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CARL BEAM

"Beam's message is urgent and inescapable: if knowledge is power then most people today are powerless in the face of forces that shape--and then threaten--their lives. Self-awareness, however painful, is the first step to a larger social sense of responsibility, and personal control."

- Elizabeth McLuhan, art critic, 1987

Carl Beam was born in West Bay, Manitoulin Island, in 1943. His art education began in 1971 at the Kootenay School of Art; he graduated in 1973, obtained his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Victoria in 1974, and went on to study at the University of Alberta from 1976 to 1977. He has won an Ontario Arts Council grant and a Canada Council grant. Carl Beam lives in Peterborough, Ontario.

Selected Exhibitions (s-solo, g-group, t-travelling)

- 1990 - Gottlieb Gallery, Toronto, Ontario (s)  
- Power Plant, Toronto, Ontario (g)
- 1987 - Museum of the Southwest, Los Angeles, California (g)  
- National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario (g)
- 1986 - Brignall Gallery, Toronto, Ontario (s)
- 1985 - Laurentian Arts Centre, Sudbury, Ontario (s)  
- Meervart Gallery, Amsterdam, Holland (g)
- 1984 - Scharf Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico (s)
- 1983 - Gallery 10, New York, United States (s)
- 1982 - Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario (s)
- 1981 - *Confluences of Change and Tradition*, California, Iowa, Illinois, New York, Texas (s,t)
- 1980 - *New College Indian Art Collection*, University of Toronto, Ontario (g)
- 1979 - Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, West Bay, Ontario (g)
- 1977 - Eagle Dawn Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta (s)
- 1976 - Emily Carr Centre, Victoria, British Columbia (s)

Selected Collections

Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa, Ontario  
Art Gallery of Hamilton, Ontario  
McMichael Canadian Collection, Kleinburg, Ontario  
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario  
Power Plant, Toronto, Ontario