

**THE VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE**

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Dear Mr. Vance,

You have indeed done to a heap of trouble in writing for me the interesting and informative document I have just received, and which you have had typed and carboned in the most official manner. I have sent one of the copies to Miss MacKay of Penticton who made the original enquiry, and I think she will after showing it at several afternoon teas put it away in lavender to be bequeathed to her descendants if she has any, or to her 'heirs executors and assigns'.

I am exceedingly grateful to you and will ask your acceptance of my last book of verse which goes forward to you under another cover.

Yours sincerely,  
Bernard W. Gray



## Art & Artists in Exhibition: Vancouver 1890 - 1950

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### Bernard M. McEvoy (*Diogenes*)

c1842 - February 16 1932

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Vancouver Studio Club and School of Art

B.C. Society of Fine Arts

(Founding Member 1908)(VP 1909)(Hon. Sec.-Treas. 1917)(Life Member by 1930)

B.C. Art League (Founding Member)

British Columbia Artist (B.C.A., 1921)

Art, Historical and Scientific Association of Vancouver (Member 1931)

Bernard McEvoy was very prominent in the early art circles of Vancouver. He was born in Birmingham, England, and came to Canada in 1888. He worked on the staff of the *Mail and Empire* in Toronto, before moving to Vancouver in 1906 (Harper). He was an active artist and participant in arts societies, and he also wrote a column for the local newspaper under the *nom de plume* of "Diogenes", in which he reviewed art exhibitions and discussed matters of art.

He was one of the five founding members of the B.C. Society of Fine Arts in 1908, and exhibited in the society's debut First Annual Exhibition at the Dominion Hall in Vancouver. He also showed two paintings later that year in the Exhibition of Pictures held by the Vancouver Studio Club and School of Art.

In 1910 he had work in an exhibition held by the Island and Crafts Society in Victoria.

In 1917 McEvoy was Honorary Secretary Treasurer of the B.C. Society of Fine Arts as well as a member, showing two paintings in the annual exhibition and loaning one painting by David Cox. He had also exhibited with the group in 1910, 1912, and 1915, and later showed his work in 1921 and 1925. The BCSFA also showed his work in 1936, after his death.

In 1920 McEvoy and John Radford were chiefly responsible for the creation of the and B.C. Art League, an organization founded to help create an art school and art gallery in Vancouver.

McEvoy died in Vancouver in 1932 at the age of ninety. His artwork was displayed in retrospection exhibitions of the B.C. Society of Fine Arts in 1950 and 1960.

## Exhibitions

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