

WAAP, Wil Aballe Art Projects

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Open Thursday-Saturday 11 AM-5 PM, hours subject to change, call ahead

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[Waapart.com](http://Waapart.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/WilAballeArtProjects/>

-Started 2013, in Wil's apartment in Mount Pleasant

-moved to near Frances & Clark

-moved to current location on E. Hastings in August 2016

Accessible through Fazakas Gallery, walk through gallery, go out the back and down the stairs, enter the WAAPdoor

-not typically wheelchair accessible, but there's a gate in the back with a slope down to the door which could be unlocked, brightly lit space

Internal structure

-Wil owns and runs the place, recently took on an employee to help with graphics

-shares access, rent, and a storage space with Fazakas Gallery

Communal type of partnership

Physically places contemporary art and contemporary Native art in a dialogue

- through WAAP, acts as a gallerist, art dealer, and curator/guest-curator

has curated at BAF, will be presenting a show at the AHVA gallery later this November

Mandate: promote young, emerging Vancouver and international artists at the "bleeding edge"

-gives many artists their first solo show

-values work that is in dialogue with work of Vancouver artists

-prioritizes integrity to artist's vision over "sell-ability"

Function

-Exhibitions at the gallery space, opening nights and open gallery hours for viewings

-Art fairs, presents work by select artists at various art fairs, has artists do talks (Art Toronto, Art Cologne...)

-Group hangs, an exhibition where pieces from the gallery archive are shown

- Guest curating, curates shows at other spaces (typically non-profit) such as BAF or the AHVA gallery (show opening late November)

Funding

-personally funded through day job

-art sales

-grants