

about the artist...



Patrick Markle



*P*atrick grew up in the Kawartha Lakes Region of Southern Ontario. Living in a cottage country, he gained an appreciation for the Canadian wilderness at an early age. Patrick's love of landscape led him to the western shores of Lake Superior where he attended Lakehead University. After graduating with an Honours Bachelor of Fine Art, Patrick moved west and has been painting in Fernie BC for the past eleven years. With his use of smooth swirling lines, dramatic light and form, his work focuses on the rhythm of the natural world and his place within it. In doing so a spirit of exploration and adventure dominates his paintings and reflects an outdoor-based lifestyle which is ingrained in Canadian culture. Patrick's work can be seen throughout the Kootenays and Western Canada.

Artist Statement

After hours of hiking, the air clears and the veil lifts revealing a sharp rocky mountain peak. I stand above a steep couloir covered by a fresh blanket of snow that beckons me to jump in. I take a moment to catch my breath and savour the quiet, tranquil beauty. My eyes scan the horizon filled with sharp white peaks stretching out endlessly around me. The wind shifts sending a chill down my back. It is time to leave my mark on the mountain.

When I return to my studio I am filled with the excitement of the day and begin painting the landscape that has impacted me. I am reminded that the mountains flow with their own rhythm. I am insignificant in these vast, harsh places. It is by recording their delicate intricacies that I find my place beyond them. In doing so I am recording the mountain culture which draws people west and keeps them here. I know that I am not the only person who loves to explore the mountains and valleys of the West. Through painting, I also know that no one is impacted by mountain culture the way I am.

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