



RUSNAK GALLANT LTD.
LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC ART

Illarion Gallant Synoptic Overview

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Please find following a synoptic overview of my Professional Career to date. I received a Diploma in Fine Art with a specialty in 3D studies from the Vancouver based Emily Carr College of Art and Design in 1988. I received my Bachelor Degree of Fine Art from the Emily Carr Institute of Fine Art in 1996. During my program studies I studied abroad at the Karlsruhe Akademie of Art specializing in stone carving in 1985/86 in Karlsruhe West Germany. This was followed by participating in a sculpture symposium in Vienna Austria which focused on repurposing a Stone Quarry near Vienna for Palestinian Refugees during the Crisis in 1986. This was fascinating in that my stone carving colleagues were mostly from behind the Iron Curtain. I certainly learned about post World War 2 totalitarian regimes behind the Iron curtain. The experience of repurposing the stone quarry is what launched my engagement in Landscape Architecture.

In 1989 Twyla Rusnak and I started an early version of Rusnak Gallant Ltd. This company evolved into a Design/Build Landscape Company. We practice as Landscape Architects designing projects then build most of our design work. Currently the scope of our work is High End Residential waterfront work with a mix of smaller design projects in between. In the course of our careers we did a wide variety of work from residential to building green roofs on parking garage concrete slabs. Our client was the largest Property Management Company in Canada and we did their projects from Vancouver to Halifax with the majority of the work in the Greater Toronto Area.

I started practicing as a Public Artist when I was in Art School. I received my first Public Commission in 1989, The Arbutus Tree at Fort St. and Foul Bay. Since that commission I have had approximately 30 commissions across Western Canada and several in Toronto. The materials I work with are mostly aluminum and stainless steel.