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Why This Artist Paints the Parts of a City You Walk Right Past.

Gordon Leverton's art is recognizable at a glance: striking geometry, vibrant acrylic palettes, and shadows that stretch across surfaces like time. By isolating structures and simplifying form, he invites viewers to see familiar spaces with a fresh perspective. His work captures not just what a city looks like, but how it feels. It's a practice built on close observation, abstraction, and deep attention to what's often overlooked.

Being self-taught just means you found your own way in. That's exactly what Leverton did. With no formal art training, he turned to the city around him for inspiration. Rooftops. Alleyways. Side Streets.

He began breaking the built environment into planes of colour, light, and shadow-transforming the everyday into bold, graphic compositions that carry his unmistakable voice. His recognizable aesthetic and widespread presence resonate with audiences, forging strong connections through his art and collected in public and private collections throughout Canada, US, Mexico, and internationally. Leverton is proof of what's possible when you stay curious, keep working, and trust that your perspective matters.

Artist BIO - Award winning, self-taught, Canadian visual artist Gordon Leverton's love of the urban environment has informed his painting practice, placing landscape and architectural design at the forefront. In recognition of his artistic work, he achieved the 2024 City of Hamilton Arts Creator Award and 2023 City of Hamilton Art of Heritage Award for his significant role in educating people on Canadian heritage. He was elected to the Ontario Society of Arts and Society of Canadian Artists.

In early 2025, Leverton completed his first international art residency in Guadalajara, Mexico exploring the vast urban Mexico architecture landscape. His sold-out Mexican collection of work called “shadow. text. colour.” was exhibited at #Hashtag Gallery, Mexico City in May 2025.

During his residency, Leverton connected with Mexico City artist Harumi Tanimoto who shares similar views of cities, forgotten building and urban landscapes. Collectively they exhibited **Día a Día / Day to Day**- a collection of work inspired from their respective cities. The Honourable Marc Miller, Arts and Culture Minister, Canadian and Mexico Embassy Heads, VP/CEO of The Canadian Arts Council and Professors and Students of OCAD University attended a private viewing of the exhibition while in Mexico City.

Following Leverton's successful **Día a Día / Day to Day** exhibition he journeyed to Oaxaca (Mexico) for a self-directed art residency to create ***¡viva color!*** -- new collection celebrating the vibrant colours, rhythms, and textures of everyday life—bright facades, layered architecture, and the energy of local markets in Lima, Peru and barrios in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Oaxaca (Mexico).

¡viva color! collection has debuted at Leverton’s solo exhibition at the **Carnegie Gallery** from May 1- 24th.

GORDON LEVERTON - CV

Awards:

2024 [City of Hamilton, Art Creator Award](#) , (Canada)

2023 City of Hamilton [Heritage Art Architecture Award](#), (Canada)

2024 [Ontario Society of Artists \(OSA\)](#) Elected Member, (Canada)

2021-2025 [Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition \(TOAE\)](#), (Canada)

- 2023 Stephane Monnet & Jeroen Dijkstra, Toronto, ON
- 2021 Daniella Krysa (@thejealouscurator), Toronto, ON
- 2014 Drawing, [Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition \(TOAE\)](#), Toronto, ON

2017 **Best in Show**, Art on the Street, Guelph (Canada)

2008 **Best Visual Artist**, Best of Hamilton awards, H Magazine, (Canada)

2008 **First Prize**, Junction Juried Art Exhibition, Toronto, (Canada)

2008 **Best-in-show**, [Riverdale Art Walk](#), Toronto, (Canada)

Residencies:

2026 Mexico City, Oaxaca, Mexico (self directed)

2025 Guadalajara, Mexico (self directed)

2014 Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) [Stephen Brunt](#) (by invitation)

Selected Exhibitions + Artist Engagements

2026 [Carnegie Gallery](#), Dundas, Solo Exhibit (New Works from 2026 Mexico residency)

2026 Paint Ontario Juried Exhibition, “Annex” + “Controlled Chaos”, *Dia a Dia* collection

2026 *Society of Ontario Artists International Juried Exhibition*, “Annex”- *Dia a Dia* collection

2026 [#Hashtag Gallery](#), Mexico City, “*Dia a Dia*”- Joint Show with Harumi Tanimoto

2026 [Jordan Art Gallery](#), Jordan Station, “In the Spotlight”, Solo exhibition

2025 [Art Gallery of Mississauga](#) – Annual Juried Exhibition – “**Slumber**”

2025 [Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brantford](#) – Biennial Juried Exhibition - “**Vintage Charm**”

2025 [Globe Studios](#) – Holiday Joint Art Exhibition, Kitchener, ON

2025 [Society of Canadian Artists - Juried Exhibition](#) “**Rikchariy (Awaken, Peru)**”

2025 [Society of Canadian Artist-International Juried Exhibition “Estructura \(Structure\)”](#)

2018-2026 [Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition \(TOAE\)](#) Toronto (Canada)–Juried Exhibition

2025 [#Hashtag Gallery](#), Mexico City (México), Solo Show – “Shadow. Text. Colour”

2024- 2025 [Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts Gallery](#), Group Show, San Francisco (USA)

2010-2025 [Art Gallery of Hamilton \(AGH\)](#) - Art Sales, Hamilton, ON (Canada)

2016-2026 [Dundas Valley School of Arts](#), Dundas, ON (Canada)

2022-2026 [SOCIAL SPACE](#), Pop-Up Art Events, Various (Canada)

2024 Architectural Lines - [Grimsby Public Art Gallery](#), Grimsby, ON (Canada)

2022-2021 [McMichael Canadian Art Gallery](#), Kleinberg, ON (Canada)

2021 & 2010 [The Artist Project \(TAP\)](#), Toronto, ON (Canada)

2020 [Earls Court Gallery](#) - Count 10, Hamilton, ON (Canada)

2018 The Shifting City - [Art Gallery of Hamilton](#), Hamilton, ON (Canada)

Selected Press:

[2026 The Ones to Watch in 2026 – Art Finder](#)

Why This Artist Paints the Parts of a City You Walk Right Past - [Artwork Archive, July 2025](#), [Artist in Residence](#) Global [Artwork Archive, July 2025](#), [Artist in Residence](#)

[Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition \(TOAE\)](#), Toronto (Canada)

- 2025 Curated Collection- '[Quiet Forms & Geometry](#)'+ '[Crossings](#)'
- 2024 Curated Collection - 'the ones to watch'
- [20 Artists to meet at the 2018 Toronto Outdoor Art Fair](#), Toronto Guardian, 2018
- 2017 Design Lines Magazine, Issue 3

[SD Voyager - San Diego](#), Urban Artists, July 2025 & Jan 2023

[Soboart Magazine, Summer Edition](#), 2024 Double Edition No. 24+25

[Create! Magazine](#), Spring Edition, 2023

Featuring "[BUILT](#)", [Jack Reacher](#), [Prime/Netflix](#), TV series, 2023

[Curated by the Jealous Curator](#), Toronto Online Art Fair, 2020

[Artist Profile](#), The Woven Tale Press Vol VII, #1, New York, 2019

[Big Brother Canada](#) TV Show, 2017

[One Artist at a Time](#), profile, urbanicity magazine, May 2016

[Artist Profile](#), West of the City Magazine, May/June 2014

Abstract & Urban, profile, **Hamilton Magazine**, Spring 2014

Hart House Review, University of Toronto, Coach House Press, 2014

[Portfolio Review](#), Hamilton Arts & Letters, Fall/Winter 2013

Gallery Crawl, Fran Schechter, **Now Magazine**, Toronto, 2012

[Artworks to Salve the Wintry Canadian Soul](#), R.M. Vaughn, The Globe & Mail, 2010

[House Painting on a Whole Other Level](#), Dave LeBlanc, The Globe & Mail, Aug. 2009

[Riverdale's Walk of Frames](#), Davida Aronovitch, The Globe and Mail, 2009

Hamilton Artists Establishing Their Presence, Jeff Mahoney, Hamilton Spectator, 2009

Collections:

[The Hamilton Club, Hamilton](#), **Private Collection, "Vintage Charm"**

[Clifton Blake Asset Management](#), Public Collection (2023 - 13 Artworks), Toronto (Canada)

[IG Financial](#), Public Collection acquisition (Ongoing - 10 artworks), Toronto (Canada)

[Reichman Family](#), Commission, Toronto, Canada (Private Collection)

[Ron Joyce Foundation](#), International (Personal and Public Collection)

[CCH Pounder](#) Actress, New Orleans, USA, (Commission, Private Collection)

[Sarah Betzer, Associate Dean for Arts & Humanities | Professor of Art History](#), University of Virginia, USA, (Private Collection)

[City of Toronto - Mayor Office](#), Toronto, Canada, (Public Collection)

[City of Hamilton \(Ontario, Canada\)](#)

- [Hamilton Public Library](#) (Public Collection), Public Art, "City of Light" Mural (Public Collection), [Museum of Steam and Technology](#) (Public Collection)

[Hughes + Cooper](#), Hamilton, Canada, (Public + Private Collection)

[Kitchener Public Library, Kitchener](#), Canada, (Public Collection)

[dpAI architects](#), David Premi, Hamilton, Canada, (Private + Public Collection)

[Lamont Law](#), Hamilton, Canada, (Public + Private Collection)

[Michael Clark Law](#), Hamilton, Canada, (Public + Private Collection)

[First Ontario Credit Union](#), Canada (Public Collection)

[Big Brothers of Canada](#), Canada (Public Collection)

[Carstar, Mercanti Management Inc, Sam Mercanti \(Private Commission\)](#) Hamilton, Canada, (

Gallery Representation: [Canvas Gallery](#) (Canada) and [#Hashtag Gallery](#). (Mexico)