

Biography

Amy Loewan RCA, who is of Chinese origin, was born in Hong Kong. She immigrated to Canada and has been based in Edmonton, Alberta since 1978. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Illinois (1969) and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Painting from the University of Alberta (1995).

Loewan is celebrated for her dedication to creating artwork that promotes peace and human understanding. Her work has been exhibited in Australia, Canada, Shanghai, Hong Kong and New York. Since 2001, her large scale multimedia installations *A Peace Project* and *Illuminating peace*, both of which aimed to dissolve cultural boundaries, have been shown across Canada. Her most recent installation *Arche-TEXTures* featuring new work *House Inspiring peace* (2015) was premiered at the University of Alberta Museums Enterprise Square Galleries. This work carries the momentum of Loewan's previous work to further her passion for shaping a better world.

Loewan has received numerous awards and honours including: The Canadian Artists and Producers Professional Relations Tribunal *Award for Excellence in the Arts commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (Ottawa, 1998), the City of Edmonton *Salute to Excellence Arts and Culture Hall of Fame* (2012), and she was inducted into the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (2015). *A Peace Project* (2001) was recognized as a work of outstanding significance and national importance and was certified as a Cultural Property of Canada in 2010.

Loewan's projects have received funding support from federal, provincial and municipal governments: the Canada Council for the Arts, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Alberta Foundation for the Arts and Edmonton Arts Council.

Finally, Loewan is a passionate art educator. She works with community groups and teaches studio courses in visual art at University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension.