

Rui PIMENTA

☎ (613) 789-7145

**CURRICULUM VITÆ****BORN** Lisbon, Portugal, 1968**EDUCATION**

2003-2006 Toronto School of Art

1999 BA (honours) Philosophy & Humanities,  
York University, Toronto, Ontario**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2009 Karsh-Masson Gallery, Ottawa,  
Ontario. [Upcoming]
- 2008 "Technochondria". Consulate General  
Of Portugal, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2007 In-Bodiment Consul General Of Portugal  
In Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 In-Bodiment AWOL Gallery, Toronto,  
Ontario
- 2006 "Desire Consumed". Engine Gallery,  
Toronto, Ontario
- 2005 "Image of Creation". TSA Gallery,  
Toronto, Ontario

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2008 "47th Annual Toronto Outdoor Art  
Exhibition", Nathan Philips Square.
- 2008 "Square Foot Exhibition", A.W.O.L  
Gallery, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2008 "upART" (a Nuit Blanche event),  
Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2008 Beaux-Arts Brampton Open Juried  
Show, Brampton, Ontario.
- 2008 "35th Annual Juried Show of Fine Art",  
Art Gallery Of Peel, Brampton, Ontario
- 2008 "Surfaces", Ontario Society Of Artists  
134th Annual Open Juried Exhibition,  
John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto. Ontario.
- 2008 "The Artist Project", Artropolis, The  
Merchandise Mart, Chicago. Illinois.
- 2008 The Portuguese Embassy of Canada,  
Sala Atlantico, Ottawa, Ontario.

- 2007 "Made To Measure", Arts Etobicoke  
Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 "46th Annual Toronto Outdoor Art  
Exhibition", Nathan Philips Square.
- 2007 "New Members Exhibition", Eastern Front  
Gallery, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2007 "Toronto Art Expo", Metro Convention  
Centre, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2007 "Best of 2006, An Exhibition of Award  
Winners from the
- 2006 "Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition", First  
Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto,  
Ontario.
- 2006 "Square Foot Exhibition". A.W.O.L.  
Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2006 "The Illuminati Group", Sole Gallery,  
Toronto, Ontario
- 2006 "Professional Studio Group Exhibition",  
Niagara Gallery, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2005 "Annex Patio Art Show", Toronto,  
Ontario.
- 2005 Whipper Snapper Gallery, Toronto,  
Ontario.
- 2003-05 Spring Open House, Toronto School of  
Art, Toronto, Ontario.

**AWARDS & GRANTS**

- 2008 Beaux-Arts Brampton Award, Open  
Juried Show, Brampton, Ontario.
- 2007 "ACAPO", Fine Art Merit Award
- 2007 "RBC Painting Competition", Central  
Region Short List
- 2007 "Ontario Society of Artists", 133rd  
Annual Open Juried Exhibition Best in  
Show
- 2006 "45th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition",  
Honourable Mention for Mixed Media

G A L E R I E

St-Laurent + Hill

Pierre Luc St-Laurent

Membre  
ADAC  
+  
AGAC  
Member

293  
Dalhousie  
Ottawa  
Ontario  
K1N 7E5

Rui PIMENTA

---

☎ (613) 789-7145

## ARTIST'S STATEMENT

You must habit yourself to the dazzle of the light and of every moment of your life.  
-Walt Whitman

It is all too common in contemporary consumer culture for the body to be reduced to a cosmetic shell. This view is not too far removed from the long standing tradition of seeing the body as a site of decay, imperfection and sin. With the latest series of paintings, I continue to examine the complex and often conflicted relationships we have with our bodies. With the use of light boxes – that most ubiquitous of objects within our present day urban landscape, practically synonymous with consumerism itself – I present a highly aesthetic and abstracted view of the bodies mysterious cellular inner workings. The mysterious glow of these works has the effect of both seducing and estranging the viewer. This disorienting push-and-pull results in one no longer quite knowing whether they stand before a painting or find themselves within it. The act of viewing is thus transformed, both physically and psychologically, into an exercise in introspection. It is looking inside, either into one's self or into the other, which defines in-bodiment, where, as Whitman says, "the unseen is proven by the seen" and the human reveals the infinitude of its own spirit.

[ [www.gstl.info](http://www.gstl.info) ]  
e-mail [info@gstl.info](mailto:info@gstl.info)