

Peter Dušek, OSA

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Artist Statement

Peter Dušek is an award-winning artist who uses photography to explore visual art as a universal language to evoke emotion using colour, abstraction of landscape elements, and a dash of surrealism. With the simplicity and cutting power of a haiku poem, each of his toned photographs is a visual expression that many people say recalls memories of their past. Seeking the perfect balance between too much and too little, his signature minimalist design goal is “as little as possible, as much as necessary”.

Peter’s first solo exhibition, *Tranquility*, at Abbozzo Gallery in 2015, sold out almost two and a half times over, with Saks Fifth Avenue acquiring 38 pieces to represent Canadian Art at their Toronto stores. He was awarded “Best of 2015” by the American Society of Media Photographers and “Best Work by an Emerging Artist” and “The President’s Medal” by the Ontario Society of Artists. His work has been shown at the Affordable Art Fair in New York City, alongside art from 70 international galleries. Articles about Peter and his work have been published in magazines and newspapers, including a feature article in *Arabella Art and Design* magazine.

Peter had his second major exhibition, *Serenity*, at Abbozzo Gallery in 2017 as part of the Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, the largest photography event in the world. *Serenity* was the location for an exclusive gathering of Ontario’s top architects and designers, hosted by Global Furniture Group, who hold ten of his pieces. He has exhibited in numerous galleries across Canada and the USA. Peter’s work is held in private and corporate collections throughout North America as well as the Government of Ontario Art Collection. Four of his pieces hang in a spectacular Toronto penthouse and two were selected by renowned Canadian designer, Sarah Richardson, for a very exclusive private chalet.

After a successful pop-up exhibition in the town of Creemore, Ontario, Peter decided to stay permanently and opened the Peter Dušek Gallery in 2022.

Peter was elected to the Ontario Society of Artists in 2015 (where he served on the board of directors) and the Society of Canadian Artists in 2016.

Born in Bratislava, Slovakia, Peter moved to Canada when he was seven years old. He lives in the beautiful Hockley Valley, Ontario with his wife, dog and cat, exploring the countryside by motorcycle, bicycle and on foot. His frequent excursions give him a deep familiarity and affinity with some of Ontario’s most beautiful lands.

Gallery Representation

Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Westland Gallery, London, Ontario, Canada
Peter Dušek Gallery, Creemore, Ontario, Canada
Paul Paletti Gallery / Naomi Stuecker, Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Corporate and Public Collections

Saks Fifth Avenue	38 works
Global Furniture Group	12 works
Smallrock	commissioned work
Multimatic	4 works
Scotiabank	
HLS Therapeutics	
POI Business Interiors	
JRB Group	
Rawley Resort	
Government of Ontario Art Collection - Archives of Ontario	

Designers, Architects and Art Consultants

Cynthia Colby Culture Art
Emily Griffin Design
Johnson Chou Design
Land of Dochia
Sarah Richardson Design

Awards

2019 *The President's Medal*, Ontario Society of Artists
2018 *Honourable Mention*, IPA International Photography Awards 2018
2017 *Best Landscape Award*, RMG Exposed, Art auction, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, ON
People's Choice, McMichael Canadian Art Collection / Ontario Greenbelt / Professional Photographers of Canada, ON
2016 Elected to the Society of Canadian Artists
Honourable Mention, IPA International Photography Awards 2016
Honourable Mention, Ontario Society of Artists *Members' Exhibition of Selected Works*, Toronto
Curry's Award, Ontario Society of Artists, Toronto, ON
2015 Elected to the Ontario Society of Artists
ASMP Best of 2015, American Society of Media Photographers, USA
Honourable Mention, IPOTY International Photographer of the Year
Best Work by an Emerging Artist, Ontario Society of Artists, Toronto, ON
Honourable Mention, Neutral Density Photography Awards, ND Magazine
Juror's Choice Second Place, Orangeville Art Group, Orangeville, ON
2014 *Juror's Choice*, Headwaters Arts, Headwaters Arts Gallery, Alton, ON

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Tranquility*, Terre Bleu, Elora, ON
- 2022- *Shibumi / Free and Easy Wandering*, Peter Dušek Gallery, Creemore, ON
- 2022 *Shibumi*, Pop-up exhibition in Creemore, ON
- 2020 *Shibumi*, Westland Gallery, London, ON
- 2019 *Works from Dufferin*, Orangeville Visitor Information Centre, Orangeville, ON
- 2018 *Shibumi*, Paul Paletti Gallery, Louisville, KY, USA
- 2017 *Shibumi*, Louisville Photo Biennial, West Street Art Center/Paul Paletti Gallery, Madison, IN, USA
Shibumi, Waterloo Region Courthouse, Kitchener, ON
Serenity, Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, ON
Works from Caledon, Belfountain Chamber Music Festival, Caledon, ON
Works from Headwaters, Theatre Orangeville, Orangeville, ON
- 2016 *Tranquility*, Headwaters Arts Gallery, Alton Mill Arts Centre, Caledon, ON
Works from Ontario, Millcroft Inn & Spa, Caledon, ON
- 2015 *Works from Tranquility*, Feature Gallery at Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, ON
Caledon, Millcroft Inn & Spa, Caledon, ON
A Roundabout Way, The Gibson Centre, Alliston, ON
Tranquility, Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, ON

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *POI Gala for Designers and Architects*, POI Business Interiors, Toronto, ON
- 2023 *60th Anniversary Ojibway Club Art Show*, Ojibway Club, Pointe Au Baril, ON
- 2022 *Ontario Society of Artists 150th Anniversary Exhibition*, The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario's Suite at Queens Park, Toronto, ON
- 2022 *Standing Up For Ontario's Old Growth Forests*, Arts & Letters Club, Toronto, ON
- 2021 *Annual Ojibway Club Art Show*, Ojibway Club, Pointe Au Baril, ON
- 2021 *Breath. Heart. Spirit.* Ontario Society of Artists, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, ON
- 2020 *N3XT Canadian Art Competition*, Arts & Letters Club, Toronto, ON
Trees, PhotoPlace Gallery, Middlebury, VT, USA
- 2019 *RMG Exposed*, Fine art photography auction, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, ON
The Print, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON
Phenom, Invitational show, Headwaters Arts, Alton Mill, Caledon, ON
Master Works of the Ontario Society of Artists, Westland Gallery, London, ON
Society of Canadian Artists 51st Open International Exhibition, Todmorden Mills, Toronto
Members' Exhibition of Selected Works, Ontario Society of Artists, Withrow Common Gallery, Toronto Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON
Noir, Connections Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2018 *25th Anniversary Exhibition*, Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, ON
2018 Annual Ojibway Club Art Show, Ojibway Club, Pointe Au Baril, ON
Towers to Trees, OCAD University, The Jam Factory T.O., Toronto, ON
Winter, Under the Sun, First Canadian Place Gallery, First Canadian Place, Toronto, ON
- 2017 *OSA New Members' Exhibition*, Ontario Society of Artists, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON
RMG Exposed, Fine art photography auction, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, ON

- 49th National Open Juried Exhibition*, Society of Canadian Artists, Todmorden Mills, Toronto
Oh Canada, Society of Canadian Artists, Gallery 78, Fredericton, NB
Mosaic, Ontario Society of Artists 145th Anniversary Exhibition, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, ON
Ontario Greenbelt Photo Exhibit, McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg, ON. People's Choice Award
2017 Open International Online Exhibition, Society of Canadian Artists, Canada
- 2016 *Members' Exhibition of Selected Works*, Ontario Society of Artists, Todmorden Mills, Toronto, ON
Large Works Show, Society of Canadian Artists 48th National Open Juried Exhibition, Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, Etobicoke, ON
Suspension & Motion, Ontario Society of Artists 143rd Open Juried Exhibition, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON. Curry's Award for "Kung Fu Doodle"
- 2015 *Affordable Art Fair*, Abbozzo Gallery at The Metropolitan Pavilion, New York, USA
Kunterbunt, Durham Art Gallery, Durham, ON
Members' Exhibition of Selected Works, Ontario Society of Artists, Todmorden Mills, Toronto, ON. Award for Best Work by an Emerging Artist
Beaux-Arts Brampton Open Juried Exhibition, Beaux-Arts Brampton, Brampton, ON
- 2014 *Headwaters Arts Festival Show & Sale*, Juried show, SGI Canada Centre, Caledon, ON
Insights Juried Art Exhibition, Wellington County Museum & Archives, Elora, ON
Desmond Juried Art Exhibition, University of Guelph, Ridgetown, ON
Awakenings, Juried show, Headwaters Arts Gallery, Caledon, ON. Juror's Choice Award for "Morning Shadows"

Publications & Interviews

- 2022 [More With Less](#), *On The Bay Magazine*
- 2022 [Hockley Artist Brings Shibumi To Creemore](#), *Creemore Echo*
- 2020 [‘Art is as important as anything’ during COVID-19 madness](#), *Orangeville Citizen*
- 2019 [Photographer Peter Dušek is Finding Art’s Way in Business](#), *Orangeville Citizen*
[Noir/Chroma Spotlight: Peter Dušek](#), *Connections Gallery*
- 2018 “Headwaters Inspired Profile: Peter Dušek”, *Headwaters Inspired*
- 2017 [“Living in the Interval, Artist to Collect: Peter Dusek”](#), *Arabella Magazine*
[“Peter Dusek: Poet Photographer”](#), *Orangeville Citizen*
[“Photo Contest Highlights Ontario’s Greenbelt”](#), *Toronto Star*
[“Portrait of Orangeville Dog at Island Lake Wins Ontario Greenbelt Photo Contest”](#),
The Orangeville Banner
- 2016 [“Finding Zen”](#), Short film by Stephen Vacheff, YouTube.com
[“Photographer has Zen-inspired Work in Gallery at Alton Mill”](#), *Orangeville Citizen*
- 2015 [“Peter Dusek”](#), *ASMP Best of 2015 Magazine*, American Society of Media Photographers
[“Artist in Residence: Peter Dusek”](#), *In The Hills Magazine*
[“Rotary Etobicoke Photographer Named ‘\[Best\] Emerging Artist’ by Ontario Society of Artists”](#), *InsideToronto.com* and *The Etobicoke Guardian*
[“Hockley Valley Artist Offers Unique Views”](#), *The Orangeville Banner*
- 2014 “Headwaters Arts Festival Show & Sale: Autumn’s Canvas”, *In The Hills Magazine*

Affiliations/Memberships

2016 - present	Ontario Society of Artists (director 2016-2021)
2013 - 2022	Rotary Club of Etobicoke
2018 - 2019	News Photographers Association of Canada (NPAC)
2017 - 2018	Society of Canadian Artists
2015 - 2018	Town of Mono Heritage Advisory Committee
2015 - 2016	Orangeville Art Group (director)
2014 - 2018	American Society of Media Professionals (ASMP)
2013 - 2017	Headwaters Arts
2013 - 2016	Headwaters Camera Club (president in 2015)

Education

Inside the Canadian Art Market, OCAD University, Toronto, Ontario
Japanese Sumi-e painting under artist Roslyn Levin, Orangeville, Ontario
Bachelor of Mathematics, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

Speaking, Teaching, and Leadership Experience

- 2022 Artist talk, *Minimalist Photography In Winter*, Barrie Photo Club
- 2016 - 2023 Board Member and Webmaster, Ontario Society of Artists
- 2019 Lecture, Architectural Photography, Don Mills Camera Club, Toronto
- 2017 Artist talk, *Shibumi*, West Street Art Center, Madison, IN, USA
- 2017 Artist talk, Ontario Society of Artists, Aurora Cultural Center
- 2017 Artist talk, Art Dealers Association of Canada, Abbozzo Gallery
- 2015 - 2016 Director and webmaster, Orangeville Art Group
- 2015 *Photography As a Visual Art*, Orangeville Art Group, Orangeville, Ontario
- 2015 - 2016 Co-president, Headwaters Camera Club
- 2014 Entrepreneurship Mentor, Scarlett Heights Secondary School, Etobicoke, Ontario
- 2013 - present Various presentations and talks, Rotary Club of Etobicoke, Etobicoke, Ontario
- 2001 - 2002 Trail Leader, Jeep Jamboree Canada, Ontario
- 2001 - 2002 Trail Leader and Trail Guide, London & Area Jeep Owners Club, Ontario
- 2000 - 2016 Many speaking presentations as part of computer consulting career

Career Outside of Fine Art

- 2013 - present Architectural photographer. Numerous photo publications on architect, corporate, commercial, charity, and government websites, magazines, and brochures.
- To 2016 Computer consultant. Software and large-scale database design and programming for numerous large corporations in Ontario.