



WANDA KOOP

"One of Winnipeg artist Wanda Koop's greatest assets has always been her ability to handle scale and to create a sense of monumentality and limitlessness. Koop moves effortlessly between controlled formalism and intuitive painterliness to meet her expressive ends. Her images are emblematic, reduced abstractions, often of solitary objects, encompassing a sense of space, form and colour which is prairie-derived. A vigorous and energetic painter who applies paint instinctively and spontaneously, Koop achieves a kind of painterly-induced vertigo. The reaction to her work is visceral."
- Southern Alberta Art Gallery, 1991

Wanda Koop was born in Vancouver in 1951. She studied at the University of Manitoba School of Fine Arts and received her diploma in 1973. She has travelled extensively throughout Canada, Great Britain, the United States and China, and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Victoria, the University of Saskatchewan, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, the Windsor Art Gallery, and the University of Yaan Sichuan Province, China. She was visiting artist at a painting workshop with the artists of Baker Lake, Northwest Territories, and at the Banff Centre, Alberta. In 1989 she was nominated Woman of the Year for the Arts in the Manitoba/YM-YWCA Women of the Year Awards. In 1991 Koop worked at the Canada Council's Paris Studio in France. She has received a number of awards from the Canada Council and the Manitoba Arts Council. Wanda Koop lives in Winnipeg.

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

- 1991 - Southern Alberta Art Gallery, Lethbridge, Alberta (s)
- Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, British Columbia (s)
- 1990 - Extension Gallery, Toronto, Ontario (s)
- 1989 - *Off the Beaten Track*, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Scotland (g)
- 1988 - *Flying to the Moon*, 49th Parallel Gallery, New York, United States (s,t)
- 1987 - *Northern Suite*, Canada House, London, England (s,t)
- *Contemporary Art in Manitoba*, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Manitoba (g)
- 1985 - *Airplanes and the Wall*, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Manitoba (s,t)

Selected Collections

Air Canada, Montreal, Quebec; Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa, Ontario
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario
Shell Canada, Calgary, Alberta
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Manitoba