



**URBAN GALLERY PRESENTS**  
**PRIDE OF PLACE**

**AN EXHIBITION BY 18 GAY CANADIAN ARTISTS for TORONTO PRIDE and WORLD PRIDE 2014**

**6. DAVID BATEMAN** **Pride Of Poodles** **\$625**

David Bateman is a visual artist and performance poet.

"Having always identified with poodles, I find they give form and vitality to my fractured sense of queer identity."

**7. KENT BRIDGES** **Diverse City** **\$475**

Kent Bridges studied Print Making and Art History at University of Saskatchewan. He combines a love of architecture, pop and modern art into graphic works that represent urban or rural landscapes.

Diverse City is a piece that combines the Pride colors with an evening streetscape to represent the myriad of people living in an urban environment.

**8. BILL BISSETT** **All There Is** **\$1100**

Bill Bissett was born on Lunaria some 400 years ago, and was sent to Earth on the first children's shuttle, landed in Halifax, moved to Vancouver -then London, Ontario where he was part of Luddites alternative rock band, then Toronto where he is poet in residence at Workman Arts. He has shown his paintings at The Secret Handshake Art Gallery.

"Painting releases me from me for the good of my soul in my life"

**9. KHAT KARIM** **Dancing Queens** **\$1500**

Khat is a 36 year old aspiring artist from Milton, Ontario and acrylic abstract form is her expressive outlet. She prefers to use her hands to channel her energy onto the canvas rather than using a brush.

Each painting is one of a kind and never duplicated, as each feeling and emotion is unique to every experience.

**10. BRIAN BANTUGAN** **Man-Made** **\$1250**

Brian Bantugan has a career in higher education teaching, social research, creative and technical writing, and visual design. He has published three academic books and shown in several group shows in Toronto and the first NXNE art exhibition.

"Man-made" is a visual commentary on the value associated with the size of someone's genitals, otherwise termed as "manhood" in some conservative cultures, and critiques the idea of identity being made synonymous with -and limited to- one's sexual activity, such as the "homosexual."

**11, 12, 13. RYAN CARLETON** **Untitled 11, 12 & 13** **\$1000 each**  
**\$2700 for triptych**

Born 1967 Toronto, self-taught. Works consist of expressionistic portraits constructed from various materials.

"I like to create on instinct, bringing new life and light into my projects  
 -different mediums allow me to express different ideas"

