20 years of inspired art EDUCATION

VANCOUVER ISLAND SCHOOL OF ART

VISA is 20 years old! September 2004-2024

Some key achievements to-date:

- Individual students: 5950
- Instructors: 135
- 12-week courses: 1062
- Workshops: 735
- Certificate of Visual Arts Grads: 147
- Diploma of Fine Arts Grads: 55
- Independent Studio Program Grads: 22

VISA started in the Rock Bay area of Victoria in a 1000 sq ft commercial space with four instructors, eight courses and 47 students. Since then VISA moved to 2459 Quadra St (2005-2018), 950 Kings Rd (2018-2021), and now its current location: 302-733 Johnson St. During this time the school obtained accreditation with the BC Ministry of Advanced Education, Registered Charity Status with Revenue Canada and University Transfer Credits with three universities (Emily Carr Universtiy, Vancouver; University of Gloucestershire, UK; and Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo).

VISA has provided a venue for MFA graduates from the University of Victoria and other universities to get training as instructors, as well as welcoming place for people of all ages to learn about contemporary art.

VISA will be hosting a range of events to acknowledge this milestone including an **Sale and Exhibition of paintings by June Higgins, Draw by the Dram** (Strathcona Hotel), **Saturday Night Art Lectures by John Luna**, **Cardmaking Party**, **Fall 2024 Open House**, **Emily Carr Colouring Party**, **New York Art Tour, Alumni Exhibition** and many more fun art-related activities. See upcoming VISA newsletters for the dates of these activities.