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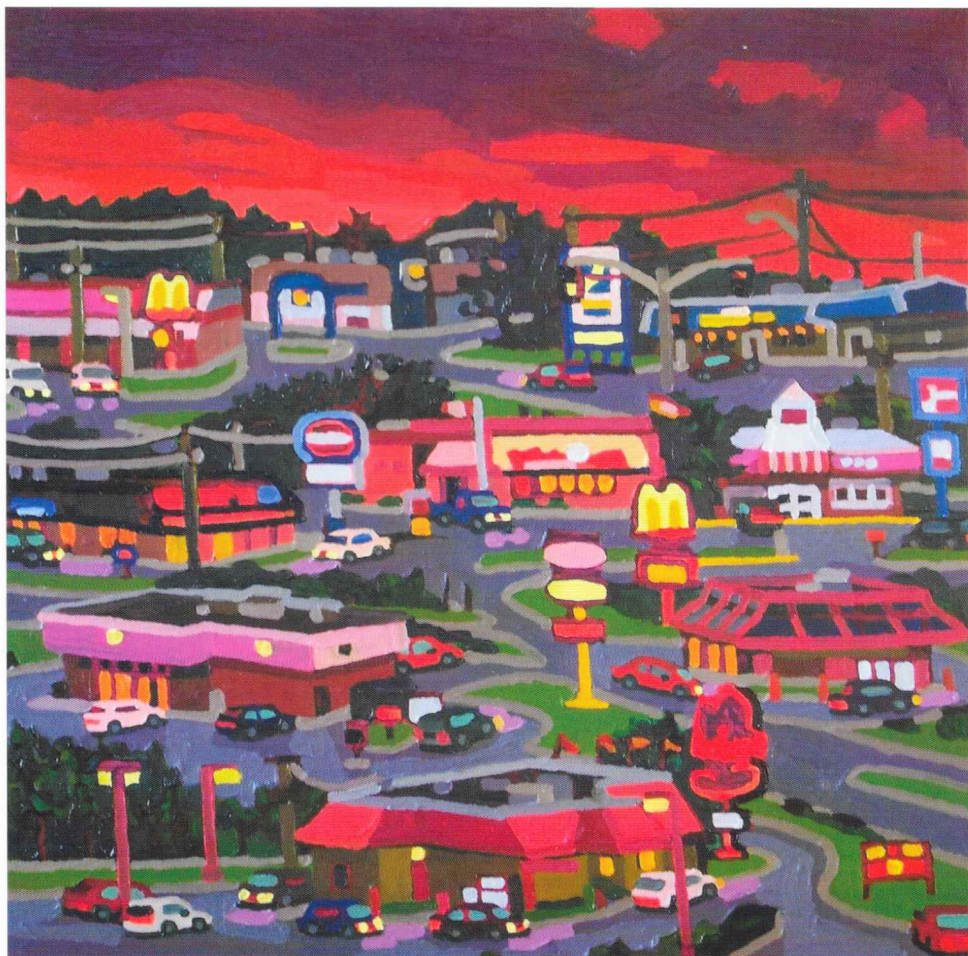
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I used to have a job where I was doing a lot of driving, making repeated trips down the same stretches of roads several times a day. Familiar with my surroundings, it interested me to see how many new developments there were. The shape of the landscape was becoming increasingly homogenized, with a proliferation of new business parks, and expanding suburban neighbourhoods. I have a lot of nostalgia from growing up in the same area, memories of commuting from the country into the city, the department stores and parking lots.

These paintings use spatial planning to create dense fabricated environments. I worked from photomontages I made out of several perspectives of things like drive-thru's, mini-malls, gas stations and highway scenes. The larger compositions combined several planes of space into congested images while the smaller studies concentrated on isolating fragments of space to a flattened surface.

Using repetitive motifs of sprawl, I'm exploring ideas of car dependence, the rural-urban fringe, plastic architecture, and environmental impact. I'm trying to represent man-made landscapes with a sense of excess and widespread consumption.

Jack Bishop
August 2010



9 Drive-Thrus, oil on canvas, 24" x 24"

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

JACK BISHOP received his Bachelor of Fine Art with a Major in painting and Minor in drawing from NSCAD University in 2007 and divides his time between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

As a young artist, Bishop has exhibited in numerous public and group shows, including: "Ours" City Gallery, Saint John Arts Centre, Saint John, NB; The Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, ON, 2009 and 2008; "Studio Watch, Emerging Artist Series", Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, NB, 2008; Art with Heart Charity Auction for Casey House, Toronto, ON, 2007, "SWARM", Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS, 2006, among others.

A selection of awards include: Emerging Artist Award, "The Originals Art Awards" Saint John, NB, 2010; the Arts New Brunswick Emerging Artist of the Year prize, 2008; Arts New Brunswick Creation Grant, 2006 and 2008; and the Robert Pope Foundation Painting Scholarship, 2006.

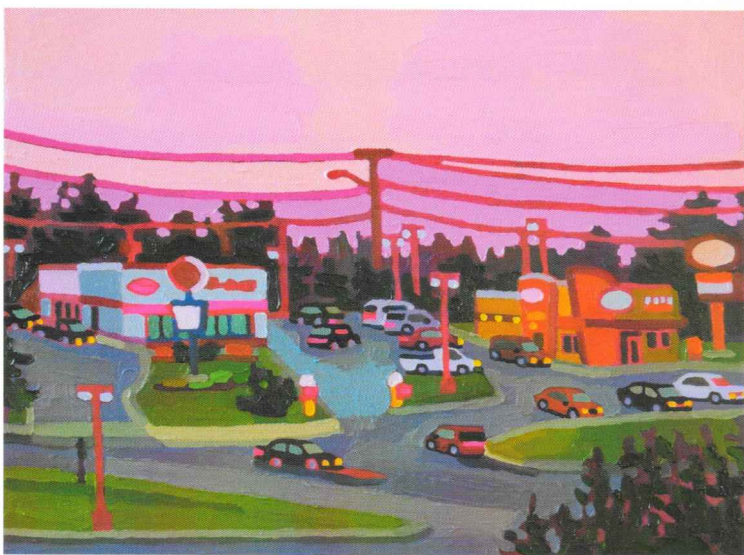
Bishop's works are collected by public and corporate institutions, as well as by private clients. Collections include: Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa, ON; Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, NB; New Brunswick Art Bank, Fredericton, NB; Rivet Sales Agency, London, ON; Partners Global, Halifax, NS.



Red Highway, oil on canvas, 12" x 16"



Mall Park, oil on canvas, 16" x 20"



DQ&A&W, oil on canvas, 23" x 27"

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