

ELIZABETH MCINTOSH: SHOW UP

1 September – 29 November 2020

Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens & at Centennial Square

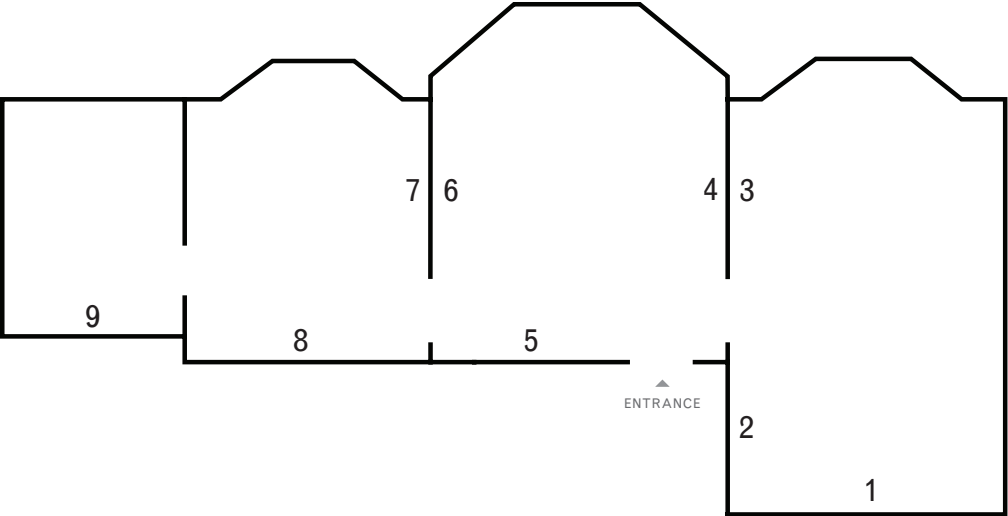
Show Up is a solo exhibition of work by Vancouver-based artist Elizabeth McIntosh. Long one of the most exciting and influential voices in Canadian contemporary painting, McIntosh has developed a rich and complex body of work over the past two decades, which provokes looking by resisting easy answers and always pushing for the unfamiliar and new.

Moving between representation and abstraction, her paintings often use unplanned processes of experimentation, or improvise on small excerpts—graphic motifs, colour palettes, objects, and lines—that are borrowed from the history of modern painting. In the end result, signifiers remain familiar, but are so loosened from their sources that they are barely recognisable. Viewers are left on the lookout, to revel in the unknown.

Show Up surveys the themes present in her most recent work, including a turn towards figuration. Stretched across both Oakville Galleries locations, it includes a new series of small paintings alongside large-scale canvases, which resonate playfully with the galleries' distinctive architecture. With painted elements that intervene directly into the building itself, the exhibition tussles with various visual strategies of juxtaposition: superimposition, collage, doubling, and inverting.

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Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens



1 **Conch** 2019
oil on canvas

6 **Hug** 2019
oil on canvas

2 **Drawing** 2019
oil on canvas

7 **Parts** 2018
oil on canvas

3 **Snake Boy** 2019
oil on canvas

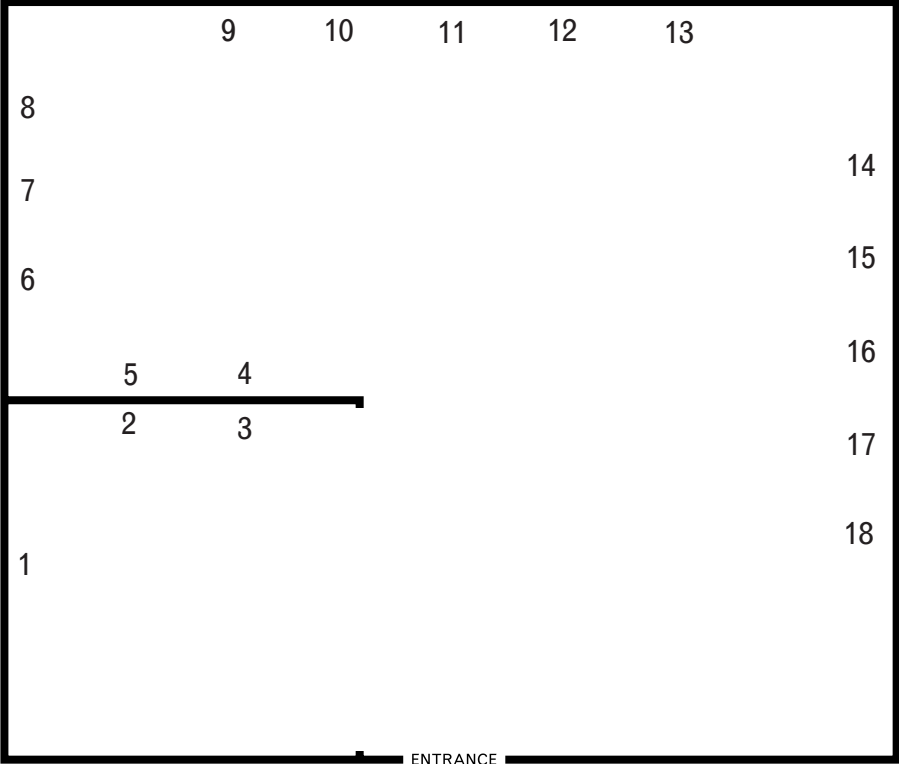
8 **Clouds** 2019
oil on canvas

4 **Intoxication** 2019
oil on canvas

9 **Knobby Tree** 2019
oil on canvas

5 **Listen** 2018
oil on canvas
Courtesy of Cogir Real Estate

Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square



1 **Sunset** 2020
oil on canvas

2 **Legs** 2019
oil on canvas

3 **Spy** 2020
oil on canvas

4 **Jaws** 2020
oil on canvas

5 **Raggedy Anne** 2020
oil on canvas

6 **Blue** 2020
oil on canvas

7 **Flower House** 2019
oil on canvas

8 **Divided** 2019
oil on canvas

9 **Eyes** 2019
oil on canvas

10 **Two Views** 2019
oil on canvas

11 **Two Views** 2019
oil on canvas

12 **Goldfish** 2019
oil on canvas

13 **Orange** 2019
oil on canvas

14 **Watch** 2019
oil on canvas

15 **Touch and Frame** 2019
oil on canvas

16 **Sea Plants** 2019
oil on canvas

17 **Screens** 2019
oil on canvas

18 **Cat** 2019
oil on canvas

All works courtesy the artist and her galleries