

## **Michael Connolly**

Michael Connolly is a visual artist born in St. John's, Newfoundland. He received his BFA in Visual Arts from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Corner Brook, NL in 2002 with an emphasis on drawing and printmaking. After graduation Michael was awarded the Don Wright Scholarship at St. Michael's Printshop, later completing residencies in Terra Nova National Park and St. Michael's Printshop. He began working at St. Michael's as a technician in 2004, and became the full time Executive Director the following year.

Michael maintains his art practice, creating works in printmaking, drawing and mixed media. His works largely explore the natural world, often in relation to humanity's role within it. He is represented by the Leyton Gallery of Fine Art in St. John's. He is active within the arts community, serving on various juries, as well as participating in curatorial projects, including an overview of the Don Wright Scholars from St. Michael's archives at the QEII Library in St. John's. Michael's work has been collected by the Provincial Art Bank, City of St. John's, and private collections in Canada, the US, and the United Kingdom.