



into prominence. In the past few years surrealism has spawned the "magic realism" of such acclaimed painters as Alex Colville, whose art reveals the poetry of the ordinary in day to day life.

The vision and breadth of contemporary Canadian society are reflected in another art form, architecture. From Moshe Safdie's unique apartment complex, Habitat (built for Expo'67 in Montreal), to Arthur Erickson's mountain-top Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canadian architecture has begun to develop a bold tradition of its own.



Art and the Native Peoples

Totem poles were the first Amerindian sculptures considered to be works of art. Their "discovery" dates from the first half of the nineteenth century, although totemic art had been practised long before then. The art flourished until about 1880, when it went into decline.