

**VIEWFINDINGS 2022**  
**Fine Art Photography Exhibition**  
**May 26<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**  
**The Link Gallery**



**JURIED BY**  
**RALPH HEATHER**  
**Fine Art and Original Printmaking**

Ralph Heather is a visual artist living in Paris, Ontario. Focused on original printmaking using traditional and contemporary techniques, he also works in other art media such as watercolour painting and drawing in a variety of mediums.

He has a varied background in art from a lifetime in and around the visual arts, studying art at OCADU, Centre3, Scottsdale School of Art, is a graduate of Graphic Design at Sheridan College. He is a Registered Graphic Designer (RGD), and operated his design business Baseline Graphics Inc. for 25 years. Continuing to study and teach at The Dundas Valley School of Art, Ralph actively supports arts and culture locally by sitting on various advisory committees such as the Carnegie Gallery, James North Art Collective, Brant County Arts and Culture, and Glenhyrst Art Gallery board of directors.

He is an award-winning artist that exhibits regularly in solo and group art shows throughout Canada.

In his art he often enters into a visual discussion about our local environment and landscapes as he explores and reflects on his rural and urban surroundings. A strong sense of place is shared with the viewer, as he tells stories that reveal details and messages in places gone un-noticed and taken for granted. He finds life, hope, change, and beauty in our still present living landscapes and places that over time can slip away and disappear so easily. His portrait and figure art also strive to express an inner sense of the person held within.

**Some personal notes on my photography and jurying experience:**

*I was introduced to photography early on when I put together my first basement darkroom as a teenager while focussing on art in high school.*

*Arriving at Sheridan College I chose graphic design as a major and photography as a minor, which would become a great advantage to me as an art director directing photographers.*

*Now I continue to see photography as an important part of my process when creating artwork.*

*I have also had the pleasure of exhibiting in partner shows with photographers Roger Young and Herb Fodor.*

*Locally I have juried exhibitions for the Button Factory Art Centre, Paris Agriculture Arts Fair, James North Art Collective.*