Arts, Mont-Saint-Hilaire (Canada)
2022: *Hamptons Fine Art Fair*, Onessimo Fine Art, New York (USA)
2022: *Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary*, New River Fine Art Gallery (USA)
2021: *LES INSILENCES*, Galerie LeRoyer, Montreal (Canada)
2021: Urban Canvas for the "Quand l'art prend l'air" program by the Montreal Arts Council and La Maison de la Culture Maisonneuve. Morgan Park and Thomas-Chapais Park, Montreal (Canada)
2021: Art Miami, Galerie LeRoyer (USA)
2021: Art Toronto, Galerie LeRoyer (Canada)
2020: *Focus on the Work of Besner*, Galerie LeRoyer, Montreal (Canada)
2020: Art Palm Springs, Onessimo Fine Art (USA)
2020: Art Palm Beach, Onessimo Fine Art (USA)
2019: *Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary*, Onessimo Fine Art Gallery, (USA)
2019: Art New York, Onessimo Fine Art Gallery (USA)
2018: *Strophes d'une poésie*, Galerie d'art Antoine-Sirois, University of Sherbrooke
2017: *Les madones d'ivoire*, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
2017: *Foire Art Murale*, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
2016: TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto (Canada)
2016: *Art of Tolerance*, Rabat, Paris, London
2015: *Les branches d'Ovane*, SO ART Gallery, Casablanca (Morocco)
2015: *La singulière nature humaine*, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
2013: *IMMORTALIS*, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou (China)
2013: *HUMANI EX MACHINA*, Thompson Landry Gallery, Toronto (Canada)
2012: *Casablanca International Art Biennale*, SO ART GALLERY (Morocco)
2012: *The Light Side of the Moon*, Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale (USA)
2011: *MORA, Un conte urbain*, Manège Militaire Côte-des-Neiges, Montreal (Canada)
2010: *Hundred Words for China*, CANART Gallery, Beijing (China)
2010: *Art of Giving* at Saatchi Gallery, invited by the One Drop Foundation, London (UK)
2010: *Western China International Art Biennale*, Q-Art Belgium, Yinchuan (China)
2009: *La voyageuse du temps*, Galerie Iris, Baie-St-Paul (Canada)
2009: *Espace Création*, Loto-Québec, Montreal (Canada)
2008: *Make-A-Wish Exhibition*, Galerie MX, Montreal (Canada)
2007: *Exhibition "Au fil de l'Art"*, Musée La Villa des Arts, Casablanca and Rabat (Morocco)
2007: *Le banquet de Nacarat*, Galerie Venise-Cadre, Casablanca (Morocco)
2007: *La nuit des cités*, Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Vaudreuil-Soulanges (Canada)
2004: *La démesure des convoités*, Caisse de Dépôt et Placements, Montreal (Canada)
2004: TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Teodora Fine Art, Toronto (Canada)
2004: *La Xe cité révolue*, Cirque du Soleil Headquarters, Montreal (Canada)
2003: *Quebec en Mexico!*, Las Artes Museum, University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara (Mexico)
2002: *Le cri des lunes*, Galerie Estampe Plus, Quebec (Canada)
2000: *La relève à l'aube du XXIème siècle*, Musée Pierre-Boucher, Trois-Rivières (Canada)

MULTIMEDIA, FILMS, AND AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTIONS

- Lawrence Dupuis, *Portrait*, supported by the Quebec Arts and Letters Council (CALQ), Montreal 2022, 7 min 15 sec
- Dominic Besner, *Les insilences* at Galerie LeRoyer, by ACEMEDIA, Montreal, September 2021, 1 min 33 sec and 33 sec
- Patrick Péris, *Dominic Besner does Land Art*, GMX Productions, Montreal, October 2017, 5 min 47 sec
- Pierre Bundock and Danielle Debellefeuilles, *MORA, an Urban Tale*, GMX Productions, Montreal, November 2011, 3 min 17 sec
- Francisque Bégin, *Expression*, TV5, Documentary on Artist Dominic Besner, Montreal, Canada, October 2008, 26 min
- Pierre Bundock and François Arseneault, *Dominic Besner, The Mechanics of Cities*, Cirque du Soleil Productions, Montreal, April 2007, 20 min
- Islands Productions, *La démesure des convoités*, November 2004, 12 min 22 sec
- Léa Pascal Productions, *Dominic Besner - Tablo*, Broadcast on Art TV (Radio-Canada), 2002, 7 min 09 sec

PUBLICATIONS

2024: *CENTRE D'ART DIANE-DUFRESNE*, *Vers des Mondes*, exhibition pamphlet, 24 p.
2022: *MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE MONT-SAINT-HILAIRE*, *NUMAINS*, exhibition catalog, 72 p.
2021: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Les insilences*, exhibition catalog, 44 p.
2017: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Les Madones d'Ivoire*, exhibition catalog, 68 p.
2015: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Les Branches d'Ovane*, exhibition catalog, 66 p.
2011: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Mora, Un conte urbain. Journal de la cité*, 98 p.
2011: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Orient Express, des nouvelles de la cité d'Euclide*, Édition GMR, 39 p.
2010: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Hundred Words*, Montreal, Éditions GMR, 72 p.
2007: *VENISE CADRE GALLERY*, *Le banquet de Nacarat*, Morocco, 32 p.
2007: *MUSÉE VAUDREUIL-SOULANGES*, *La nuit des cités "oeuvres récentes"*, 40 p.
2007: *FONDATION ONA*, *Au fil de l'art*, Casablanca, First Class Even, 44 p.
2007: *JEAN-BAPTISTE BOUCHARD & ÉLISE TREMBLAY*, *Quand on aime, on a toujours vingt ans*, Galerie Iris, Baie-Saint-Paul, Gestion Koppa Ltd., 40-41 p.
2004: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *La démesure des convoités. Dominic Besner (2000-2004)*, Montreal, Éditions GMX, 161 p.
2002: *ROBERT BERNIER*, *La peinture au Québec depuis 1960*, Montreal, Les Éditions de l'Homme, p. 220-221.
2000: *DOMINIC BESNER*, *Dominic Besner (1993-2000)*, Montreal, Mensi & Rioux, 128 p.