

# EVAN LOCKE

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Evan is a Victoria based painter with a background in the architectural industry. He has been working to turn the expressive nature of abstract painting into a pragmatic and explicable one. The paintings function to visually describe their own assemblage while also exploring intersection of sculpture and painting as object or image. While the paintings borrow on a visual aesthetic of abstract expressionist and colour field traditions, the impetus is built around accessing tactile memories through material recognition. The resulting constructions emphasize physical interaction and bodily association over the aesthetic experience and are meant to connect with viewers on a tangible level. With process at the forefront, there is no longer a need for the presentation of materials to suspend disbelief or satisfy the expectation of pictorial painting for a viewer. Instead, a representation or confrontation with reality is uncovered.

## Education

- 2017 MFA Candidate, University of Victoria, Victoria BC
- 2008 BFA(Hons), University of Victoria, Victoria BC

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 *bottled post-structure*, Ministry of Casual Living Odeon Alley Window, Victoria BC
- 2016 *Actualities*, Audain Gallery, University of Victoria, Victoria BC
- 2011 *Putting Holes in Things*, Ministry of Casual Living, Victoria BC
- 2009 *Brass Tack Tact*, Xchanges Gallery, Victoria BC
- 2008 *Constructivision*, Ministry of Casual Living, Victoria BC
- 2008 *Benefit for Material Awareness*, The Fifty Fifty Arts Collective, Victoria BC

## Group Shows

- 2016 Duo Show of Paintings w/Luke Garrison, Polychrome Fine Art, Victoria BC
- 2016 *Makeshifter*, Audain Gallery, University of Victoria, Victoria BC
- 2015 *In Cahoots (Synergy)*, The Slide Room Gallery, Victoria BC
- 2015 *Expressions in Abstract*, Deer Lake Gallery, Burnaby BC
- 2013 *Beautiful Decay*, Positive Negative Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2010 *Trash bag, Peepshow, Glory hole (w/Phil Osborne)*, Ministry of Casual Living, Victoria BC
- 2009 Factory 168 Art Project, Victoria Event Centre, Victoria BC
- 2008 *Dialectic (w/Jenn Boyd)*, The Fifty Fifty Arts Collective, Victoria BC
- 2008 *H\*T SH\*T*, Visual Arts Building, University of Victoria, Victoria BC

## Awards

- 2016 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's
- 2016 University of Victoria Graduate Award
- 2015 University of Victoria Graduate Award
- 2008 Royal Canadian Academy of Arts' 2008 C.D. Howe Scholarship
- 2007 Audrey St. Denys & M.E. Johnson Scholarship in Fine Arts – University of Victoria