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EDUCATION AND RESIDENCIES

2019 The Lighthouse Works, Fishers Island, NY

2017 MFA Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

1999 BFA Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA

1995 New York Studio School of Painting and Sculpture, New York, NY

1994 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022

Full Circle, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Practice, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI

2021

Framed In Memory, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico

A Layered Approach, KMAC Museum, Louisville, KY

2019

Whole In The Dust, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI

2017

Suspect Sentence, Reyes Projects, Birmingham, MI

2013

On the Other Hand, COOP Gallery, Nashville, TN

2010

Getting There From Here, KRETS, Malmö, Sweden

2008

Sub-Tippy (North Gallery), Clementine, New York, NY

2007

New Paintings, Mogadishni International Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark

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2006

Ignoring the Signs, Clementine, New York, NY
New Paintings (East Gallery), Acuna-Hansen, Los Angeles, CA

2004

Plants and Animals, Acuna-Hansen, Los Angeles, CA
General Store, Milwaukee, WI

GROUP EXHIBITIONS/ EXPOS

2023

Felix Art Fair, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI
Get Together, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI

2022

Art Basel Miami Beach, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico
The Armory Show, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico
It Takes a Village, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI
Beyond the Black Hole, The Pit, Palm Springs, CA
Thrift Store Find, Andrew Rafacz, Chicago, IL, Melissa Brown curator
Independent, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI
Dallas Art Fair, Broadway Gallery, New York, NY
SALON redux, David Klein Gallery, Detroit, MI
Zona Maco, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico
Felix Art Fair, Broadway Gallery, New York, NY

2021

Grouper, Broadway Gallery, New York, NY
With Eyes Opened: Cranbrook Academy of Art Since 1932, Cranbrook Art Museum,
Bloomfield Hills, MI
The Armory Show, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico
Art Basel Miami Beach, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico

2020

Mapped Out, NADA Miami VR, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI
Show Me the Signs, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA Independent, Reyes I Finn, Detroit,
MI

2019

Who's Afraid of Red, Yellow and Blue, Proyectos Monclova, CDMX, Mexico
Useless Utility, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI, Jova Lynne curator
Independent, Reyes I Finn, Detroit, MI

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2018

HOMEMADE, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI, McArthur Binion curator
Seven Samurai, Platform Project Space, Brooklyn, NY, Phil and Sue Knoll curators
Paradise, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, Edgar Bryan and Adrienne Rubenstein curators
FRONT International, The Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH, Michelle Grabner and Lisa Kurzner curators (cat.)
McArthur Binion Curates in Detroit, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI, McArthur Binion curator
NADA, Reyes Projects, Birmingham, MI (solo booth)
Chromalicious, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA, Phil and Sue Knoll curators
Geometrix, Galerie Camille, Detroit, MI, Leah Cohen curator

2017

Brave New Work, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA, Phil and Sue Knoll curators
Something Green, Reyes Projects, Birmingham, MI

2016

Solar Vortex, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA, Phil and Sue Knoll curators
Goulding the Lolly, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, NY, Brian Belott curator

2015

Remains To Be Seen, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA, Phil and Sue Knoll curators
Oysters With Lemon, Ventana244, Brooklyn, NY, Michael Zahn curator
Melted City, Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines, Jordin Isip and Louie Cordero curators

2014

The Age of Small Things, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY, Chuck Webster curator

2013

Beach Painting Club, silent auction to benefit Smallwater, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY, Hosted by Scott and Tyson Reeder, and New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA)
Paperazzi 2, Janet Kurnatowski Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, Janet Kurnatowski curator
Draw Gym, 247365 & KnowMoreGames, Brooklyn, NY, Brian Belott curator
Milwaukeeists: 1996-2006, UW-Green Bay Lawton Gallery, Green Bay, WI, Nicholas Frank curator

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2012

Permanent Collection, Nancy Margolis Gallery, New York, NY, Edward del Rosario and Jordin Isip curators

FAKES, Tomato House, Brooklyn, NY

Paperazzi, Janet Kurnatowski Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, Janet Kurnatowski curator

2011

Coming and Going: Work from the Collection of Peter Kang, New York Center for Art and Media Studies, New York, NY, Donald Johnson-Montenegro curator

Permanent Collection, Regina Rex, Brooklyn, NY

Interior Loot, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, Peter Barrickman curator

Leisureland, Maloney Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

Summer Salt, The Proposition, New York, NY, Ingrid Dinter curator

(Darling) You Send Me..., b9 galerie, Vienna, Austria, Julie Ryan curator

Spaghetti and Beachballs, Studio D'Arte Raffaelli, Trento, Italy (cat.)

This is Water, Michael Rosenthal Gallery, San Francisco, CA

The Open Daybook, LACE, Los Angeles, CA, David P. Earle curator

2010

Casheesh Four, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

FIAC Art Fair, Paris, France, Galerie Zürcher

Knock Knock, Needles and Pens, San Francisco, CA

Strategic Abstraction, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

Consider The Oyster, James Graham & Sons, New York, NY, Ingrid Dinter curator

Singles, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

Happily Unhappy, Blanc Compound, Mandaluyong, Philippines, Jordin Isip and Louie Cordero curators

2009

Mutant Anxiety, Michael Rosenthal Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Wild Feature II, Galerie Zürcher, Paris, France, Brian Belott curator

Casheesh Two, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

Wild Feature, Studio Zürcher, New York, NY, Brian Belott curator

About Face, Rio Hondo College Art Gallery, Whittier, CA, Chris Acuna curator

2008

Presents, Rowley Kennerk Gallery, Chicago, IL

2007

In Full Cry, New Image Art Gallery, Los Angeles, LA, Matt Leines and Taylor McKimens curators

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Wu-Tang / Googleplex, Gavin Brown's Passerby, New York, NY, Darren Bader curator
Phantasmania, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, Elizabeth Dunbar curator (cat.)

Poets on Painters, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, Katie Geha curator (cat.)
Crystal Crunch, Perugi Artecontemporanea, Padova, Italy, Taylor McKimens curator

2006

Go Figure, Mogadishni International Contemporary Art, Aarhus, Denmark

2005

Mystery Meat, Future Prospects Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines, Jordin Isip curator
Let The Players Play, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
Move #13, Clementine, New York, NY, Rich Jacobs curator
Can't See The Forest, Sixspace, Los Angeles, CA

2004

Under the Influence, Junc Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Taste Like Chicken, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
Chicago Art Exposition International Invitational, Chicago, IL, Acuna-Hansen
Stray Show Art Fair, Chicago, IL, General Store
Drunk vs. Stoned, Gavin Brown's enterprise at Passerby, New York, NY, General Store curator
Fresh Squeezed, Acuna-Hansen Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2003

Scope, Miami ,FL, Acuna-Hansen
Stray Show Art Fair, Chicago, IL, Milhaus
Paintingshow, Austrian Art Studio, Chicago, IL

2002

Stray Show Art Fair, Chicago, IL, Daniel Reich
Milhaus, Deluxe Projects, Chicago, IL

1999

Factory Reject, Ross Farrell Gallery, Pasadena, CA, Taylor McKimens curator
Raw Seeing: Celebrating a Decade of Alumni Exhibitions 1988-1998, New York Studio School, NY

1998

Ways and Means, Miller Durazo Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

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The Experimenters, Lombard Freid Fine Arts, New York, NY, Kenny Schachter curator
1987-1997 A Skowhegan Decade, David Beitzel Gallery, New York, NY

1996

Texas Meets New York: Facing the Millennium," the song remains the same..." ,
Arlington Museum of Art, TX, Kenny Schachter curator

1994

10 X 10, Art Initiatives Gallery, New York, NY

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Hobbs, Erica. "Scott Hocking leads trio of Detroit artist in new Cranbrook exhibit." The Detroit News, 5 November 2022

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2021

Moldan, Tessa. "Zona Maco Art Week: Shows to See." OCULA, 23 April 2021

Weis, Natalie. "At KMAC." Review of *A Layered Approach*, UnderMain Magazine, 10 October 2021

2020

Presented by NADA. "Candace Worth on Her Favorite Artworks from Week 1 of FAIR." NADA, 22 May 2020,

2019

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2018

Bmoreart, "If Armory Fairs Were Dog Show Contestants". Cara Ober, March 14, 2018

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2014

Hyperallergic, "Points of Contact: Small Works, Giant Steps". Thomas Micchelli, [article link](#), February 8, 2014, reproduction Blake Gopnik on Art, "DAILY PIC". Blake Gopnik, February 6, 2014

2013

Secret Behavior, "Anonymity". James Gallagher, Issue 01, pages 32, 33, & 36
Fall/Winter

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2011

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Saatchi Online Magazine, "Reflections On New York's Art Fair Week". Doug McClellmont, March 8

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2010

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2009

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2006

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1997

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1996

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2011 The Open Daybook: Mark Batty Publisher; Edited by David P. Earle
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2007 Phantasmania: Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO,
Elizabeth Dunbar curator Poets on Painters: Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State
University, Wichita, KS, Katie Geha curator
(traveling exhibition)

2006 New American Paintings: Principal Juror -Tumelo Mosaka, Assistant Curator of
Contemporary Art, Brooklyn Museum, Pacific Coast Edition, Book #67