



Artist's Biography: Douglas Coupland

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"I can't imagine a more stunning canvas than this bridge. Its scope and ambition have been fully realized without compromise, and for me to use lighting to further bring it to life is both an honour, and a profound responsibility. I hope that when completed, the bridge will appear as though it is alive, and makes viewers proud of the close relationship these two countries share."

- Douglas Coupland, Artist

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian novelist, designer, and visual artist, residing in Vancouver, Canada. He has written thirteen novels published in most languages. He has written and performed for England's Royal Shakespeare Company and is a columnist for The Financial Times of London. He is a frequent contributor to The New York Times, e-flux, DIS and Vice.



Douglas Coupland, Artist

In 2000, Coupland amplified his visual art production showcased in the Vancouver Art Gallery, The Royal Ontario Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, and Bit Rot at Rotterdam's Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art, and Munich's Villa Stucke. In 2015 and 2016 Coupland was artist in residence in the Paris Google Cultural Institute. In May 2018 his exhibition on ecology, Vortex, opened at the Vancouver Aquarium.

In addition to many public art commissions throughout Canada, Coupland's celebrated *Northern Lights* installation graces Calgary's Telus Sky Tower. Its inspiration is the Aurora Borealis and is animated using thousands of LED lights, spanning 160,000 square feet. The lights form displays, sequences and patterns that move through rotations, several times each evening starting at sunset.

Coupland is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy, an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Officer of the Order of British Columbia, a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres and receiver of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence.

He graduated from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver and studied at the Hokkaido College of Art and Design in Japan as well as Istituto Europeo di Design in Italy.

More information about Douglas can be found at coupland.com.