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BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Tkaronto (Toronto), Phuong Nguyen is a Tkaronto-based visual artist working in representational oil painting and experimental weaving. Nguyen uses these mediums to explore themes of Ornamentalism and the relationship between exoticism and violence by referencing the aesthetics and the history of Chinoiserie and South East Asian/Vietnamese femininity. Nguyen holds a BFA from OCAD University (2014).

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EDUCATION

2014 Bachelor of Fine Art at Ontario College of Art and Design University (OCAD U)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *No Still Waters*, IRL Gallery, New York, New York
She Died A Death By A Thousand Cuts, Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington, Ontario
Porcelain Like Flesh and Skin, Skin and Flesh like Porcelain, Oxygen Art Centre, Nelson, B.C.
2025 *She Is An Object of Beauty*, Johnson Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
2023 *The Wind Returns To The Soil*, TAP Artspace, Montreal, Quebec

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *thầm thì — murmur :The 3rd year Anniversary Exhibition*, Vietnamese Art Collection, Hanoi, Vietnam
Fundraiser in Support of the Ghassan Abu Sittah Children's Fund, Capsules Studio, Toronto, Canada
on earthing and petrichor, Capsules Studio, Toronto, Canada
2025 *ECHOES*, Tian Contemporain, Montreal, Canada
Interwoven Identities, Asian Arts and Culture Trust, Toronto, Canada
A Familiar Distance, Tian Contemporain, Montreal, Canada
Pattern and Motif, Design TO Festival @ Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
2024 *December Group Show*, Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Early Bird Gets the Worm, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, Canada
2023 *Cruel to be Kind*, Pictura @ Stewart Hall Art Gallery, Montreal, Canada
Arrival, Duran Mashaal Gallery, Montreal, Canada
2022 *Stat. Sig.*, TAP Artspace, Montreal, Canada
Fibreworks 2022, Art Galleries of Cambridge, Cambridge, Canada
Erring at King George, Public Energy, Peterborough, Ontario
Luminous Bodies, Curated by TAP Artspace at Cache Studio and Gallery, Montreal, Canada
2020 *Quarantine Qapsule*, Museum of Toronto and Tea Base, online.
2019 *Chill Life: Contemporary Still Life*, the White House, Toronto, Canada
Building Power: A Benefit for VOCAL-NY and the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, Planthouse Gallery, New York, New York
2018 *Ideation*, Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
2016 *OH SO T.O.*, YTB Gallery @ Katzman Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
Impossible Possession, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
In the Study of Figure, Red Gate Arts Society, Vancouver, Canada
2015 *THOUGHTBAGS (Or, Every Image is a Gushing Sack of Ideas),* YTB Gallery, Toronto, Canada
I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THIS BELONGS, Project Gallery (now Patel Brown Gallery), Toronto, Canada
Cognitive Release, Yellow House Gallery, Toronto, Canada
2014 *Experiencing Perspectives 2014-2015 Art Exhibition*, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Mississauga, Canada
The Immaculate Selfie, The Black Cat & Project Gallery (now Patel Brown Gallery), Toronto, Canada
Progression, Scarborough Civic Centre, Toronto, Canada
Hazelton Lanes Arts Festival, juried exhibition, Toronto, Canada

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ART FAIRS

2026 Atlanta Art Fair, Atlanta, Georgia
2025 *Murmurs: A Gathering of Modern and Contemporary Arts from Vietnam*, Vietnamese Art Collection @ Westbund Art and Design, Shanghai, China
Tian Contemporain @ Art Toronto, Toronto, Canada
SSEW Projects @ Art Toronto, Toronto, Canada
Tian Contemporain @ Plural, Montreal, Canada
2024 Olga Korper Gallery @ Art Toronto, Toronto, Canada
TAP Artspace @ Art Toronto, Toronto, Canada
2023 TAP Artspace @ Foire Plural, Montreal, Canada

GRANTS & AWARDS

2025 Toronto Arts Council, Visual Artists Program: Creation
Canada Council for the Arts, Travel
Ontario Arts Council, Visual Artist Creation Grant
2024 CIBC C2 Art Program 2024 finalist
2023 Toronto Arts Council, Visual Artists Program: Creation
Canada Council for the Arts, Explore and Create: Professional Development for Artists
Ontario Arts Council, Visual Artist Creation Grant
2022 Toronto Arts Council, Visual Artists Program: Creation

RESIDENCIES

2025 Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington, Canada
2024 Gladstone House Toronto, Canada
2013 Gibraltar Point, Artscape Toronto Island, Toronto, Canada

SELECTED BIBILIOGRAPHY

2026 "The Best Booths at the Armory Show, From Ghostly Afterimages to 'Gentle Destruction'", Maximilíano Durón, ArtNews
"Quietude Amidst the Noise: Finding Stillness in "Re-wetting the Void" at ai., London", Artfuse
"Phuong Nguyen: No Still Waters", Maisie Molot, Brooklyn Rail
"How contemporary artists are turning the frame into a medium of its own" Odessa Paloma Parker, The Globe and Mail
2025 'She is an Object of Beauty' confronts Orientalism and fetishization, Jhazzmyn Joiner, ArtsATL

AUCTIONS

2025 *Art with Heart*, Fundraising Auction for Casey House, Toronto, Canada
2024 *Art with Heart*, Fundraising Auction for Casey House, Toronto, Canada
Ignite, Fundraising Auction for Art Papers, Atlanta, Georgia
2023 *Vendu-Sold*, Fundraising Auction for Esse, Montreal, Canada
Art with Heart, Fundraising Auction for Casey House, Toronto, Canada

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2022 *Arts Gems Auction*, Fundraising Auction for Creative Works Studio, Toronto, Canada
2019 *Building Power: A Benefit for VOCAL-NY and the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights*, Planthouse Gallery, New York, New York
2017 *Art Gems Auction*, Fundraising Auction for Creative Works Studio, Toronto, Canada
2016 *Teddy Bear Affair Chairty Auction*, Children's Aid Foundation, Toronto Metro Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada
OH SO T.O., YTB Gallery @ Katzman Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
2015 *VIP YTB Gala,* YTB Gallery

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

TB Bank