

2018 Paved Paradise Artists Biographies

Tara Cameron

Tara Cameron was born an odd duck and has been such her entire life, having never fit into any of the neatly labeled human boxes. She was born in Nanaimo, British Columbia and has lived in Kingston, Ontario on and off since she was a child. A photographer, visual artist and fiction writer, Tara currently resides in Kingston with her partner, kids and pet menagerie.

Carolina Rojas

Carolina Rojas was born in Santiago, Chile. Carolina realized that photography was her true calling in 2013 and has been passionate about photography ever since. Carolina has worked for Snapd Kingston and currently is a member of the Kingston Photographic Club. She has distinguished herself as a photographer and has won the Botany Certificate for the CAPA Club Nature Competition in 2016. In addition, Carolina has exhibited her work at several galleries including Gallery Raymond and the Window Gallery and currently has one of her pieces displayed at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Anna Soper

Anna Soper has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from OCAD University, where she won the OCAD University Medal in 2011. She studied at the Glasgow School of Art, and has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Western University. Anna has exhibited her artwork in Toronto, New York, London, UK, and Kingston.

A Flora of Kingston evokes the forgotten history of the Botanical Society of Canada.

Founded in Kingston in 1860, the Botanical Society of Canada maintained active correspondence with the nineteenth century's leading botanists, and created one of Canada's first botanical gardens. However, the Society was short-lived. Through an interdisciplinary project incorporating photography, archival material, and social media, Anna's work revives the Society's ambitious spirit.

Iris van Loon

Iris van Loon loves making photographs. Born in the Netherlands, her family moved every three years, and when she was 12 years old, they moved to Curaçao, an island in the Caribbean, where she bought her first camera and from that time on photography has always been a part of her. Once she left home, she kept on moving and traveling. She has lived in the Middle East, after which she backpacked for months through Southeast Asia before settling down for eight years in the Caribbean. In 2004 Iris moved to Canada and made Kingston her hometown.

Maurice Gauvin

Maurice Gauvin is a visual artist currently focusing on photography. He has also done sculpture and has collaborated with Shayne Dark since 2013 on numerous sculpture installations in Calgary, Buffalo, Miami and New York. He has participated in several group shows in the Kingston area for both his photography and sculpture.

Originally from Montreal, he has lived in Ottawa and Whistler and now resides in Kingston. His photographic interests reside primarily in landscape and still life photos, which can be characterized by their balanced compositions, strong contrasts and the use of bright, bold colours.

Frank Carone

Frank Carone started taking pictures as a hobby in his early twenties while at the University of Toronto. Much of the work was street photography and portraits. He started off artistically drawing and illustrating but loved the surprise and documentary capability of film photography. Frank quit university for a job at Morris Studios, where he got to work with Canada's top fashion photographers producing catalogs and other jobs in print. Following this, he joined the world of advertising and began working with a new group of photographers at Westside Studio where he was exposed to a different creative process. In 2005, Frank decided to change careers and he completed a diploma in Massage Therapy and has been practicing Massage and Shiatsu since. He is also a Certified Taijiquan and Baguazhang Instructor with the Toronto Tai Chi and Meditation Center. He has kept his love for film photography and continues to shoot. He believes the Healing Arts, Martial Arts and Liberal Arts are essential to keeping individuals and society balanced and healthy.