

DAVID FIRMAN

PHOTOWORKS

BIOGRAPHY AND ARTIST CV

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BIOGRAPHY: ARCHITECTURE

Graduate of the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Architecture, receiving his Bachelor of Environmental Studies in 1974 and Masters of Architecture degree in 1980. Registered architect in Manitoba, 1983-2011. Worked with the Historic Resources Branch, Province of Manitoba, 1980-2010, as architect specializing in heritage building conservation.

BIOGRAPHY: PHOTOGRAPHY

Self-taught in photography since high school. Major involvement with photography as a fine art commenced in 1980 and has continued without pause since then. In 2010, created sole-proprietorship business, David Firman Photoworks, dedicated to the pursuit of fine art photography and to public art projects that integrate photography and design to create rich urban experiences.

ARTIST CV

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS

2012

ELEVATOR LOBBIES, HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE, WINNIPEG. Commissioned photography.

2011

TRANSCONA PERFORMANCE PAVILION, WINNIPEG. \$250,000 budget.

2010

ENTRANCE ROTUNDA, HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE, 700 William Street, Winnipeg. \$80,000 budget.

2009

DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG BIZ. 91" x 281" photo mural (Sterling Building from Shall We Dance? series) in a downtown skywalk pedestrian bridge (juried).

PUBLICATIONS

2018

OLYMPUS PASSION MAGAZINE, ISSUE 12 (MAY 2018), "What's in my camera bag" with images from various long-distance walks.

2017

BROKEN PENCIL MAGAZINE, ISSUE 75 (SPRING), book review of Walking Styxx (with photo excerpts)

2015

GEEZ MAGAZINE, ISSUE 38, SUMMER 2015, 5 images and essay from the series "Walking Styxx: a month of psychogeographic walks with a greyhound".

2014

WALKING STYXX: A MONTH OF PSYCHOGEOGRAPHIC WALKS WITH A GREYHOUND, self-published Blurb book.

A DÉRIVE TO THE AIRPORT, self-published Blurb book.

2009

GEEZ MAGAZINE, ISSUE 13, SPRING 2009, 5 images from the Walk_Sketch series.

2008

BLACKFLASH, ISSUE 25.3, 2008, Honourable Mention in juried "Moving and Still Image Contest".

AWARDS

2006

BLACK AND WHITE SPIDER AWARDS HONOR OF DISTINCTION in the category of Fine Art (an international juried competition, catalogue produced) London, UK.

2005

MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL PROJECT GRANT (juried), for The Walk Project.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018

WALKING STYXX, Winnipeg Architecture Foundation, Winnipeg

2017

RAMEN RAMBLES, Gas Station Arts Centre, Winnipeg

2015

NIGHT ATLAS, Winnipeg Architecture Foundation, Winnipeg

2010

WALK, Martha Street Studio/Manitoba Printmakers' Association, Winnipeg.

1997

GRASSLANDS and SILVER, The Manitoba Studio Series, Winnipeg Art Gallery (exhibition brochure produced).

1993-4

IN A CIRCLE OF LIGHT, Thompson Gallery, Thompson; Leaf Rapids National Exhibition Centre, Leaf Rapids; Portage and District Arts Council, Portage La Prairie; Carberry North Cypress Art Gallery, Carberry; Burrows Trail Art Gallery, McCreary; Moose Jaw Art Museum, Moose Jaw; Dauphin Allied Arts Centre (circulated by Visual Arts Manitoba).

1990

IN A CIRCLE OF LIGHT, Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, Winnipeg (catalogue).

1988

TRAIL MARKERS, The Floating Gallery, Winnipeg.

1984

THE LAKE AND OTHER PRAIRIE VIEWS, The Floating Gallery, Winnipeg (represented in the gallery's annual catalogue).

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

1986

FIRMAN/KIRTON: TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS, Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, Winnipeg.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

August 4-27, 2017

RAMEN RAMBLES, selected for the 2nd Juried PhotoBook Exhibition at the Vermont Center for Photography

Dec 2014 to May 2015

CLOCKS FOR SEEING: PHOTOGRAPHY, TIME AND MOTION, National Gallery Of Canada, Ottawa

May 2010

CONTACT 2010, "*Photographers You Should Know About*" , The Elaine Fleck Gallery, Toronto (juried, catalogue)

March 4-7, 2010

THE ARTIST PROJECT TORONTO, juried art fair.

August 13-17, 2009

RE:PLACE group exhibition, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville GA (juried).

March, 2009

THE ARTIST PROJECT TORONTO, juried art fair.

2004

CONTACT TORONTO PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL, Canadian Photographers of Ukrainian Heritage, KUMF Gallery, Toronto

2001

PANORAMAS: THE NORTH AMERICAN LANDSCAPE IN ART, Virtual Museum of Canada,
Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN)

1996-8

BEFORE THE LAND, BEHIND THE CAMERA, Canadian Museum of Contemporary
Photography (CMCP), Ottawa. Also traveled to Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Alberta College of Art,
Calgary; Owens Art Gallery, Mount Allison University (circulated by CMCP)

1991

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE GALLERY, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg
MELNYCHENKO GALLERY, Winnipeg
SYNERGOS II, Winnipeg and various locations in Ukraine (catalogue)

1987

LATENT IMAGES, Gallery 44, Toronto, Ontario
CONTEMPORARY ART IN MANITOBA, Winnipeg Art Gallery and various galleries in Canada
(catalogue)

1986

A SENSE OF PLACE, Winnipeg Art Gallery (catalogue)

1985

PHOTOGRAPHY IN WINNIPEG, Belgrade, Zagreb and other cities in the former Yugoslavia
(catalogue)

PHOTOPERSPECTIVES 85, Presentation House Gallery, Vancouver (catalogue)

COLLECTIONS

WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA, Ottawa

VISUAL ARTS BANK, Manitoba Arts Council

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA, Art Collection

CANADIAN CENTRE OF ARCHITECTURE, Montreal