

ABOUT ESTHER RAUSENBERG

Celebrating the long-time passionate advocate, artist and a driving force for the arts on Vancouver's eastside, Esther Rausenberg.

Among many extraordinary achievements, Esther Rausenberg is a founding artist of the Eastside Culture Crawl, (The Crawl, as it is affectionately known, is an accessible and engaging experience for art lovers and first-time visitors). Esther is currently the Co-artistic Director of Creative Cultural Collaborations Society and Artistic and Executive Director of the Eastside Arts Society that develops and produces some of Vancouver's most innovative and cherished programming for contemporary visual arts. Now in its 29th year, the EAS is embarking on several new initiatives to ensure that Art Happens Here, on Vancouver's Eastside, for decades to come.

Esther is also a Co-founder and Producer of the Dancing on the Edge Festival, and in 2014 she was one of three individuals who preserved the Blue Cabin while established the only floating artist residency in Canada. She has twice been appointed to the City of Vancouver Arts and Culture Policy Council. Currently, Esther is a Trustee and Vice-chair of the Vancouver Art Gallery and in 2018 was appointed to the Board of Governors at Emily Carr University of Art & Design where she served for 6 years. In 2023, she received the prestigious BC Community Achievement Award and was one of 50 artists selected from a group of 14000 artists for the Salt Spring Island National Art Prize. Esther was also deeply involved in the Black Strathcona project as Producer.

Esther Rausenberg is a photo-based artist who has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally including Mexico, Cuba, Argentina and Croatia. A key direction in her photography is the incorporation of layered images as a means to reveal greater depth of meaning, subtlety and complexity.

Esther is proud to have grown up within an immigrant family in East Vancouver. For 40+ years she has lived and worked in her studio/home in Strathcona, with her partner, visual artist Richard Tetrault and now their dog Guapo.

