



Sean O'Flynn

ARTIST CV

B.Sc. of Economics

Masters of Education

National Certificate in Mining

Oxford scholarship from the coal mines in England, 1961

Founder of Oscar's Art Books, 1990

BIOGRAPHY

Dublin born artist Sean O'Flynn has had a career as colourful as his paintings. His began as a seminarian, then became an underground coal miner, then Oxford scholar. He emigrated to Canada in 1967 and became a community college instructor and eventually became president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (sentenced to 33 days in the slammer for his union activities). Finally he founded Vancouver's premier art book store, Oscars Art Books, in 1990 and ran the bookstore for 24 years. He draws his inspiration from this rich well of experience.

Sean's paintings reflect his passion for colour. Many years ago when he as a candidate for a PhD, Sean paid a visit to the Albright Knox gallery in Buffalo. He was so blown away with the display of abstract art that he quit the PhD program and started painting.

"I've never regretted that decision. I love my pots of paint."