

BRATSA BONIFACHO  
1937-2024

Bratsa Bonifacho was an established artist based in Vancouver, Canada. His work is held in many private, corporate and permanent museum collections across five continents. Major collections held include the Canadian Embassy in Argentina, the Museum of Modern Art in Serbia, the National Museum of Serbia and the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Internationally recognized for his deeply layered abstract paintings, an intense interest in technology, communication and cultural identity was at the forefront of his artistic practice. Bonifacho's Habitat Pixel series explores tensions between the logical, linear scripting of virus programs and their capacity for destruction. Bonifacho imitates the effects of computer viruses and worms by scrambling letters and messages in his large-scale oil paintings. His work carries the elegance of programming code and indicates the deep layers of chaos and confusion caused by viruses, conflict, and crisis.

Bonifacho joined Bau-Xi Gallery in 1998 and affiliate gallery, Foster/White Gallery in Seattle in 2004.

EDUCATION

- 1966-68      Atelier Kruger, Old Master techniques in printing, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1961-65      Painting and Drawing, graduating from the Faculty of Applied Arts from University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- Architecture, graduating from the Faculty of Applied Arts from University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- 1957-59      Painting and Drawing, Sumatovachka School of Art, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

BIOGRAPHY

- 2011           Registered in *Who's Who in The World*
- 2003           Registered in *Who's Who in America*
- 1998           Registered in Serbian *Who's Who in the Diaspora*
- 1991           Registered in *Canadian Who's Who*
- 1976           Member of CARFAC (Canadian Artists Representation)
- 1973           Emigrated to Canada
- 1937           Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025           "The Language Of Art: Bratsa Bonifacho", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2024           "No Sugar Added," Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2023           "No Sugar Added," Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2023           "No Sugar Added," Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

BAU - XI GALLERY

- 2021 "Celebration," Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 2020 "Bratsa Bonifacho Paintings," National Museum Kraljevo, Serbia  
 2019 "Mentor/Protégé: Bratsa Bonifacho and James Wyper," Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB  
 2018 Belgrade City Museum, Serbia  
 2017 Windgate Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, AR  
 99 Limited Editions, Mayfair, London, UK  
 2016 "Return to Babylon" Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 "In Nucleo" Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 2015 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 2015 "Shooting Notes", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
 2014 "Grazioso Sempre", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 "Grazioso Sempre", Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 2013 "Testament Papers", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto  
 "Testament Papers", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver  
 2012 "Messages To", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver  
 "Skalamerija", Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 "Inside Habitat Pixel," Evergreen Cultural Centre, Coquitlam  
 2011 "Habitat Pixel", Lantan Gallery, Hong Kong  
 "In Nucleo", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 "In Nucleo", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 "In Nucleo", Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 2010 "The Garage Series", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 'Montparnasse,' Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary, AB  
 2009 "Alpha Code" Bau-Xi Gallery Vancouver and Toronto  
 Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 2008 "Human Farm" Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 2007 "Je t'aime - I Love You", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 2006 "Eileen's Messages", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 "Moderato Cantabile", Foster/White Gallery, Pioneer Square, Seattle, WA  
 2005 "Habitat Pixel," Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 "IDS-Cologne Fair," Cologne, Germany  
 2004 "New Habitat Pixel Work", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 2003 "Habitat Pixel", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 2002 "Habitat Pixel", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 2001 "Lexicon Cosri: Mediterranean Paintings", Bau-Xi, Vancouver, BC  
 "Mediterranean Paintings", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 2000 Galerija Progres, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Retrospective  
 "Al Campo Santo", Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC  
 1999 "Al Campo Santo", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Vancouver, BC  
 1997 "Parallelograms", Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
 1996 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 1995 "La Habana Series", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 1993 "Small Works", Threshold Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
 "Scotland Series", Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC  
 1992 "Parallelograms Series", Patrick Doheny Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC

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- 1991 "Earth and Fire Series", Heffel Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1990 "Scotland Series", Quan-Schieder Gallery, Toronto, ON  
"Scotland Series", Heffel Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1989 "Combustion Series", Quan-Schieder Gallery, Toronto, ON  
1988 "Combustion Series", Heffel Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1987 "Combustion Series", Atelier Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1982 "Blackboards", Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
"Blackboards", Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC  
1979 "Alberta Landscapes", Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1978 "Alberta Landscapes", Gallery Scollard, Toronto, ON  
1971 Grafic Collective Gallery, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1969 Gallery U.O.W., Warsaw, Poland  
1965 Kolarcev University Gallery, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1964 Roof Art, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Splash Art Auction, Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2019 Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2018 Masters Art Gallery, Calgary, AB  
2016 Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON  
2014 "Up Words: Cara Barer, Bratsa Bonifacho, Guy Laramée," Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2010 "Embody the Full Spectrum of Light", Herringer Kiss Gallery, Calgary, AB  
"Olive Brunch Group Show", Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2005 "25 Years • 25 Artists", Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
2003 "Art & Science", Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON  
2000 "Small Works", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
"35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1995 "30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
"West Coast Artists", Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC  
1994 "Three Artists from the Permanent Collection", Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
Simon Patrich Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
"Four Artists", Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC  
"Curator's Choice", Doheny Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1993 "Inaugural Exhibition", Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
Artropolis 1993, Vancouver, BC  
"Curator's Choice", Doheny Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
1992 Patrick Doheny Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC  
1991 "The Stendahl Effect", Emily Carr College of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC  
1990 "North of the Border", Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA, USA  
"Artropolis 90", Roundhouse, Vancouver, BC  
"Contemporary Art Abroad", National Museum, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

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- 1988 "Three Artists", Wade Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
1987 "101 Vancouver Artists", Pitt International Galleries, Vancouver, BC  
"BC Artists at the Square", Vancouver, BC  
1986 "BC Artists at the Square", Vancouver, BC  
1985 FESF Narodna Biblioteka, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1984 "Warehouse Show", Vancouver, BC  
1983 "Open October Salon", Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1979 "BC Artists Show", Vancouver City Savings Credit Union, Vancouver, BC

### GRANTS

- 2002 Canada Council Travel Grant, exhibition, Galerija Matica Srpska, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia  
2001 Canada Council Travel Grant for exhibition at Savremena Galerija Zrenjanin, Yugoslavia  
2000 Canada Council Travel Grant for retrospective, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
British Columbia Arts, Council Grant, retrospective, Galerija Progres, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1999 Canada Council Travel Grant, exhibition in Havana, Cuba  
1998 British Columbia Arts Council Grant  
1996 British Columbia Arts Council Grant

### SELECTED PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

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| The Acorn Corporation, Seattle, WA              | First Service Corporation, Toronto, ON                     |
| Agnelli Corporation, Ferrara, Italy             | Foundation Sava Centre, Belgrade, Serbia                   |
| Basa Properties, Vancouver, BC                  | Green Circle Management Inc., Vancouver, BC                |
| Berost Corporation, Toronto, ON                 | Helin Marketing Group, Toronto, ON                         |
| Brazilian Coffee Producers, Sao Paolo, Brazil   | Holden Day Wilson, Toronto, ON                             |
| Blake, Cassels & Graydon, Vancouver, BC         | J.P. Morgan Securities Asia, Tokyo, Japan                  |
| Cadillac Fairview, Toronto, ON                  | James Hoggan & Associates, Vancouver, BC                   |
| Canaccord Capital Corporation, Vancouver, BC    | Kinross Gold Corporation, L.O.M., Toronto, ON              |
| Canadian Embassy, Brasilia, Brazil              | Kazimirski Law Corporation, Vancouver, BC                  |
| Canadian Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina       | L.O.M. Western Securites, Vancouver, BC                    |
| Carleton University Collection, Ottawa, ON      | Mr. Jax Fashions Inc., Vancouver, BC                       |
| Civic Collection of Modern Art, Nis, Serbia     | Museum of Matica Sprska, Novi Sad, Serbia                  |
| Clark, Wilson & Co., Vancouver, BC              | Museum of Modern Art, Belgrade, Serbia                     |
| Collection Barbarelli, Milan, Italy             | Museum of Matica Sprska, Novi Sad, Serbia                  |
| Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, ON      | Museum of Visual Art of Yugoslavs Abroad, Belgrade, Serbia |
| Df Bed Kissingen, Mangelsfeld, Germany          | National Museum, Belgrade, Serbia                          |
| D.L. Stevenson & Son, Scarborough, ON           | National Museum (Serbs in the Diaspora), Belgrade, Serbia  |
| Emaar Properties, Dubai, UAE                    | Olivetti S.A., Milan, Italy                                |
| Embassy of Republic of Serbia, Ottawa, ON       | Pacific Language Institute, Vancouver, BC                  |
| Ferguson Gifford, Vancouver, BC                 | Paramount Studios, Los Angeles, CA                         |
| First City Financial Corporation, Vancouver, BC |  |
| First City Trust, Toronto, ON                   |  |

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R.K. Studios Limited, Toronto, ON  
Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
Serbian Academy of Art and Science, Belgrade,  
Serbia  
The Strand Corp., Vancouver, BC  
Tiffin Capital Corp., Vancouver, BC

Toronto Dominion Bank, Toronto, ON  
VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, Vancouver,  
BC  
Wesgroup Properties, Vancouver, BC  
Serbian Embassy, Ottawa, ON

### PRESS AND MEDIA

#### TELEVISION

2002 Interviewed by TV Novi Sad, Yugoslavia  
2001 Interviewed by Meriam Anderson, CBC - French channel, Vancouver, BC,  
2000 Interviewed by Anita Panic, TV Metropolis, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Interview by Vitka Vujovica, Third Channel, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Interview by Nadja Ivanji, Television Belgrade, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Art Press Preview, Television Serbia, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1995 Interviewed by Canadian Television, Roger's Cable, Victoria, BC  
1993 Interviewed by Canadian Television, Roger's Cable, Victoria, BC  
1965 Interviewed by Italian Television, Studio Uno, Rome, Italy  
1965 Interviewed by French Television, Program 2, Paris, France  
1964 Interviewed by Yugoslavian Television, 'Binoculars' series, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

#### SELECTED PRESS

Catherine Rolfsen, 'Colourful banners to light up city,' canada.com  
Donna Ng, 'Vancouver street banners unveiled,' Metro Vancouver, BC  
Shelia Farr, 'A war survivor's dark memories and visions,' The Seattle Times, p44H, article, Seattle, WA  
Habitat Pixel: the Works of Bonifacho", articles contributed by Maryse de la Giroday and Mia  
Johnson. Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC; Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, ON; Foster/White Gallery,  
Seattle, WA  
Mia Johnson, "Bonifacho: A Painter of Our Time", Bonifacho, 2004, Bau-Xi Gallery  
Zoran Plavsic, 'Eyes over the city,' Ilustrovana Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Mirjana Kuburovic, 'Ground zero alert,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Kosta Dimitrijevic, 'My canvases are expensive,' Arena, Zagreb, Yugoslavia  
Mia Johnson, 'Bonifacho,' Artmagazine, Toronto, review of exhibition at Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby,  
BC  
Duska Arezina, 'Alberta Landscapes,' Scollard Gallery, Toronto, ON exhibition catalogue essay  
S. Jovic, 'Painter of progress and despair,' Hello Magazine, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Zika Milutinovic, 'Survival is not guaranteed,' Ilustrovana Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Miljana Laketic, 'Terror at ground zero,' Galaxia, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Sherrill Grace, 'Bonifacho at Atelier Gallery,' Vanguard, Vancouver, BC exhibition review  
B. Komad, 'Domestic chances are better,' Novosti, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

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Elizabeth Godley, 'Bonifacho,' The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, review of exhibition at Atelier Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Louise Lassagne, 'Bonifacho à la Heffel Gallery,' Le Soleil de Colombie, Vancouver, BC exhibition review

Linda Genereux, 'Bonifacho's apocalyptic visions,' Metropolis, Toronto, review of exhibition at Quan Scheider Gallery, Toronto, ON

Regina Hackett, 'North of the border,' Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, review of exhibition at the Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA

Sheila Farr, 'Canadian art comes south of the border,' The Herald, Seattle, review of exhibition at the Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA

D. Lakic, 'The return of the paintings,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

P. Pavlovic, 'Bonifacho,' National Museum, Belgrade, exhibition catalogue essay

Peter Aspell, 'Bratsa Bonifacho,' Artropolis exhibition catalogue, Vancouver, BC curatorial statement

Nikola Kusovac, 'A Hearty Welcome,' Illustrovana Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Aristides Gazetas, Bonifacho, Richmond News, Richmond, review of exhibition at Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC

Ann Rosenberg, 'New expressions,' The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, BC

John Armstrong, 'Abstractionist lays bloody, brutal memories on the bull's-eye,' The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, BC

Ann Rosenberg, 'Capturing Motion,' The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, BC

Gabriele Ailey, 'Buying Bonifacho,' In Between Times, Richmond, BC

Gabriele Ailey, 'Past and future of the arts,' Rag Time, Richmond, BC

Amir Ali Alibhai, 'Bonifacho,' Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC exhibition catalogue essay

'Art Show - A vivid reminder,' Richmond News, Richmond, BC editorial comment on exhibition at Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC

Ann Rosenberg, 'Richmond comes of age,' The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, BC review of exhibition at Richmond Art Gallery, BC

David Shiba, editor, The Fine Art Index 1993, Chicago, IL

David Shiba, editor, The Fine Art Index 1994, Chicago, IL

David Shiba, editor, International Art 95, Chicago, IL

Jeanne Baillaut 'La Habana de Bonifacho,' Le Soleil, Vancouver, BC, review of exhibition at Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Roger Boulet, 'Blackboards,' Burnaby Art Gallery, exhibition catalogue essay, Burnaby, BC

Robert Ames, 'Three Vancouver painters,' Victoria Times Colonist, Victoria, review of exhibition at Fran Willis Gallery, Victoria, BC

Nebojsa Jankovic, 'Srpski visokoletac na kpaju Sveta,' Nase Gore List, Yugoslavia

Nikola Korbutouski, 'E da: Braco Bonifacije,' Nedeljna Borba, Yugoslavia

Barry Link, 'No simple art,' Richmond News, Richmond, BC

Ted Lindberg, 'Parallelograms,' Artichoke Magazine

Nebojsa Jankovic, 'Braca Bonifacije: 1/4 veka rada u Vankuveru,' Kisobran, Vancouver, BC

Bonifacho, 'Havana moje mladosti,' Kisobran, Vancouver, BC

Joan Richardson, 'Bratsa Bonifacho: Al Campo Santo,' Vie des Arts, Montreal, review

Nebojsa Jankovic, 'Al Campo Santo,' Kisobran, Vancouver, BC

Dragomir Brajkovic, 'Bonifacije: zapisi iz Kanade,' Knjizevne Novine, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Stana Ristic, 'Vreme istine,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

G. Popovic, 'Gost u svom gradu,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Dragana Petrovic, 'Vankuver zamirise na Srbiju,' Oko, Frankfurt, Germany

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Petar Djuza, 'Heraldika apokalipse,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Djordje Kadijevic, 'Gravitacija,' NIN, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Gordana Popovic, 'Zabranjen ulaz u atelje,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Gordana Popovic, 'Moj Beograd se ne Menja,' Kisobran, Vancouver, BC  
N. Trpenikolovski, 'Boja c krova na platnu,' Ilustrovana Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
B.G., 'U Vancouver redovno sanjam Beograd,' Beograd Ekspres, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Christian Parenti, 'Art in the Enemy Camp,' The San Francisco Bay Guardian, San Francisco, CA  
Kate Cino, 'Sacred Landscape Painter Bonifacho,' Boulevard, Victoria, BC  
Robert Amos, 'The Visceral Language of Paint,' Victoria Times Colonist, Victoria, BC  
Jovo Bajic, 'Opet dosao da pokupi svoje boje,' Novi Ekspres, Belgrade, Yugoslavia 21 May 2001  
Mia Johnson, Knjizevne Novine, Belgrade, Yugoslavia reprint of article  
Nikola Korbutovski, 'Dug ut do Kanadskih galerija,' Borba Beograd, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Branka Jajic, 'Crne table otpora,' Novine Zrenjanin, Zrenjanin, Yugoslavia  
Vladimir Bolhorves, 'Braca Bonifacije Medju Vojvodjanima,' Dnevnik, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia  
G. Popovic, 'Pun Grad Lepote,' Politika, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Anita Panic, 'Uspesna Izlozba i Beogradski Krug Prijatelja,' Kisobran, Vancouver, BC  
Anita Panic, 'Po Krovovima Sveta,' Prestup, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Robyn Laurence, 'Bonifacho,' The Georgia Straight, Vancouver, BC

## BOOKS AND CATALOGUES

2022 Celebration: 10 Year Retrospective 2013-2022, hardcover book  
2020 Bratsa Bonifacho: Paintings from the Collection, The National Museum, Kraljevo  
2018 Hidden Messages: Bratsa Bonifacho's Paintings from the Collection of Belgrade City Museum  
2014 Testament Papers: Vancouver 2012-2013, hardcover book  
2012 Inside Habitat Pixel, Evergreen Cultural Centre, Coquitlam, BC  
2012 Retrospective 1973-2013: 40 Years in Vancouver, hardcover book  
2007 Bonifacho: La Habana + Peloponessus, retrospective catalogue  
2006 Bonifacho: Blackboards, retrospective catalogue  
2006 Bonifacho: Parallelograms, retrospective catalogue  
2005 25 Years • 25 Artists, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC  
2005 Bonifacho: Combustion + Earth and Fire, retrospective catalogue  
2005 Bonifacho: Landscape Paintings, retrospective catalogue  
2004 Bonifacho: Habitat Pixel, Bau-Xi Gallery and Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2000 Bonifacije: 25 Godina u Kanada/Bonifacho: 25 Years in Canada, retrospective exhibition, Galerija Progres, Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
1982 Bratsa Bonifacho (Blackboard series). Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, BC  
1978 Alberta Landscapes, Scollard Gallery, Toronto, ON