

Bike Art, 2017

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Bike Art was created as a way to express my two passions: my awe and admiration for the breathtaking beauty around me and my love for cycling. North Vancouver's environment is open to all; there is no need to be a professional athlete to enjoy the natural 'facilities', just a spark for adventure and an appetite for fresh air.

After reclaiming old bicycle parts from local businesses, I clean, refinish and assemble selected parts to photograph North Vancouver scenes – conceptual depictions of 'Sea to Sky'. Once the base photograph is complete, it is printed on recycled wood and hand painted to embellish and accentuate seasons and the colourful variety of life and community in North Vancouver.

Horizontally, the scene spans all seasons, with fall, winter and snow sports on the western Cypress Mountain and spring and summer activities on the eastern Seymour Mountain. Vertically, the scene depicts North Vancouver with the three iconic mountains (Cypress, Grouse and Seymour) providing skiers and snowboarders with their snowy paradise to later transform into summer hiking and biking trails. The mountains are the backdrop, transitioning into rolling hills down to the North Shore's waterfront community and urban landmarks. Along the bottom, the foreground is the Strait of Georgia connecting North Vancouver to Vancouver via the Lion's Gate Bridge and the SeaBus.