

Norval Morriseau Resources

Norval Morriseau (1931–2007) is considered by many to be the *Mishomis*, or grandfather, of contemporary Indigenous art in Canada. His life has been sensationalized in newspapers and documentaries while his unique artistic style has pushed the boundaries of visual storytelling. The creator of the Woodland School of art and a prominent member of the Indian Group of Seven, Morriseau is best known for using bright colours and portraying traditional stories, spiritual themes, and political messages in his work.



Shaman and Apprentice (c. 1980-85)

ARTICLES

Norval Morriseau, Life and Work - Carmen Robertson.

<https://www.aci-iac.ca/art-books/norval-morriseau/>

Please read sections on Significance and Critical Issues (pg 38-45) and Style and Technique (pg 46-54).

Elder Influence

<https://ago.ca/agoinsider/elder-influence>

Where We Lie: Between Sea and Sky - Shivanya Ra

<https://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/where-we-lie/>

Norval Morriseau, The Picasso of the North - Adam Oestreich

<https://www.dailyartmagazine.com/norval-morriseau/>

Celebrating Norval Morriseau (Copper Thunderbird) - Google Doodle (Jun 21, 2022)

<https://doodles.google/doodle/celebrating-norval-morriseau-copper-thunderbird/>

Featured Fellow: Mark Nadjiwan - As told to Olivia Wiens

<https://canadiangeographic.ca/articles/featured-fellow-mark-nadjiwan/>

VIDEOS

Youtube playlist (10 videos)

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiWwsfInXUFL3jvW-H_wz3fa0RfXFeED6

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Separate Reality - Paul Carvalho (43 Min. Documentary)

<https://www.paulcarvalho.com/a-separate-reality-film>

The “Multi-Multi-Multi-Million-Dollar” Art Fraud That Shook the World - Luc Rinaldi (The Walrus)

<https://thewalrus.ca/norval-morrisseau/>

Mythologizing Norval Morrisseau - Carmen L. Robertson

<https://uofmpress.ca/books/mythologizing-norval-morrisseau>

Before and after the Horizon: Anishinaabe Artists of the Great Lakes - David Penney

<https://www.smithsonianbooks.com/store/art-architecture/before-and-after-the-horizon-anishinaabe-artists-of-the-great-lakes/>

Norval Morrisseau: Man Changing into Thunderbird - Armand Garnet Ruffo

<https://douglas-mcintyre.com/products/9781771621588>