



MEET THE ARTIST



LAURA LECHNITZ

Meet Laura Lechnitz, one of the six artists painting 12 catchbasin murals around Brampton! Laura is a watercolour artist and printmaker.

My artistic journey has been shaped by a passion for both the history of the city I live and work in and the creative process. I studied art history at UofT and I simultaneously took classes at Sheridan College, specializing in printmaking and sculpture. For the past two decades, I have dedicated myself to providing opportunities for the next generation of artists as a teacher in Brampton. Through my role as an educator, I strive to foster creativity, critical thinking, and a deep appreciation for the arts. I continue to explore the intersection of history, memory, and identity through my paintings and prints. Drawing inspiration from the architectural wonders of Brampton and the stories of its inhabitants.

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ALL DRAINS LEAD TO OUR HOME

@ ESKER DR

This mural depicts a vibrant underwater ecosystem. Here, colorful fish, (red sided dace), and the midland painted turtle, appear to be resting in their natural habitat that has bubbled out of the drain.

The story is of resilience and fragility, symbolizing the delicate balance of nature disrupted by human actions. My aim is for the viewers to understand that any water that runs into the catch basin has an immediate and direct impact on the aquatic life that lives in our city and on the ecosystems that are an integral part of Brampton.



WE LIVE HERE TOO

@ DEVLIN PL

This mural is embedded with the species that make their homes in the ponds, creeks and rivers of Brampton. It features the northern watersnake, spring peeper frog, midland painted turtle and red sided dace. I have created the illusion of a shallow pool around the drain where the different species are residing. My aim here is to educate viewers about the interconnectedness of urban infrastructure and natural ecosystems, to help the public understand that the water that runs into the catch basins directly impacts the habitat of each creature. I hope it serves as a reminder of the harsh reality faced by native species as they navigate polluted waters that flow through storm drains, often with devastating consequences

