

## **Jeffrey Boone Biography**

Jeffrey Boone is a Master's student in Critical and Curatorial Studies in the Department Art History, Visual Art and Theory, returning to academia after a long and varied career in the art world. He has run and managed commercial galleries, helped build private and corporate collections, and organized exhibitions. Over the past 35 years he has logged many tens of thousands of hours in artists' studios across Canada and Europe, looking and listening and thinking about what artists do, how they do it, and how best to support them.

He was the first person to receive a BFA from Memorial University of Newfoundland. He has served as Board and Programming Chair for the Contemporary Art Society, been a patron of the Royal Academy of Arts and the Chisenhale Gallery, and supported local organizations such as the Queer Film Festival, and the Polygon Gallery. His efforts have extended to organizing international tours in support of Vancouver arts organizations, including the Vancouver Art Gallery. His primary interest remains fostering access to contemporary art and the conversations around it.