

TIBOR NYILASI 1936 – 2015

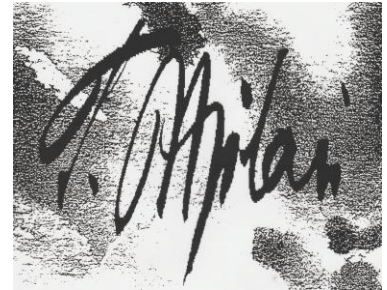


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TIBOR NYILASI

Visual Artist

1936 – 2015

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Estate of the Artist
Donna Nyilasi
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- born 1936 Keszölc, Hungary
- 1957 immigrated to Canada
- dual citizen, Canada/Hungary
- deceased 2015 Hamilton, Canada

EDUCATION	1968	University of Toronto, College of Education
	1964	Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Canada (currently OCAD University)
LANGUAGES		English, Hungarian, Slovak
AWARDS	2013	1st Prize, Haldimand County Juried Art Exhibition
	2012	City of Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts, semi-finalist
	2001	Honorary Citizen of Keszölc, Hungary
	1981	1st Prize, Oakville Regional Arts Festival
	1964	<i>Government of France Medal for Proficiency in Drawing and Painting</i> , Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) Graduation Award
GRANTS	2015	Ontario Arts Council
	1987	Ontario Arts Council Ministry of Citizenship and Culture (Arts Abroad Category)
	1982-1983	Ontario Arts Council

PAST GALLERY REPRESENTATIONS – International

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PAST GALLERY REPRESENTATIONS – National

Toronto	Gallery Gabor– W&W Art Galleries – Patmos Gallery – Atelier Lukacs – Gallery Yonge – Carol Sterne & Associates
Hamilton, Ontario	McMaster Fine Art Services – Gallery on the Bay – Studio 3 – The Canvas Gallery – Peter Hess Gallery
Oakville, Ontario	Abbozzo Gallery
London, Ontario	Thielsen Galleries
Windsor, Ontario	Wayne Gallery
Halifax, Nova Scotia	Gallery 1667
Calgary, Alberta	Gibson Fine Art – Gallery Red

AFFILIATION Franz Mayer Company, Mosaic and Stained Glass Studios,
Munich, Germany

SOCIETIES Paris Montmartre Artists' Association, France
Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor (CSPWC)
Ontario Society for Educators through Art (OSEA)
The Print and Drawing Council of Canada (PDCC)
Muravidék Artists Association, Hungary

COMMISSIONS

- 2012 Mosaic Mural *St. Ignatius of Loyola at the Cardoner River*, 2.5 square metres, smalti glass and natural stone – Jesuit House of Dialogue, Budapest, Hungary
- 2000 Mosaic Portrait of *Ignatius of Loyola*, Manreza Retreat Centre, Dobogókő, Hungary
- 1999 Mosaic Frame for *The Miracle of St. Clement* composition (altar),
St. Clement's Church - Keszthely, Hungary
- 1992 Mosaic Memorial Portrait of Dr. R.K. Start, Obuse, Nagano Hospital, Japan
- 1991 Mosaic Memorial for Mr. Earl Lewis, school principal, Sir Alan MacNab Secondary
School, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1987 Mosaic Surface Décor, Still Life Nightclub, Toronto - 360 square feet in collaboration
with Yabu Pushelberg Designs/Carol Sterne and Associates, Toronto
- 1987 Mosaic Altar Mural *The Miracle of St. Clement* - 5 x 3 meters
St. Clement's Church - Keszthely, Hungary
- 1984 Mosaic Décor, The Altar of Repose, Blessed Sacrament Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1983 Slide Projections for the backdrops to Verdi's *Aida*, Opera Hamilton, Ontario

- 1981 Mosaic Altar Mural, *The Shield of St. Stephen*, 1.5 square meters, St. Stephen's Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1979 Mosaic Floor, dental office atrium, Stuttgart, Germany
Stained Glass Window Composition, 11 inches wide x 5 meters high, First Pilgrim United Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1976 Mosaic Mural, *Ecclesia*, 15 square meters, St. Stephen's R.C. Church Grand Hall, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1965 Stage Set Design, The Kodaly Ensemble of Toronto: "Music, Songs, and Folklore Ballet of Hungary", Toronto (and on tour across Canada)
- 1964 Egg Tempera Mural, *The Melody*, 30 square meters, Government of Ontario Art Collection; installed in Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf, Belleville, Ontario

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The National Gallery of Hungary
Christian Museum, Esztergom, Hungary
Balassa Bálint Museum, Esztergom, Hungary
House of Interfaith Dialogue (Párbeszédház), Budapest, Hungary
Imre Madach Centre for the Arts, Vác, Hungary
Tibor Nyilasi Art Collection (*permanent exhibition*), Nyilasi Gallery, Cultural Events Centre, Keszthely, Hungary
Municipal Art Gallery of Szőgyén, Slovakia

Government of Ontario Art Collection
OCAD University, Toronto
Art Gallery of Hamilton, Ontario
Rodman Art Institute of Niagara, St. Catharines, Canada
St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, St. Thomas, Ontario
The Lindsay Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario

CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Coseka Resources, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Dow Chemical of Canada Ltd
Dofasco, Hamilton
Wellwood Cancer Resource Centre, Hamilton Health Sciences, Ontario

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

The Royal Collection of Drawings and Watercolors, Windsor Castle, England
St. Michael's Hungarian Greek Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ontario

Also in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Australia and Japan.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS – CANADA

- 2017 *In Remembrance of Hungary, 1956* – St. Stephen's Hall, Hamilton
- 2015 *Rising Up: A Retrospective* - Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario
- 2011 *Recent Works* - Gallery on the Bay, Hamilton
- 2008 *Recent Works* - Gallery on the Bay
- 2006 *A Retrospective* - Gallery on the Bay
- 2001 Artful Gallery, Burlington, Ontario
Conservatory for the Arts, Hamilton
- 1999 Gallery on the Bay
- 1998 Canada Tobacco District Hungarian House, Delhi, Ontario
- 1997 Gallery Gabor, Toronto
Theatre Aquarius, Hamilton
St. Joseph's Parish, Hamilton
Portuguese Community Cultural Hall, Hamilton
40th Anniversary Retrospective - St. Stephen's Hall, Hamilton
- 1990 Broadway Cinema Gallery, Hamilton
- 1986 Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch
- 1985 McIntosh Gallery, Western University, London, Ontario
Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario
- 1984 Lindsay Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario
Cambridge Public Art Gallery
Transitions, Hamilton Place
- 1983 Studio 3, Hamilton
Burlington Cultural Centre
Grimsby Public Art Gallery
- 1982 Action Art Gallery, Toronto
Ottawa City Hall
Lynwood Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario
Kovacs Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario
- 1981 Centennial Gallery, Oakville, Ontario
Art Gallery of St. Thomas-Elgin, St. Thomas, Ontario
- 1980 Cambridge Public Art Gallery
Lindsay Library Gallery
Westdale Public Library, Hamilton
- 1981 Centennial Gallery, Oakville, Ontario
Art Gallery of St. Thomas-Elgin, St. Thomas, Ontario
- 1980 Cambridge Public Art Gallery
Lindsay Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario
City of Brampton Public Art Gallery
- 1979 *The Figurative Image*, Art Gallery of Hamilton
Studio 3, Hamilton
- 1978 Studio 3, Hamilton
Patmos Gallery, Toronto
- 1977 Patmos Gallery, Toronto
- 1975 Parkdale Public Library, Toronto

In Honour of International Women's Year

- Windsor Public Library
 1974 Peter Hess Gallery, Hamilton
 1971 Parkdale Public Library, Toronto
 1967 Gallery Yonge, Toronto
 1964 Ontario College of Art, Toronto
 1963 Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario

SOLO EXHIBITIONS – INTERNATIONAL

- 2018 House of Interfaith Dialogue (Párbeszédház), Budapest, Hungary
 2016 Memorial Exhibition, Cultural House, Keszthely, Hungary
 Memorial Exhibition, Zita Zmetak Gallery, Štúrovo, Slovakia
 2007 Bishop's Palace Gallery, Sümeg, Hungary
 2005 *Life as Theatre*, Csemadok Gallery, Komarno, Slovakia
 2004 Municipal Art Gallery, Štúrovo, Slovakia
 2002 Manreza Conference Centre, Dobogókő, Hungary
 2001 Gimeskovin Winery, Keszthely, Hungary
 2000 Town Hall Gallery, Keszthely
 2000 Katalin Dobo Gimnázium Gallery - Esztergom, Hungary
 1995 Town Hall Gallery, Keszthely
 1994 Maison Espagnole Municipal Gallery, Cambrai, France
 1992 House of the Arts, Szekszárd, Hungary
 1991 Town Hall Gallery, Keszthely
 Castle Gallery, Esztergom, Hungary
 Cultural Centre, Dorog, Hungary
 Báthory Museum, Nyírbátor, Hungary
 1989 Castle of Tata, Hungary
 1987 *The Theatre of Life*, Balassa Balint Museum Gallery, Esztergom, Hungary
 1970 Village Museum, Keszthely

GROUP EXHIBITIONS – CANADA

- 2016 *Memorial Exhibition* - Gallery on the Bay, Hamilton
 2015 *Summer in the City* - Gallery on the Bay
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 Lakeside Pumphouse Artists, Stoney Creek, Ontario
17th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Edinburgh Square, Caledonia, Ontario
 2005 Gallery on the Grand, Kitchener -Waterloo, Ontario
Music in Art, Jordan Art Gallery, Jordan, Ontario
 2003 *Faculty Show*, Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts
 2002 *Estuaries of the Danube*, Gallery on the Bay

- 2001 *Into the Next Millenium*, Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Thunder Bay; subsequently at the Timmins Museum and National Exhibition Centre
- 2000 *Christmas Show* - Gallery on the Bay
Summer in the City- Gallery on the Bay
- 2000 *Into the Next Millenium*, Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Eptek National Exhibition Centre, Summerside, P.E.I.
- 1998 *Into the Next Millenium*, Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Blackwood Gallery, University of Toronto
- 1997 *Public Hanging: A Hamilton Art Event*, Abbozzo Gallery, Oakville, Ontario
- 1996 *Art Teachers as Artists*, Hamilton
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- 1994 *Art Teachers as Artists*
- 1991 *Art Teachers as Artists*
- 1990 The Figurativists' Group, Hamilton
Art Teachers as Artists, Hamilton Place, Hamilton
- 1989 *Silver Jubilee Faculty Show*, Dundas Valley School of Art, Dundas, Ontario
Art Teachers as Artists
- 1988 *Salon: An Exhibition of Regional Art*, Burlington Cultural Centre
- 1985 *Hot Watercolor Show*, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
Atelier Lukacs, Toronto
Burlington Cultural Centre
- 1984 *Transitions*, Hamilton Multicultural Council, Hamilton Place
- 1983 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Toronto
- 1982 Burlington Cultural Centre
Exhibit Art, Hamilton and Region Arts Council, juried
Artforms, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery
- 1981 Oakville Regional Arts Festival
Burlington Cultural Centre
- 1980 Burlington Cultural Centre
Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Wolfville, Nova Scotia
- 1979 Art Mart, Hamilton
Open Annual Exhibition, Ontario Society of Artists, Toronto
Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Verdun, Quebec
Artforms, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery
In Duo with Walter Sawron, Gadacsy Gallery at the St. Lawrence Centre, Toronto
Instructors of the Dundas Valley School of Art, Mohawk College Art Gallery, Hamilton
Exhibit Art, Hamilton and Region Arts Council, juried
- 1978 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Toronto
Gallery Gabor, Toronto
Art of the Dance, National Ballet of Canada, O'Keefe Centre, Toronto
Artforms, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery
Colour and Form Society, Toronto
- 1977 Lynwood Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario
The Canvas Gallery, Hamilton
Arts Sacra International Exhibition of Contemporary Christian Art, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 1971 Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario

- 1970 Beckett Gallery, Hamilton
 1969 *Duo exhibit with Barry Coomber*, Allan Petteplace Art Centre, Hamilton
 1968 Festival of Hungarian Culture, Toronto
 Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto
 1965 Canadian International Institute, Toronto
 W&W Art Galleries, Toronto
 1963 *Hungarian Art Exhibition*, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Toronto

GROUP EXHIBITIONS – INTERNATIONAL

- 2014 *Water and Shores, Fire and Flowers*, Nagymaros, Hungary
 2013 Kernstok Gallery, Nyergesujfalu, Hungary
 2012 Castle Gallery ‘Lovagterem’, Esztergom, Hungary
 2011 Imre Madach Centre for the Arts, Vác, Hungary
 Castle Gallery ‘Lovagterem’, Esztergom, Hungary
 2010 *Kapcsolat - Folyam 3*, Duna Museum, Esztergom, Hungary
Colours and Pictures, Hungarian National Museum, Castle Gallery, Esztergom,
 Hungary
 2008 *In Memory of János Eszterházy*, Artoteka, Slovakia
 2006 Painters Group of Parkany, Budapest, Hungary
 2005 Museum of Hont and Lajos, Simonyi Gallery, Slovakia
4th International Exhibit, Nagykorú, Hungary
 2004 Artists’ Association of Sturovo, Group Exhibition, Nagymaros, Hungary
 2003 Contemporary Artists, Garamkovesd, Slovakia
 2001 Contemporary Hungarian Artists, Honti Museum, Šahy, Slovakia
 2000 *Duo Exhibition with Peter Tamási*, Dobo Katalin High School Gallery, Esztergom,
 Hungary
 City Cultural Centre, Dorog, Hungary
 Danube Artists’ Circle, Sturovo Municipal Gallery, Slovakia
 1996 Montmartre Artists’ Association, Paris, France
 Town Hall Gallery, Kesztlöc
 1995 Montmartre Artists’ Association, Paris, France
 1993 *ART EXPO*, Paris, France and Ypres, Belgium
 1992 *Duo Exhibit with Panchal Mansaram*, Bathori Museum, Nyírbátor, Hungary
Exhibit with Panchal Mansaram and L. Simon, ATRIUM, House of Fine Art,
 Rothenburg, Germany
 Town Hall Gallery, Kesztlöc
 1991 Cultural Centre, Dorog, Hungary
 1985 *Diamond Jubilee Collection of Ontario*, Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor,
 Ontario House, London, U.K.
 1982 *Homage to the Homeland*, Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary
 1980 *Bau '80 International Trade Fair*, Germany

PUBLICATIONS – In Literature and Literary Magazines

Chicago Review – University of Chicago, Vol. 1, 32, #1

Dandelion – Fiction, Poetry and Visual Arts (Calgary, Alberta) Vol. 7 #1

Hamilton Arts and Letters Magazine, Issue 10:12: Portfolio I: A Selection of Landscapes by Tibor Nyilasi (1936-2015)

“Coming of Age: Hungarian-Canadian artist Tibor Nyilasi (1936-2015)” by Donna Nyilasi.

Hamilton Arts and Letters Magazine, Issue 11.1: Portfolio II: Tibor Nyilasi (1936-2015)

“War and Revolution: Personal Life Experiences of Hamilton artist Tibor Nyilasi 1936-2015” by Donna Nyilasi.

Intrinsic – Poetry and Poetics (Toronto, Ontario), #7 & 8

It's Only Friday Night – Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): Annecto Publishing, Toronto, 2002

Még Csak Péntek Este– Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): Korda könyvkiadó, Kecskemét, Hungary, 2000

Betrayed Vision – Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): American Hungarian Writers (Cambridge, Ontario), 1987

Elárult Látomás – Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): American Hungarian Writers (Cambridge, Ontario), 1987

Five Teardrops – Short Stories and Play Script (book cover illustration): by Muzsi Jenő, Argirus Publishers, Toronto, 1966

Magyar ABC és Olvasókönyv (all illustrations) by Dr. Sándor Kostya, Duna Könyvkiadó, Toronto, 1961

PUBLISHED REVIEWS – *The Hamilton Spectator*

“Life as an artist born in a refugee camp” by Regina Haggio, Jan. 20, 2016

“When the past is part of the present: Glenhyrst Art Gallery features Tibor Nyilasi in ‘Rising Up’” by Regina Haggio, Feb. 14, 2015

“Artist as he sees himself” by Regina Haggio, Mar. 5, 2011

“The art of making a fine line sing” by Regina Haggio, Apr. 17, 1999

“Tibor celebrates 40 years of art” by Jeff Mahoney, Feb. 1, 1997

“Those who teach, also can” by Lois Crawford, June 19, 1993

“Mosaic portrait honors late school principal” by Paul Benedetti, June 15, 1991

“Global Gallery” by Barry Sandland, June 27, 1987

“Four will have art in royal collection” by Grace Inglis, Oct. 5, 1985

“Joyous watercolours focus on dance, theatre” by Grace Inglis, Jan. 22, 1983

“A touch of glass” by Grace Inglis, Apr. 11, 1981

“Theatre-loving artist gets a double billing” by Grace Inglis Apr. 7, 1979

“Well-known artists featured at galleries” by Grace Inglis, Apr. 15, 1978

“Mosaic mural” by Bob Chambers, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1977, page one photograph

“Hungarian artist’s strength lies in figure drawings” staff writer, May 11, 1974

PUBLISHED REVIEWS – Across Ontario

www.lifenews.ca/announcement/6208044-nyilasi-tibor

The Sputnik – “The Tibor Nyilasi exhibit: A taste of Brantford’s artistic history” by Shelby Do, Feb. 5, 2015

The Brantford Expositor – “Glenhyrst showcases life work of artist Tibor Nyilasi” staff writer, Jan. 14, 2015

The Brantford Expositor – “Artists pass the ‘audition’ ” by Arlene Laskey, June 26, 2013

The Silo – “Winners announced for Haldimand’s 17th Juried Art Show” staff writer, June 10, 2013

Delhi News-Record – “Artists learn figurative drawing from well-travelled expert in field” staff writer, Feb. 3, 1993

The Brantford Expositor, City Page – Canada, March 16, 1987

The Silhouette – McMaster University, 1983

The Independent – “A Hamilton Artist First with Mosaics” Nov. 30, 1983

The Simcoe Reformer – “Lynnwood Arts Centre presents Nyilasi’s work” staff writer, Mar. 24, 1982

The Oakville Beaver – 1981

The Oakville Journal Record – “Line is a ‘living being’ in mind of this artist” by Clara Hargittay, May 6, 1981

Random Scan – “Nyilasi – Living Lines”, staff writer, Apr. 1979

Month Magazine – Hamilton-Burlington – “Uncle Tibor” by Evelyn Grayson, Sept. 1978

Random Scan – “Are Immigrant Artists Really in the Running?” by Lynn Berry, Nov. 1977

The Entertainer – “A Mosaic Mural for Hamilton” by Evelyn Grayson, Jan. 1977

The Windsor Star – “A Nyilasi Tribute to Women’s Year”, by Nora-Jean Perkin, June 21, 1975

The Entertainer – “Tibor Nyilasi” by Evelyn Grayson, May 1974

The Don Mills Mirror – “Under one Roof” by Sheena Mitchie, Nov. 30, 1966

PUBLISHED REVIEWS – Hungary and Slovakia

Esztergom és Vidéke – 2016/1

Ludove Novini – 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Atelier – Slovakia, 2008

Magyar Hírvivő – Hungary, 2005 Vol III. #8

www.oslovma.hu – Elhunyt Keszölc szülötte, Nyilasi Tibor festőművész” by Barkányi Valkán Zoltán, Feb. 2016

keszölc.hu – “Tibor Nyilasi: 2015 Interview transcript ” by Barkányi Valkán Zoltán, 2016

PUBLISHED VIDEOS

Hungarian Memorial Exhibition & Nyilasi State Funeral, July 2016 (*Nyilasi búcsúztatása 2016*)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyN_1p191gg&t=586s

Inauguration of Tibor Nyilasi Gallery, Cultural Events Centre, Keszölc, Hungary, 2019
(Keszölc Kisiskola rendezvény átadaása 2019)
https://youtu.be/_Ol5eYN_6E8

Visit of Delegates from the Twinned Community Kocs, Hungary to Keszölc, Hungary, 2021.
 Nyilasi's mosaic altar piece is presented at minute 41:55; Donna Nyilasi presents the Nyilasi
 Gallery between minutes 1:10 and 1:29
(Kocs Keszölc)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUTZkvbmaZo&t=4905s>

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2006	International Summer Art Camp, Keszölc: facilitator, teacher
2001	<i>Artist in the Classroom</i> , Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
1990 -1999	Local Summer Art Camp, Keszölc: facilitator, teacher
1979-1980	Franz Mayer Mosaic Studio, Munich, Germany: apprentice
1975-1983	Dundas Valley School of Art, Dundas, Ontario: art instructor
1970-2010	Conducted weekend workshops for artists' associations throughout Ontario
1968-1998	Secondary School Specialist Art Teacher, Hamilton Board of Education
1964-1968	Freelance Commercial Artist, Toronto

EMPLOYMENT

1968 -1998	Secondary School Specialist Art Teacher, Hamilton Board of Education
1979-1980	Sabbatical International Studies and Travel (Europe, U.S.A.)
1975-1983	Art Instructor, Dundas Valley School of Art, Ontario
1964-1968	Commercial Display Artist, Toronto

FROM PUBLISHED CRITICAL REVIEWS

“Constantly striving for technical perfection...”

“...in these mosaics Mr. Nyilasi is successful in evoking the forces of nature at work – giving his pieces almost primordial quality.”
Clara Hargittay

“his watercolours are notable for their freshness and freedom of execution...”

Grace Inglis

“haiku-like watercolours – often simple, yet full of atmosphere, humanity, and the confidence of strong technique...”
Jeff Mahoney

“Nyilasi’s work celebrates a strong sense of humanity in sudden, moving, active roles...”
Barry Sandland

“A drawn line has to breathe like a human being – a line is a human being in the mind of the artist...”

Tibor Nyilasi

