

Dr. DAPHNE ODJIG

C.M., O.B.C., R.C.A., L.L.B.

Governor General's Laureate, Visual & Media Arts 2007

Daphne Odjig is a Canadian artist of Aboriginal ancestry. She was born September 11, 1919 and raised on the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island (Lake Huron), Ontario. Daphne Odjig is the daughter of Dominic Odjig and Joyce Peachey. Her father and her grandfather, Chief Jonas Odjig, were Potawatomi, descended from the great chief Black Partridge. Her mother was an English war bride. The Odjig family was among the Potawatomi who migrated north and settled in Wikwemikong after the War of 1812. The Potawatomi (Keepers of the Fire) were members with the Ojibwa and Odawa, of the Three Fires Confederacy of the Great Lakes. Daphne passed away at age 97 in Kelowna, BC on October 1, 2016.

Art Media:

Oils, Acrylics, Silkscreen Prints, Murals, Pen and Ink, Pastels, Watercolours, Coloured Pencils

Recent and Upcoming Exhibitions:

Daphne Odjig: Four Decades of Prints

Touring exhibition of limited edition prints organized by the Kamloops Art Gallery

- ❖ Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops BC, June 8 – Aug 31, 2005
- ❖ Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg MN April 22 – July 16, 2006
- ❖ Canadian Museum of Civilization, Ottawa January 18 – April 20, 2008

The Drawings and Paintings of Daphne Odjig: A Retrospective Exhibition

Touring exhibition organized by Art Gallery of Sudbury and National Gallery of Canada

- ❖ Art Gallery of Sudbury, Sudbury ON September 15 – November 11, 2007
- ❖ Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops BC June 8 – August 31, 2008
- ❖ McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinberg ON Oct. 4, 2008 – Jan 4, 2009
- ❖ Institute of American Indian Arts Museum, Santa Fe NM, June 26 – Sept. 20, 2010
- ❖ National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa October 23, 2009 – January 3, 2010
- ❖ McKenzie Art Gallery, Regina SK, February 6 – May 15, 2010

Exhibitions organized by private galleries:

- ❖ Gallery Phillip, Toronto ON 20.10.07 (retrospective prints & paintings) www.gevik.com
- ❖ Hampton Gallery, Kamloops BC 08.06.08 (new drawings) www.hamptongalleries.com
- ❖ Hambleton Gallery, Kelowna BC 21.03 – 06.04.09 (early works & new drawings)
www.hambletongalleries.com

Reference *The Drawings and Paintings of Daphne Odjig: A Retrospective Exhibition* by Bonnie Devine. Published by the National Gallery of Canada in collaboration with the Art Gallery of Sudbury, 2007. For full list of exhibitions prior to 2007, please see p.p. 133-136. For list of works in major Collections, see p. 142. For Selected Bibliography, see p. 143. For Chronology of Daphne Odjig's life up to 2007, please see excerpt from p.p. 137 – 141 (attachment #1 to curriculum vitae).

Awards, Honours and Credits:

Visual Arts:

- 1963 Member of the British Columbia Federation of Artists
- 1971 Arts Grant for tour and exhibition of Paintings at the Smotra Folklore Festival, Zagreb, Yugoslavia.
- 1973 Swedish Brucebo Foundation Scholarship and resident Artist at the Foundation Studio, Visby, Island of Gotland, Sweden
- 1973 Manitoba Arts Council Bursary
- 1989 Elected Member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art (R.C.A.)
- 1993 Presented Eagle Feather by SCANA (Society of Canadian Artists of Native Ancestry) at the 5th National Native Symposium, Halifax NS
- 2002 Canada Post – *Genesis* Christmas Stamp
- 2007 Governor General's Laureate, Visual & Media Arts
This award is Canada's highest honour in the field of Visual Arts.

Academia:

- 1982 Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, conferred by Laurentian University, Sudbury ON
- 1985 Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred by the University of Toronto, Toronto ON
- 1993 Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*, conferred by Nipissing University, North Bay, ON
- 2002 Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, conferred by Okanagan University College,
Kelowna, BC, 08.06.02
- 2007 Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa* conferred by Thompson Rivers University,
Kamloops BC (8.06.07)
- 2008 Doctor of Fine Arts, *honoris causa* conferred by The Ontario College of Art and
Design, Toronto (23.05.08)
- 2008 Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* conferred by the University of Western Ontario,
London Ontario (12.06.08)

Awards, Honours and Credits continued:**Leadership and Service:**

- 1977 Canada Silver Jubilee Medal
- 1978 Presented Eagle Feather by Chief Wakageshig on behalf of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve in recognition of Artistic Accomplishment, an honour previously reserved for men to acknowledge prowess in hunting or war.
- 1986 Appointed to the Order of Canada, C.M.
- 1988 – 93 Honorary Board Member of the Canada Heritage Foundation
- 1992 Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada
- 1993 Presented Certificate of Honour by the En'owkin Centre and Canada's Drug Strategy Program, Penticton, BC
- 1996 Honorary Patron of the Ojibway Cultural Foundation capital campaign, West Bay, ON
- 1998 National Aboriginal Achievement Award, Toronto, Ontario
- 2002 Queen Elizabeth II - Commemorative Golden Jubilee Medal
- 2003 Expression Award – National Film Board of Canada
in recognition of work that champions Canadian cultural diversity.
- 2004 *The Art Show*, a play about Daphne Odjig's life and art by Alanis King, produced by Native Earth Performing Arts, premiers in Toronto, ON
- 2007 Catalogue for *The Drawings and Paintings of Daphne Odjig: A Retrospective Exhibition* published in Ojibwe as well as English and French, the first time the National Gallery of Canada has published a catalogue in a First Nations language.
- 2007 Appointed to the Order of British Columbia, Victoria BC (14.06.07)
- 2007 Crowfoot Mountain Expedition organized in Odjig's honour (29.07.07)
- 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award, Okanagan Arts Awards (15.02.08)
- 2008 Honourary Fellowship, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Calgary AB (26.06.08)

Related Professional Activities:

- 1970 Odjig Indian Prints of Canada Ltd: Founder, President
- 1971 Arts Instructor at Manitou Arts Foundation, Schreiber Island, Ontario
- 1973 Co-Founder of Professional Native Indian Artists Inc.
(often referred to as the "Indian Group of Seven" – Daphne Odjig, Norval Morriseau, Alex Janvier, Joseph Sanchez, Jackson Beardy, Eddie Cobiness and Carl Ray)
- 1974 New Warehouse Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Owner and manager.
- 1986 Board Member, Canadian Native Arts Foundation (established by John Kim Bell)

- 1993 Keynote Speaker, The B.C. Art Teachers' 37th Annual Conference, "*Art Reflecting Cultures*", Kelowna B.C.
- 1993 Lansdowne Scholar & Discourse, "*Arts in Education*"
The Lansdowne Lectures, University of Victoria, BC
- 1993 Opened Retrospective Exhibition of the late Jackson Beardy:
"Jackson Beardy, A Life's Work", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg MN
- 1995 Advisory Committee Member, Canadian National Committee for Jerusalem 3000
- 1995 Juror, visual arts collection, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Ottawa, ON
- 1996 Juror, Canadian Native Arts Foundation (grants & scholarships). Toronto ON
- 1996 Guest Speaker, 20th Anniversary Celebration, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, ON
- 1997 Juror, Okanagan Mainline Regional Council, Kelowna BC
- 1998 Guest Speaker, Graduation Ceremony Wasse Abin H. S., Wikwemikong, ON

Films and Documentaries:

- 1973 *Colours of Pride*, National Film Board of Canada
- 1976 *Three Artists, Three Styles*, Henning Jacobson Productions
- 1981 *Spirits Speaking Through*, Spectrum CBC Canada
- 1989 *Window on Canada: Daphne Odjig/Painter*, Tokyo Television
- 1998 *National Aboriginal Achievement Awards*, CBC
- 2003 *Xpression Awards*, National Film Board of Canada
- 2003 *The Life and Work of the Woodland Artists*, First Voice Multimedia Inc.
Executive Producer, Dr. Raoul McKay
- 2008 *The Life and Work of Daphne Odjig*, First Voice Multimedia Inc.
Executive Producer, Dr. Raoul McKay
- 2008 *Lunch With Daphne Odjig on Crowfoot Mountain*, First Voice Multimedia Inc.
Executive Producer, Dr. Raoul McKay