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MERION ESTES

Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018** Ten Year Survey, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA (curated by Howard Fox) (forthcoming)
- 2017** *Dispatches from the Frontlines*, CB1 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Lost Horizons & Cooling Trend, CB1 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015** Dystopia. CB1 Gallery. Los Angeles, CA
- 2012** Un-Natural. Municipal Art Gallery at Barnsdall Park. With Mallinson, Burnes and Adams. Curated by Scott Canty (Was nominated as one of the best of seven shows in a non-profit space nationally by the art critics' AOIC.)
Paintings and Works on Paper. David Richard Contemporary. Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2011** Lost Horizons and More. David Richard Contemporary. Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2009** Merion Estes: "Lost Horizons" Gallerie Anais, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica CA (catalogue essay by Betty Brown)
- 2007** Merion Estes: Recent Paintings. Cardwell Jimmerson Gallery. Culver City CA
- 2006** A Sea of Possibilities: Works by Merion Estes 1971-2006. Pomona College Museum of Art. Curated by Rebecca McGrew. (Catalogue)
- 2005** Contemporary Soliloquies on the Natural World: Karen Carson, Merion Estes, Constance Mallinson, Margaret Nielsen, Takako Yamaguchi. USC Fisher Galleries, Los Angeles. Curated by Max Schultz. (Catalogue)
- 2001** Merion Estes, Paintings. Irvine Fine Arts Center. Curated by Carl Berg
- 1998** Subversive Pleasures. Curated by Carl Berg Remba Gallery, West Hollywood, CA (Catalogue essay by Michael Duncan)
- 1997** Merion Estes Paintings. Curated by Carl Berg. Gallery LASCA, Los Angeles
Merion Estes. Gallery LASCA, Seoul, Korea.
- 1996** Merion Estes, Recent Paintings. Claremont Graduate School Gallery, Claremont, CA.
- 1994** 50+: A Painting Show. Rio Hondo College Gallery, Whittier, CA.
Soundings. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1991** Merion Estes: Recent Paintings. Daniel Saxon Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1988** Mystic Realms: Paintings by Merion Estes. California State University at Dominguez Hills, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1987** Merion Estes. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1986** Merion Estes. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1984** Merion Estes. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1983** Merion Estes. Karl Bornstein Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1980** Merion Estes: Studies and Templates. North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, NC
Public Installation. Avenue of the Stars. Century City. Funded by CETA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018** *The Feminine Sublime*, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA (curated by Constance Mallinson) (forthcoming)

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- 2017** Hot Time, Summer in the City, CB1 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016** *Summer Reverie*, CB1 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Urban Nature, Williamson Gallery, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA (curated by Constance Mallinson)
- 2015** XX Redux. Chapman University Gallery, Orange, CA Catalogue. Curated by Nancy Buchanan
Art and the Environment. LAX exhibition space. Curated by Jay Belolli.
- 2013** Dangerous Beauties. Stuart Haaga Gallery, Descanso Gardens, CA Curated by John O'Brien
- 2012** The Nature of Things: Ruth Bachofner Gallery Santa Monica, CA
- 2010** Urbanature. Curator: Constance Mallinson An on-line show of selected artists working with the theme of nature. (On-line journal "Times Quotidian")
- 2011** Platform: Los Angeles in the the 70's. David Richard Contemporary. Los Angeles Art Fair
Painting Per Se: Los Angeles Paintings from the Seventies. David Richard Contemporary. Santa Fe, New Mexico (Curated by Peter Frank and David Eicholtz)
AKA Zen, David Richard Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2009** Rant. Curated by Ryan and Dan Callis. Pacific Design Center. Los Angeles.
- 2007** Women Artists of Southern California: Then and Now. Track 16 Gallery, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica CA. Catalogue.
- 2006** Plex. Curated by Noel Korten. The Brewery Annex. Los Angeles
- 2005** Group. Carl Berg Gallery. Los Angeles, CA
- 2003** LAPD. Rosamund Felsen Gallery, Los Angeles. Curated by Michael Duncan.
- 2002** Post Cool. San Jose Art Museum, San Jose, CA Curated by Michael Duncan
Traveled to Otis College of Art, Los Angeles. (2004)
Out of the Digital Domain. Irvine Fine Arts Center. Irvine, CA
Hand-painted. Irvine Fine Arts Center, Irvine, CA Curated by Carl Berg
- 2001** The Importance of Being Earnest. Occidental College Gallery, Los Angeles. Curated by Michael Duncan
Cross-Pollination. Holland Tunnel, Brooklyn, N.Y. Curated by Susan Joyce.
Organica. Coleman Gallery, West Hollywood, CA
- 2002** Three's Company. With Linda Day and Jeremy Kidd. Cypress College Fine Arts Gallery. Cypress, CA
- 2000** Cosmic Dermis. Curated by Gordon Haines, Rosamund Felsen Gallery, Santa Monica.
Intraconnections. Curated by Carl Berg, Dan O'Melveny Gallery, West Hollywood, CA 1998
Group Show. Curated by Carl Berg, Remba Gallery, and West Hollywood, CA.
- 1996** Teeming. Curated by Habib Kheradyer. POST Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
Transcendental Meditations. William Turner Gallery, Venice, CA.
L.A. Current: the Female Perspective. UCLA Art Rental Gallery at
The Armand Hammer Museum: Los Angeles, CA.
- 1995** Impure Painting. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
Group Show. Jan Baum Gallery: Los Angeles, CA.
- 1994** Current Abstraction. Curated by Noel Korten. Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles.
- 1993** The Layered Look. Curated by Sue Spaid. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1991** Of Nature and the Human Spirit. Daniel Saxon Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

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- 1988** Visionary Landscape. Curated by Joan Hugo. Woman's Building, Los Angeles
Elements: Landscape. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1986** Group Show. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1985** Group Show. Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1984** A Broad Spectrum: Contemporary Los Angeles Painters and Sculptors.
Design Center, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1984** Critic's Choice: Downtown Artists. Transamerica Center, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1983** Los Angeles Pattern Painters. ARCO Center for Visual Art, Los Angeles, CA.
Group Show. Organized by Karl Bornstein. Joseph Gallery: New York, NY. 1983
Exchange of Sources: Expanding Powers. California State University
Stanislaus: Turlock, CA. Curated by Harmony Hammond.
- 1983** Five from L.A. Linda Farris Gallery: Seattle, WA.
On and Off the Wall: Shaped and Colored. Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA
- 1982** In and Around Little Tokyo. Japanese American Cultural Center, Los Angeles.
Downtown L.A.: Between the Freeways. Palm Springs Museum of Art, Palm Springs, CA
Between the Freeways: The New Art of Los Angeles. Curated by Tom Garver Madison
Center for Fine Art. Madison, WI. Also traveled to the Center for the Visual Arts, Normal
Illinois, Addison Gallery Of American Art, Andover, MA. Nickel Art Museum, Alberta,
Canada.
- 1981** Contemporary Triptychs. Curated by David Rubin. Scripps and Pomona
College Galleries, Claremont, CA.
Merion Estes and Barry Fahr. Downtown Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
Some Painters, For Example. Security Pacific Bank, Los Angeles, CA
Drawings: Some Personal Definitions. San Diego State College Gallery

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AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2017** Murray Reich Distinguished Artist Award, The New York Foundation for the Arts.
- 2015** AICA-USA (Art Critics) Finalist for best show of 2012 in an alternative space, "Un-Natural"

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at the Municipal Gallery at Barnsdall Park. Los Angeles, CA

2007 July Residency, Santa Fe Art Institute, Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant

1996 Artist Fellowship, J. Paul Getty Trust Fund for Visual Arts

1980 CETA Grant: Art in Public Spaces. One year support.

1980 Artist's Grant: California Arts Commission

EDUCATION

1972 MFA University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

1970 BFA University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico