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## Shawn Hunt : Archetypes

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Macaulay & Co. Fine Art is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by Vancouver-based artist Shawn Hunt. Known for challenging the idea of 'native' identity as a monoculture his new works continue to bring this complexity to the fore.

Shawn Hunt's series of portraits subvert the tradition of European portraiture and a sensibility informed by Northwest Coast design and sculpture. Realistic representation mingles with stylized design creating a tension; they're not people who could ever exist – they're paintings. Together these elements deny access to a stable set of meanings, implying an overall sense of dislocation and transformation.

Shawn Hunt (b. 1975, Vancouver, BC) is a BFA graduate of the University of British Columbia and a recipient of 2011 British Columbia Creative Achievement Award for First Nations Art. Hunt's work was exhibited at the Vancouver Art Gallery (2011); McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg, Ontario (2009); The Museum of Arts and Design, New York (2004), the Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver, BC (2002) and The Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, ON (2000) among other venues. Hunt lives and works in Vancouver, B.C.