

## MEET ONE OF CANADA'S CHICEST ARTISTS: BOBBIE BURGERS

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You may recognize Bobbie Burgers' energetic and colourful large-scale florals—after all, the Vancouver-based artist has been at it for nearly 20 years. But even if you're new to these bold works, you'll likely be moved.

Burgers, whose latest exhibit, *Lovely Fugitive*, is opening tomorrow at the **Bau-Xi Gallery** in Toronto, wants people to feel energized, to feel joy, when they see her works. "People are always asking me what I love so much about flowers," says the lithe artist over breakfast at Frank Restaurant in the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO). "But it's not really about flowers; it's about colour and movement and fragility. Flowers are just an accessible way to communicate these themes... and it means I always get to have fresh-cut flowers in the house!"

Her house was also recently filled with a private collection of her own pieces, which she has earmarked for her four children. (She, her designer husband and her children share a gorgeous and oft-photographed sunny home in B.C.) Now, these exclusive pieces will actually be available to rent from the **AGO's art-rental program**.

A month or more with one of Burgers' expressive, sweeping pieces? Parting with it would be such sweet sorrow.

