

**TIBOR NYILASI 1936 – 2015**

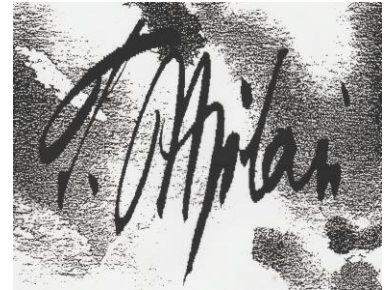


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# TIBOR NYILASI

## Visual Artist

### 1936 – 2015

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**Estate of the Artist**  
**Donna Nyilasi**  
**dnyilasi@hotmail.com**

- born 1936 Keszölc, Hungary
- 1957 immigrated to Canada
- dual citizen, Canada/Hungary
- deceased 2015 Hamilton, Canada

<b>EDUCATION</b>	1968	University of Toronto, College of Education
	1964	Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Canada (currently OCAD University)
<b>LANGUAGES</b>		English, Hungarian, Slovak
<b>AWARDS</b>	2013	1st Prize, Haldimand County Juried Art Exhibition
	2012	City of Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts, semi-finalist
	2001	Honorary Citizen of Keszölc, Hungary
	1981	1st Prize, Oakville Regional Arts Festival
	1964	<i>Government of France Medal for Proficiency in Drawing and Painting</i> , Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) Graduation Award
<b>GRANTS</b>	2015	Ontario Arts Council
	1987	Ontario Arts Council Ministry of Citizenship and Culture (Arts Abroad Category)
	1982-1983	Ontario Arts Council

## PAST GALLERY REPRESENTATIONS – International

Vevey, Switzerland                      Galerie Zabbeni

## PAST GALLERY REPRESENTATIONS – National

<b>Toronto</b>	Gallery Gabor– W&W Art Galleries – Patmos Gallery – Atelier Lukacs – Gallery Yonge – Carol Sterne & Associates
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>	McMaster Fine Art Services – Gallery on the Bay – Studio 3 – The Canvas Gallery – Peter Hess Gallery
<b>Oakville, Ontario</b>	Abbozzo Gallery
<b>London, Ontario</b>	Thielsen Galleries
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>	Wayne Gallery
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>	Gallery 1667
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>	Gibson Fine Art – Gallery Red

**AFFILIATION**                                      Franz Mayer Company, Mosaic and Stained Glass Studios,  
Munich, Germany

**SOCIETIES**    Paris Montmartre Artists' Association, France  
Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor (CSPWC)  
Ontario Society for Educators through Art (OSEA)  
The Print and Drawing Council of Canada (PDCC)  
Muravidék Artists Association, Hungary

## COMMISSIONS

- 2000 Mosaic Portrait of *Ignatius of Loyola*, Manreza Retreat Centre, Dobogókő, Hungary
- 1999 Mosaic Frame for *The Miracle of St. Clement* composition (altar),  
St. Clement's Church - Keszthely, Hungary
- 1992 Mosaic Memorial for Dr. R.K. Start, Obuse, Nagano, Japan
- 1991 Mosaic Memorial for Mr. Earl Lewis, school principal, Sir Alan MacNab Secondary  
School, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1987 Mosaic Surface Décor, Still Life Nightclub, Toronto - 360 square feet in collaboration  
with Yabu Pushelberg Designs/Carol Sterne and Associates, Toronto
- 1987 Mosaic Altar Mural *The Miracle of St. Clement* - 5 x 3 meters  
St. Clement's Church - Keszthely, Hungary
- 1984 Mosaic Décor, The Altar of Repose, Blessed Sacrament Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1983 Slide Projections for the backdrops to Verdi's *Aida*, Opera Hamilton, Ontario
- 1981 Mosaic Altar Mural, *The Shield of St. Stephen*, 1.5 square meters, St. Stephen's Church,  
Hamilton, Ontario
- 1979 Mosaic Floor, dental office atrium, Stuttgart, Germany

- Stained Glass Window Composition, 11 inches wide x 5 meters high, First Pilgrim United Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1976 Mosaic Mural, *Ecclesia*, 15 square meters, St. Stephen's R.C. Church Grand Hall, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1965 Stage Set Design, The Kodaly Ensemble of Toronto: "Music, Songs, and Folklore Ballet of Hungary", Toronto (and on tour across Canada)
- 1964 Egg Tempera Mural, *The Melody*, 30 sq. meters, Government of Ontario Art Collection, installed in Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf, Belleville, Ontario

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

The National Gallery of Hungary  
 Christian Museum, Esztergom, Hungary  
 Balassa Balint Museum, Esztergom, Hungary  
 House of Interfaith Dialogue (Párbeszédház), Budapest, Hungary  
 Imre Madach Centre for the Arts, Vác, Hungary  
 Tibor Nyilasi Art Collection (*permanent exhibition*), Nyilasi Gallery, Cultural Events Centre, Keszthely, Hungary  
 Municipal Art Gallery of Szógyén, Slovakia

Government of Ontario Art Collection  
 OCAD University, Toronto  
 Art Gallery of Hamilton, Ontario  
 Rodman Art Institute of Niagara, St. Catharines, Canada  
 St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, St. Thomas, Ontario  
 The Lindsay Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario

## **CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Coseka Resources, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
 Dow Chemical of Canada Ltd  
 Dofasco, Hamilton  
 Wellwood Cancer Resource Centre, Hamilton Health Sciences, Ontario

## **PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

The Royal Collection of Drawings and Watercolors, Windsor Castle, England  
 St. Michael's Hungarian Greek Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ontario

Also in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Australia and Japan.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS – CANADA

- 2017 *In Remembrance of Hungary, 1956* – St. Stephen's Hall, Hamilton
- 2015 *Rising Up: A Retrospective* - Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario
- 2011 *Recent Works* - Gallery on the Bay, Hamilton
- 2008 *Recent Works* - Gallery on the Bay
- 2006 *A Retrospective* - Gallery on the Bay
- 2001 Artful Gallery, Burlington, Ontario  
Conservatory for the Arts, Hamilton
- 1999 Gallery on the Bay
- 1998 Canada Tobacco District Hungarian House, Delhi, Ontario
- 1997 Gallery Gabor, Toronto  
Theatre Aquarius, Hamilton  
St. Joseph's Parish, Hamilton  
Portuguese Community Cultural Hall, Hamilton  
*40th Anniversary Retrospective* - St. Stephen's Hall, Hamilton
- 1990 Broadway Cinema Gallery, Hamilton
- 1986 Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch
- 1985 McIntosh Gallery, Western University, London, Ontario  
Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario
- 1984 Lindsay Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario  
Cambridge Public Art Gallery  
*Transitions*, Hamilton Place
- 1983 Studio 3, Hamilton  
Burlington Cultural Centre  
Grimsby Public Art Gallery
- 1982 Action Art Gallery, Toronto  
Ottawa City Hall  
Lynwood Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario  
Kovacs Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario
- 1981 Centennial Gallery, Oakville, Ontario  
Art Gallery of St. Thomas-Elgin, St. Thomas, Ontario
- 1980 Cambridge Public Art Gallery  
Lindsay Library Gallery  
Westdale Public Library, Hamilton
- 1981 Centennial Gallery, Oakville, Ontario  
Art Gallery of St. Thomas-Elgin, St. Thomas, Ontario
- 1980 Cambridge Public Art Gallery  
Lindsay Gallery, Lindsay, Ontario  
City of Brampton Public Art Gallery
- 1979 *The Figurative Image*, Art Gallery of Hamilton  
Studio 3, Hamilton
- 1978 Studio 3, Hamilton  
Patmos Gallery, Toronto
- 1977 Patmos Gallery, Toronto
- 1975 Parkdale Public Library, Toronto

*In Honour of International Women's Year*

- Windsor Public Library  
 1974 Peter Hess Gallery, Hamilton  
 1971 Parkdale Public Library, Toronto  
 1967 Gallery Yonge, Toronto  
 1964 Ontario College of Art, Toronto  
 1963 Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

- 2018 House of Interfaith Dialogue (Párbeszédház), Budapest, Hungary  
 2016 Memorial Exhibition, Cultural House, Keszthely, Hungary  
 Memorial Exhibition, Zita Zmetak Gallery, Štúrovo, Slovakia  
 2007 Bishop's Palace Gallery, Sümeg, Hungary  
 2005 *Life as Theatre*, Csemadok Gallery, Komarno, Slovakia  
 2004 Municipal Art Gallery, Štúrovo, Slovakia  
 2002 Manreza Conference Centre, Dobogókő, Hungary  
 2001 Gimeskovin Winery, Keszthely, Hungary  
 2000 Town Hall Gallery, Keszthely  
 2000 Katalin Dobo Gimnázium Gallery - Esztergom, Hungary  
 1995 Town Hall Gallery, Keszthely  
 1994 Maison Espagnole Municipal Gallery, Cambrai, France  
 1992 House of the Arts, Szekszárd, Hungary  
 1991 Town Hall Gallery, Keszthely  
 Castle Gallery, Esztergom, Hungary  
 Cultural Centre, Dorog, Hungary  
 Báthory Museum, Nyírbátor, Hungary  
 1989 Castle of Tata, Hungary  
 1987 *The Theatre of Life*, Balassa Balint Museum Gallery, Esztergom, Hungary  
 1970 Village Museum, Keszthely

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS – CANADA**

- 2016 *Memorial Exhibition* - Gallery on the Bay, Hamilton  
 2015 *Summer in the City* - Gallery on the Bay  
 2014 *Summer in the City*  
 2013 *Summer in the City*  
 Lakeside Pumphouse Artists, Stoney Creek, Ontario  
*17th Annual Juried Art Exhibition*, Edinburgh Square, Caledonia, Ontario  
 2005 Gallery on the Grand, Kitchener -Waterloo, Ontario  
*Music in Art*, Jordan Art Gallery, Jordan, Ontario  
 2003 *Faculty Show*, Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts  
 2002 *Estuaries of the Danube*, Gallery on the Bay

- 2001 *Into the Next Millenium*, Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Thunder Bay; subsequently at the Timmins Museum and National Exhibition Centre
- 2000 *Christmas Show* - Gallery on the Bay  
*Summer in the City*- Gallery on the Bay
- 2000 *Into the Next Millenium*, Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Eptek National Exhibition Centre, Summerside, P.E.I.
- 1998 *Into the Next Millenium*, Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Blackwood Gallery, University of Toronto
- 1997 *Public Hanging: A Hamilton Art Event*, Abbozzo Gallery, Oakville, Ontario
- 1996 *Art Teachers as Artists*, Hamilton
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- 1990 The Figurativists' Group, Hamilton  
*Art Teachers as Artists*, Hamilton Place, Hamilton
- 1989 *Silver Jubilee Faculty Show*, Dundas Valley School of Art, Dundas, Ontario  
*Art Teachers as Artists*
- 1988 *Salon: An Exhibition of Regional Art*, Burlington Cultural Centre
- 1985 *Hot Watercolor Show*, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto  
Atelier Lukacs, Toronto  
Burlington Cultural Centre
- 1984 *Transitions*, Hamilton Multicultural Council, Hamilton Place
- 1983 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Toronto
- 1982 Burlington Cultural Centre  
*Exhibit Art*, Hamilton and Region Arts Council, juried  
*Artforms*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery
- 1981 Oakville Regional Arts Festival  
Burlington Cultural Centre
- 1980 Burlington Cultural Centre  
Canadian Society for Painters in Watercolour, Wolfville, Nova Scotia
- 1979 Art Mart, Hamilton  
*Open Annual Exhibition*, Ontario Society of Artists, Toronto  
Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Verdun, Quebec  
*Artforms*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery  
*In Duo with Walter Sawron*, Gadacsy Gallery at the St. Lawrence Centre, Toronto  
*Instructors of the Dundas Valley School of Art*, Mohawk College Art Gallery, Hamilton  
*Exhibit Art*, Hamilton and Region Arts Council, juried
- 1978 Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Toronto  
Gallery Gabor, Toronto  
*Art of the Dance*, National Ballet of Canada, O'Keefe Centre, Toronto  
*Artforms*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery  
Colour and Form Society, Toronto
- 1977 Lynwood Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario  
The Canvas Gallery, Hamilton  
*Arts Sacra International Exhibition of Contemporary Christian Art*, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 1971 Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario

- 1970 Beckett Gallery, Hamilton  
 1969 *Duo exhibit with Barry Coomber*, Allan Petteplace Art Centre, Hamilton  
 1968 Festival of Hungarian Culture, Toronto  
 Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto  
 1965 Canadian International Institute, Toronto  
 W&W Art Galleries, Toronto  
 1963 *Hungarian Art Exhibition*, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Toronto

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS – INTERNATIONAL

- 2014 *Water and Shores, Fire and Flowers*, Nagymaros, Hungary  
 2013 Kernstok Gallery, Nyergesujfalu, Hungary  
 2012 Castle Gallery ‘Lovagterem’, Esztergom, Hungary  
 2011 Imre Madach Centre for the Arts, Vác, Hungary  
 Castle Gallery ‘Lovagterem’, Esztergom, Hungary  
 2010 *Kapcsolat - Folyam 3*, Duna Museum, Esztergom, Hungary  
*Colours and Pictures*, Hungarian National Museum, Castle Gallery, Esztergom,  
 Hungary  
 2008 *In Memory of János Eszterházy*, Artoteka, Slovakia  
 2006 Painters Group of Parkany, Budapest, Hungary  
 2005 Museum of Hont and Lajos, Simonyi Gallery, Slovakia  
*4th International Exhibit*, Nagykorú, Hungary  
 2004 Artists’ Association of Sturovo, Group Exhibition, Nagymaros, Hungary  
 2003 Contemporary Artists, Garamkovesd, Slovakia  
 2001 Contemporary Hungarian Artists, Honti Museum, Šahy, Slovakia  
 2000 *Duo Exhibition with Peter Tamási*, Dobo Katalin High School Gallery, Esztergom,  
 Hungary  
 City Cultural Centre, Dorog, Hungary  
 Danube Artists’ Circle, Sturovo Municipal Gallery, Slovakia  
 1996 Montmartre Artists’ Association, Paris, France  
 Town Hall Gallery, Kesztlöc  
 1995 Montmartre Artists’ Association, Paris, France  
 1993 *ART EXPO*, Paris, France and Ypres, Belgium  
 1992 *Duo Exhibit with Panchal Mansaram*, Bathori Museum, Nyírbátor, Hungary  
*Exhibit with Panchal Mansaram and L. Simon*, ATRIUM, House of Fine Art,  
 Rothenburg, Germany  
 Town Hall Gallery, Kesztlöc  
 1991 Cultural Centre, Dorog, Hungary  
 1985 *Diamond Jubilee Collection of Ontario*, Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor,  
 Ontario House, London, U.K.  
 1982 *Homage to the Homeland*, Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary  
 1980 *Bau '80 International Trade Fair*, Germany



## **PUBLICATIONS – In Literature and Literary Magazines**

*Chicago Review* – University of Chicago, Vol. 1, 32, #1

*Dandelion* – Fiction, Poetry and Visual Arts (Calgary, Alberta) Vol. 7 #1

*Hamilton Arts and Letters Magazine*, Issue 10:12: Portfolio I: A Selection of Landscapes by Tibor Nyilasi (1936-2015)

“Coming of Age: Hungarian-Canadian artist Tibor Nyilasi (1936-2015)” by Donna Nyilasi.

*Hamilton Arts and Letters Magazine*, Issue 11.1: Portfolio II: Tibor Nyilasi (1936-2015)

“War and Revolution: Personal Life Experiences of Hamilton artist Tibor Nyilasi 1936-2015” by Donna Nyilasi.

*Intrinsic* – Poetry and Poetics (Toronto, Ontario), #7 & 8

*It's Only Friday Night* – Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): Annecto Publishing, Toronto, 2002

*Még Csak Péntek Este*– Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): Korda könyvkiadó, Kecskemét, Hungary, 2000

*Betrayed Vision* – Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): American Hungarian Writers (Cambridge, Ontario), 1987

*Elárult Látomás* – Poetry of Szabolcs Sajgó (illustrations): American Hungarian Writers (Cambridge, Ontario), 1987

*Five Teardrops* – Short Stories and Play Script (book cover illustration): by Muzsi Jenő, Argirus Publishers, Toronto, 1966

Magyar ABC és Olvasókönyv (all illustrations) by Dr. Sándor Kostya, Duna Könyvkiadó, Toronto, 1961

## **PUBLISHED REVIEWS – *The Hamilton Spectator***

“Life as an artist born in a refugee camp” by Regina Haggio, Jan. 20, 2016

“When the past is part of the present: Glenhyrst Art Gallery features Tibor Nyilasi in ‘Rising Up’” by Regina Haggio, Feb. 14, 2015

“Artist as he sees himself” by Regina Haggio, Mar. 5, 2011

“The art of making a fine line sing” by Regina Haggio, Apr. 17, 1999

“Tibor celebrates 40 years of art” by Jeff Mahoney, Feb. 1, 1997

“Those who teach, also can” by Lois Crawford, June 19, 1993

“Mosaic portrait honors late school principal” by Paul Benedetti, June 15, 1991

“Global Gallery” by Barry Sandland, June 27, 1987

“Four will have art in royal collection” by Grace Inglis, Oct. 5, 1985

“Joyous watercolours focus on dance, theatre” by Grace Inglis, Jan. 22, 1983

“A touch of glass” by Grace Inglis, Apr. 11, 1981

“Theatre-loving artist gets a double billing” by Grace Inglis Apr. 7, 1979

“Well-known artists featured at galleries” by Grace Inglis, Apr. 15, 1978

“Mosaic mural” by Bob Chambers, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1977, page one photograph

“Hungarian artist’s strength lies in figure drawings” staff writer, May 11, 1974

## **PUBLISHED REVIEWS – Across Ontario**

[www.lifenews.ca/announcement/6208044-nyilasi-tibor](http://www.lifenews.ca/announcement/6208044-nyilasi-tibor)

*The Sputnik* – “The Tibor Nyilasi exhibit: A taste of Brantford’s artistic history” by Shelby Do, Feb. 5, 2015

*The Brantford Expositor* – “Glenhyrst showcases life work of artist Tibor Nyilasi” staff writer, Jan. 14, 2015

*The Brantford Expositor* – “Artists pass the ‘audition’ ” by Arlene Laskey, June 26, 2013

*The Silo* – “Winners announced for Haldimand’s 17<sup>th</sup> Juried Art Show” staff writer, June 10, 2013

*Delhi News-Record* – “Artists learn figurative drawing from well-travelled expert in field” staff writer, Feb. 3, 1993

*The Brantford Expositor*, City Page – Canada, March 16, 1987

*The Silhouette* – McMaster University, 1983

*The Independent* – “A Hamilton Artist First with Mosaics” Nov. 30, 1983

*The Simcoe Reformer* – “Lynnwood Arts Centre presents Nyilasi’s work” staff writer, Mar. 24, 1982

*The Oakville Beaver* – 1981

*The Oakville Journal Record* – “Line is a ‘living being’ in mind of this artist” by Clara Hargittay, May 6, 1981

*Random Scan* – “Nyilasi – Living Lines”, staff writer, Apr. 1979

*Month Magazine – Hamilton-Burlington* – “Uncle Tibor” by Evelyn Grayson, Sept. 1978

*Random Scan* – “Are Immigrant Artists Really in the Running?” by Lynn Berry, Nov. 1977

*The Entertainer* – “A Mosaic Mural for Hamilton” by Evelyn Grayson, Jan. 1977

*The Windsor Star* – “A Nyilasi Tribute to Women’s Year”, by Nora-Jean Perkin, June 21, 1975

*The Entertainer* – “Tibor Nyilasi” by Evelyn Grayson, May 1974

*The Don Mills Mirror* – “Under one Roof” by Sheena Mitchie, Nov. 30, 1966

## **PUBLISHED REVIEWS – Hungary and Slovakia**

*Esztergom és Vidéke* – 2016/1

*Ludove Novini* – 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

*Atelier* – Slovakia, 2008

*Magyar Hírvivő* – Hungary, 2005 Vol III. #8

[www.oslovma.hu](http://www.oslovma.hu) – Elhunyt Kesztlőc szülötte, Nyilasi Tibor festőművész by Barkányi Valkán Zoltán, Feb. 2016

[kesztolc.hu](http://kesztolc.hu) – “Tibor Nyilasi: 2015 Interview transcript ” by Barkányi Valkán Zoltán, 2016

## **PUBLISHED VIDEOS**

Hungarian Memorial Exhibition & State Funeral, July 2016 (*Nyilasi búcsúztatása 2016*)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyN\\_1p191gg&t=586s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyN_1p191gg&t=586s)

Inauguration of Tibor Nyilasi Gallery, Cultural Events Centre, Kesztohc, Hungary, 2019  
 (*Kesztohc Kisiskola rendezvény átadaása 2019*)  
[https://youtu.be/\\_O15eYN\\_6E8](https://youtu.be/_O15eYN_6E8)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2006	International Summer Art Camp, Kesztohc: facilitator, teacher
2001	<i>Artist in the Classroom</i> , Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
1990 -1999	Local Summer Art Camp, Kesztohc: facilitator, teacher
1979-1980	Franz Mayer Mosaic Studio, Munich, Germany: apprentice
1975-1983	Dundas Valley School of Art, Dundas, Ontario: art instructor
1970-2010	Conducted weekend workshops for artists' associations throughout Ontario
1968-1998	Secondary School Specialist Art Teacher, Hamilton Board of Education
1964-1968	Freelance Commercial Artist, Toronto

## EMPLOYMENT

1968 -1998	Secondary School Specialist Art Teacher, Hamilton Board of Education
1979-1980	Sabbatical International Studies and Travel
1975-1983	Art Instructor, Dundas Valley School of Art, Ontario
1964-1968	Commercial Display Artist, Toronto

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## FROM PUBLISHED CRITICAL REVIEWS

“Constantly striving for technical perfection...”

“...in these mosaics Mr. Nyilasi is successful in evoking the forces of nature at work – giving his pieces almost primordial quality.”  
*Clara Hargittay*

“his watercolours are notable for their freshness and freedom of execution...”

*Grace Inglis*

“haiku-like watercolours – often simple, yet full of atmosphere, humanity, and the confidence of strong technique...”  
*Jeff Mahoney*

“Nyilasi’s work celebrates a strong sense of humanity in sudden, moving, active roles...”

*Barry Sandland*

**“The line has to breathe like a human being – the line is a human being in the mind of the artist...”**

*Tibor Nyilasi*

