

DEBORAH OROPALLO BIOGRAPHY

BORN

1954
Hackensack, NJ

EDUCATION

1983
M.F.A., University of California, Berkeley, CA

1982
M.A., University of California, Berkeley, CA

1979
B.F.A., Alfred University, Alfred, NY

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2005-2006
"Deborah Oropallo," Boise Art Museum, ID

2004
"Replica," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2002
"General Purpose," Weinstein Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
"Oropallo on Paper: 1990-2001," Montalvo Gallery,
Saratoga, CA

2001-2003
"How-To: [The Paintings of Deborah Oropallo](#)," San Jose
Museum of Art, San Jose, CA; other venues: Museum of
Glass, International Center for Contemporary Art, Tacoma,
WA; Palm Springs Desert Museum, CA
"Material Handling," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco,
CA

2000
"New Paintings and New Prints," James Harris Gallery,
Seattle, WA

1998
"House & Garden," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco,
CA
"House & Home," Weinstein Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

1997
Institute of Contemporary Art, Maine College of Art,
Portland, ME
"Flat Pictures," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1996
Zolla/Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL

1995

Selected Group Exhibitions

2003-2004
"The Not-so Still Life: A Century of California Painting and
Sculpture," San Jose Museum of Art, CA

2003
In Camera, New York, NY
"On the Surface: Contemporary Paintings by Bay Area
Women," Monterey Museum of Art, CA
"Eight Years: The Editions of Gallery 16," San Francisco, CA
"UC Berkeley Art Alumni Group Exhibit 2002," Worth-Ryder
Gallery, Berkeley, CA

2002
"On the Surface: Contemporary Paintings by Bay Area
Women," Monterey Museum of Art, CA
"Eight Years: The Editions of Gallery 16," San Francisco, CA
"UC Berkeley Art Alumni Group Exhibit 2002," Worth-Ryder
Gallery, Berkeley, CA

2001
"Objects Considered," Bedford Gallery, Dean Leshner
Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA
Weinstein Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

2000
"Celebrating Modern Art: Works from the Anderson
Collection," San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San
Francisco, CA

1999
"New Work: Painting Today, Recent Acquisitions," San
Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
"Into the 21st Century: Selections from the Permanent
Collection," San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
"Museum Pieces: Bay Area Artists Investigate the de
Young," M.H. de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
"American Artists' Books Exhibition," California Palace of
the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
"California Dreamin': Contemporary Art from the Bank of
America Collection," Bank of America Gallery, Mint Museum

"Lessons," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1994

"Selections from the Anderson Collection," San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

1993

Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Kate Block Fine Arts, Boston, MA

1992

Weatherspoon Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC
Ann Jaffee Gallery, Bay Harbor Island, FL

1991

Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC
Germans van Eck Gallery, New York, NY

1990

"Currents/Deborah Oropallo," Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
"Vik Muniz/Deborah Oropallo," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA (solo)

1988

Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1987

Oropallo/Pi Joan, Raab Gallerie, Berlin, Germany

1986

Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

SELECTED AWARDS

2006

Paul G. Allen Foundation grant in support of solo show at Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho

2005

Pollack-Krasner Foundation Award Recipient

1998

Modern Masters Award from the Museum of Art and Environment, Frank Lloyd Wright Marin County Civic Center, California

1993

Fleischhacker Award

1991

National Endowment for the Arts Award

1990

Art Space, Grant, San Francisco, CA
California Arts Council Grant

1988

Art Space, Support Grant, San Francisco, CA

1987

of Craft + Design, Charlotte, NC

1998

"In Over Our Heads: The Image of Water in Contemporary Art," San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
"Paper Thin," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA
"Art from Around the Bay: Recent Acquisitions," San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
"California Current," RARE Gallery, New York, NY
"Masterworks on Paper from the Collection of George Hopper Fitch," The M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

1997

Weinstein Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
"Heart, Body, Mind, Soul," Recent Acquisitions at Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
"Five Fine Arts Presses," Emmie Smock Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1996

"American Kaleidoscope: Themes and Perspectives in Recent Art," National Museum of American Art, Washington, DC
Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA

1995

"Trillium's Graphics" The Artists Contemporary Gallery, Hyatt Regency Plaza, Sacramento, CA.
"Blue," Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1994

"U.S.A. 'Within Limits,'" Documenta, Galleria de Arte, Sao Paulo, Brazil
"Lyricism and Light," Palo Alto Cultural Center, Palo Alto, CA
"Old Glory New Story: Flagging the 21st Century," CAPP Street Project, San Francisco, CA
"Sex Sells," Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA
"Books Works: Pacific Center for the Book Arts, 7th Biennial Members Exhibition," San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, CA

1993

"Directions in Bay Area Printmaking," Palo Alto, CA
"43rd Corcoran Biennial," Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Fleishhacker Award Exhibition, San Jose Museum, San Jose, CA
"Drawing II, Koplín Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
"The Return of The Cadavre Exquis," Traveling Exhibition: The Drawing Center, New York, NY; The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; The Foundation for Contemporary Art, Mexico City, Mexico; The Santa Monica Museum, Los Angeles, CA; and The Forum, St. Louis, MO
"It's a Beautiful Thing," Savage Fine Art, Portland, OR

1992

"Corollaries of Apprehension," California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA
"California: North and South," Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO
"Painted Word/Written Image," Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
"Somewhere Between Image and Text," Krakow Gallery,

Engelhard Award, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

1983

22nd Annual Art Exhibit, HAFA, Second Place, Hayward, CA

1982

Richmond Art Center Award, Small Format Show, Richmond, CA

Ann Bremer Award, University of California, Berkeley, CA

1981

California State Fair Art Exhibition, Honorable Mention, Sacramento, CA

California State Fair Art Exhibition, Second Place, Sacramento, CA

1978

College Register Certificate of Recognition, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

Michael Cory Levins Sculpture Award, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

1977

F.C.-J.C. Fine Art Award, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

Anderson Collection, Palo Alto, CA

ARA Services, Philadelphia, PA

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

Bank of America, San Francisco, CA

Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. San Francisco, CA

The Gap, San Francisco, CA

La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA

Lang Communications, New York, NY

Lannan Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Mills College Special Collections Library, Oakland, CA

Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

New York Public Library, NY

Nestle USA, Inc., Glendale, CA

Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA

Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs CA

Progressive Corporation Mayfield, OH

Robertson Stephens & Company, San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, CA

San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

Weatherspoon Art Gallery, Greensboro, NC

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Boston, MA

"Summer Show," Germans van Eck Gallery, New York, NY

"Voices," Shea & Bornstein, Los Angeles, CA

"Beyond Just Words: I," Modernism, San Francisco, CA

"Bay Area Greats," Syntex, Palo Alto, CA

Katie Block Fine Art, Boston, MA

1991

"Her Story," Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA

"Contemporary Painting," Wake Forest University, Fine Arts Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC

"Drawing Conclusions," Molica Guidarte Gallery, New York, NY

"Group Show," Michael Kohn Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

"The Artist's Hand: Drawings from the Bank of America Collection," a traveling exhibition organized by the Bank of America, San Francisco, CA; San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA; Fisher Gallery, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

"Do You Hear What I'm Saying?" Transamerica Pyramid Lobby, San Francisco, CA

"Erotic Drawing," Artspace, San Francisco, CA

"Works on Paper," Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC

"Cruciformed," an exhibition organized by the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH, and traveling to: Museum of Contemporary Art, Wright State University, Dayton, OH; Western Gallery, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA; MacDonald Stewart Centre, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

1990

"Prints from Experimental Workshop," San Francisco, CA, Alpha Gallery, Boston, MA

"Drinking and Driving," Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH

"Word as Image," a traveling exhibition organized by the Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI, June 15-August 26, 1990 and traveling to: Oklahoma Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK, November 17, 1990-February 2, 1991; Contemporary Art Museum Houston, TX, February 23-May 21, 1991

"Words as Symbols," Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT

"26th Anniversary Exhibition," Ann Jaffee Gallery, Bay Harbor Islands, FL

1989

Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA

"1989 Biennial Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Germans van Eck Gallery, New York, NY

Group Show, Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

New Works, Capp Street Project, San Francisco, CA

New Acquisitions, Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, H.M. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA

"Bay Area: Fresh Views," San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

"41st Annual Purchase Exhibition," American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY

1988

"Recent Prints from West Coast Presses," Allport Gallery, San Francisco, CA

"Chatchke: A Source Show," Nexus Gallery, Berkeley, CA

"Selections from the Experimental Workshop, San

Francisco," San Francisco, CA

1987

"Passages: A Survey of California Women Artists, 1945 to Present, Part IV: Emerging California Women Artists," Fresno Art Center, Fresno, CA
Janet Steinberg Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1986

"Emerging Artists: A Macedonia," Museo Italo Americano, San Francisco, CA
"PARAVENT: Extending the Range of Expression," Artspace, San Francisco, CA

1985

"Different Directions," San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1982

"Small Format Show," Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA

1981

"Beyond Words," San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA
"Group Show," Worth Ryder Gallery, Berkeley, CA

1980

"4th Western Drawing Exhibit," Albright Knox Museum, Buffalo, NY
"27th Annual Painting Show," Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA