

Sherri Kajiwara

Sherri Kajiwara is a fine-art professional, a 2006 graduate of Leadership Vancouver through the Vancouver Board and Trade and has a B.Comm from UBC. Her talents in management, organization, marketing & art producing have been honed through fifteen years in the fine art gallery business and a previous 6 years in the hospitality industry.

Sherri is Director of Vantage Art Projects, a virtual arts communications company that launched in Oct 2009. VAP supports the contemporary arts through a commitment to providing parallel opportunities for artists while connecting art enthusiasts and collectors with exciting new talent.

Sherri was co-owner of the Bjornson Kajiwara Gallery in Vancouver, from 2004 – 2008, which specialized in the promotion and exhibition of emerging to mid-career Canadian visual and multi-media artists. Prior to co-owning her own gallery, she was Director of the Phthalo Gallery in 2003 and the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery in Vancouver from 1996 - 2002. As Director of Buschlen Mowatt Gallery, Sherri was actively involved in the Biannual International Sculpture Project, which has evolved to become the Vancouver Sculpture Biennale. Her formative art training started with that gallery in 1992.

In 2005, Sherri developed Artsmarts as an informal series of art appreciation classes to offer art education for the aspiring collector. This has expanded to personal curatorial services, art coaching, consulting and projects.

Sherri has been active on cultural and arts boards since university beginning with the Vancouver Mokuyokai Society, Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden Society and was a commissioner on the Board of the Vancouver Museum from 2001 to 2006. She is currently Past President of the Contemporary Art Society of Vancouver and was President for 2007 and 2008.

Sherri has been active in event management for non-profit societies and arts organizations including AIDS Memorial, Art for Life, Arts Umbrella, Dr. Peter Centre, and the Vancouver Museum.

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