



The fine art of Cory Trépanier has inspired and engaged thousands with the beauty of our Canadian lands, waters and skies. Cory's interaction with his subject through extensive exploration transforms his canvases into compelling paintings in oil. In the end, a viewer of these works is faced with more than just a representation of a place and time, but is transported there through the artist's unique vision. His quickly rising profile has been aided by the multi-faceted approach taken to his career and has gained him extensive exposure on television, radio, print and the internet. Cory has also applied his creative talents to the production of his own televised documentaries, and through public speaking. Through these ongoing efforts a vast audience is becoming aware of his work and the subject he paints. On this path, the name Cory Trépanier is growing synonymous with the Canadian landscape and the exploration of it.

### **Art Background**

Graduated in 1990 from Sheridan College, and began immediately freelancing as a commercial illustrator, creating paintings for numerous government agencies, magazines, advertising agencies and private companies. Some of his clients/projects over these years included:

- 1990-2000: The National Capital Commission in Ottawa (series of illustrations including Winterlude Festival posters), Campbell's, IBM, Ontario Out of Doors magazine, Outdoor Canada magazine, Outdoor Life magazine, and more.
  - 1999-2003: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources: 3 major commissions for paintings for the production of promotional/educational posters. 1999: "Cold Comfort", 2000: "The Living Coast", 2003: "Oak Ridges Moraine".
  - 2003: The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority: "The Humber".
- Visit his website for full more details on these projects.

### **Major Independent Projects**

Taking his art beyond the realm of his paintings, Cory has undertaken his own multi-faceted projects:

- 2001-2004: *The "COAST To CANVAS Project"*. This project saw the artist and his family spend almost a month in each season exploring the coasts of Lake Superior and Georgian Bay. During these treks, the Trépaniers paddled, camped and filmed while Cory painted. The result was a touring exhibition in 2004 consisting of over 30 oil paintings and a 1-hour documentary that shared their experiences and the creative process.
- 2006- present: The *"Into The ARCTIC Project: An Artist's Journey to the North"*, a multi-year project that is seeing Cory travel extensively in the Canadian arctic over several years, developing a collection of 40 original oil paintings from this magnificent land. He is creating awareness for this important environment and sharing the experience through television documentaries, online video journals, photos, and exhibition tour and more.

### **Exhibition/ Unveilings Highlights**

- 2000: McMichael Canadian Art Collection group show (invited by curators of show).
- 2000: Bush Plane Museum in Sault Ste. Marie. Unveiling of "The Living Coast" with then assistant to Minister of Natural Resources Ted Chudleigh.
- 2003: McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Unveiling of "The Humber" original oil painting.
- 2004: Dufferin County Museum. The COAST To CANVAS Exhibition Tour, 5-week solo exhibition.
- 2004: Old Fort William, Thunder Bay. The COAST To CANVAS Exhibition Tour, 5-week solo exhibition.

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- 2004: The Art Gallery of Algoma. The COAST To CANVAS Exhibition Tour, 4-week solo exhibition.

### **Speaking Engagements:**

- 2004: Trailhead Show in Ottawa
- 2005: The McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Multi-media talk on his life as “An Artist in the Wilderness”
- 2006-2009: Sony Canada, Empire Theatre, various local schools/organizations

### **Media Highlights:**

#### *Television appearances:*

- 2000-2001: Plugged-In, Bob Izumi’s Real Fishing and Cottage Life Television
- 2002: CBC Newsworld/ Country Canada Channel
- 2004: LTV News (Sault Ste. Marie web newscast)

#### *Radio/Podcast Interviews:*

- 2002: CBC Radio ONE “Summer North” and AM800 CKLW Windsor, “Live & Local”
- 2004: CBC Radio Canada, “Estiva” and CBC Radio (Susan Wade)
- 2006: Digital Production Buzz
- 2007: Doing Stuff Outdoors and CBC Radio, Iqaluit

#### *Selected articles about Cory and his work:*

- 1999-2003: Stories in The Enterprise, Sault Star, In The Hills
- 2004: “Artist Captures Superb...”, Thunder Bay Source, by Linda Maehans (newspaper)
- 2004: Adventure Kayak (magazine) and Family Camping (magazine)
- 2005: “Word and Paintings of Caledon Landscapes”, Caledon Living (magazine)
- 2006: “Cory Trepanier’s Excellent Adventures”, Sideroads (magazine), Barb Campbell
- 2006: “A Natural Canvas”, Starweek, Peter Goddard (magazine)
- 2007: “Intrepid Artists...”, The Enterprise (newspaper), Barb Campbell
- 2008: “Cory Trépanier Tackles A New Adventure”, Sideroads (newspaper)
- 2008: “Nature Rugged Beauty Recorded in Paint”, Brushstrokes Magazine
- 2009: “Tradition Meets Tech”, Caledon Living Magazine
- 2009: “Cool Change” and “ Not A Ripple”, Sault Star, James Smedley (newspaper)

### **Film Production:**

- 2004: “A Painter’s Odyssey” developed by Cory for COAST To CANVAS Exhibition Tour
- 2005: “A Painter’s Odyssey” wins at Waterwalker Film Festival (goes on tour to over 20 places in Canada and US)
- 2006: “A Painter’s Odyssey” going to air in March on Bravo! television
- 2007: “Into The Arctic: An Artist’s Journey to the North” premieres on Bravo! television (english) and on Canal D (french)
- 2008: “Into The Arctic: An Artist’s Journey to the North” premieres on SCN and CLT.
- 2009: “Into The Arctic: An Artist’s Journey to the North” on big screen at Empire Theatre, Bolton.
- 2010: in post-production on Into The Arctic II

Whether in the rolling hills behind his studio, or further afield in some of our nations’ parks and other marvelous locations, the variety that can be found in this vast creation is a continual source of inspiration. Surrounded by the outdoors in the hills of Caledon East, Ontario, Cory lives with his wife Janet, and two young daughters, Andie and Sydney.

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