

Staff Favourites: Paul Kane paintings

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[Opening image of beadwork moves across screen to show Liliane Lortie standing in front of a display of paintings in the Daphne Cockwell Gallery of Canada: First Peoples]

Here is new gallery, First Peoples, which opened last December [in 2005]. There are lots of beautiful paintings by Paul Kane [created] in about 1848 to 1856. The paintings are beautiful colours red, brown, soft colours. These make you feel spirit noble, uhh, humble. These were different. I have not seen like that kind of painting, painter, painting. And this here, here ... *[Liliane gestures to different paintings off screen]* There are lots of paintings by Paul Kane. The reason I come here because of very interesting things that I did not know about — beadworks, paintings, paintings — and [painting]shows nature, it give you an idea how Indian people lived, how they clothed [themselves], how they work.

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