

Chris Batten MA, BFA.

Born: 1975 (CBS, NL)

I received my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Memorial University (1997) and my Master of Arts Degree (Museum Studies) from the University of Leicester (2000).

I was encouraged to explore my interest in the arts from an early age, in music and visual art. Following a lengthy hiatus, I am now experimenting at home with techniques in woodcut reduction.

I find inspiration in the work of many local artists who have drawn from their own life experience in the landscape of Newfoundland and Labrador, such as Gerald Squires, Christopher Pratt, William B. Ritchie and Frank Lapointe. I grew up in a family of music, another strong inspiration for my work.

My artwork has been collected by the Provincial Art Bank, City of St. John's, and private collections in Canada, USA and New Zealand.

Woodcut reduction has offered a new challenge, a new way of approaching my work. Often employed as a narrative, I enjoy sharing my own experience through my art.