

## **MICHAEL KESSLER / BIOGRAPHICAL**

Michael Kessler was born in 1954 in Hanover, Pennsylvania. He received a B.F.A. degree from Kutztown University. He currently lives and works in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

## **AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS**

**1990 - Rome Prize**, Painting, American Academy in Rome , NYC-Rome, Italy

**1992 - Pollock/Krasner Award**, Painting, NYC

**1985 - Awards in Visual Arts-Five**, South Eastern Center for Contemporary Art

**1977 - Whitney Independent Study Program**, Whitney Museum of American Art

**1983 - Pennsylvania Council on the Arts**, Grant in Painting

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

### **2013**

Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, Louisiana

Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii

Russell Collection, Austin, Texas

Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah

### **2012**

Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah  
Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii  
Dean Day Gallery, Houston, Texas  
Joseph Gierok Fine Art, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Artamo, Santa Barbara, California

## **2011**

Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Madison Gallery, La Jolla, California  
Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon  
Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii  
Argazzi Art, Lakeville, Connecticut  
Ann Korologos Gallery, Basalt, Colorado  
Russell Collection, Austin, Texas

## **2010**

Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii  
Mark Gallery, Englewood, New Jersey  
Lanoue Fine Art, Boston, Massachusetts  
Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah

## **2009**

Melanee Cooper Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
Friesen Gallery, Seattle, Washington  
Joseph Gierok Fine Art, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Art Cube Gallery, Laguna Beach, California  
Madison Gallery, La Jolla, California

## **2008**

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, California.  
Artamo Gallery, Santa Barbara, California  
Schmidt Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Renee George Gallery, Charlotte, North Carolina

## **2007**

Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon  
Daniel Kany Gallery, Portland, Maine  
Sense Gallery, Menlo Park, California  
Dean Day Gallery, Houston, Texas  
Lanoue Fine Art, Boston, Massachusetts

## **2006**

Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Cralghead Green Gallery, Dallas, Texas  
Melanee Cooper Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
Friesen Gallery, Sun Valley, Idaho  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Allyn Gallup Contemporary, Sarasota, Florida  
Reed Savage Gallery, Miami, Florida  
Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, Tennessee  
Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico

## **2005**

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
F8 Fine Art, Austin, Texas  
Sense Gallery, Menlo Park, California  
Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon  
Friesen Gallery, Seattle, Washington

## **2004**

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Magidson Fine Art, Aspen, Colorado  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Allyn Gallup Contemporary, Sarasota, Florida  
Art Resources Gallery,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
F8 Fine Art, Austin, Texas

## **2003**

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, New York  
Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon  
Craighead/Green Gallery, Dallas, Texas  
Sense Gallery, Menlo Park, California

## **2002**

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Concept Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Port Jackson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, California

## **2001**

Bonfoey, Cleveland, Ohio  
EVO Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico

## **2000**

Klein Artworks; Chicago, Illinois

## **1999**

Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, New York  
Klein Art Works, Chicago, Illinois  
Mira Mar Gallery; Sarasota, Florida  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Phila, Pennsylvania

## **1998**

Bemis Center of Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska  
Craighead Green Gallery, Dallas, Texas

## **1997**

Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, New York  
Klein Art Works, Chicago, Illinois  
Cline LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe,  
New Mexico

## **1996**

Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, New York  
Schmidt / Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa

## **1995**

Galleri Flesser, Helsingborg, Sweden  
Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska  
Art Now Gallery, Gothenberg, Sweden  
Klein Artworks, Chicago, Illinois

## **1994**

Klein Artworks; Chicago, Illinois  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pa.  
Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, New York  
Concept Art Gallery; Pittsburgh, Pa.

### **1993**

Art Now Gallery; Goteborg, Sweden  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Phila., Pennsylvania

### **1992**

Klein Artworks; Chicago, Illinois  
Allentown Art Museum; Allentown,  
Pennsylvania  
Castellani Art Museum; Niagara Falls, New York  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Phila, Pennsylvania  
Mira Mar Gallery; Sarasota,  
Florida

### **1991**

Art Now Gallery; Goteborg, Sweden

### **1990**

Nina Freudenheim Gallery; Buffalo, New York  
Klein Artworks; Chicago, Illinois  
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Phila., Pennsylvania  
Jack Tilton Gallery; New York, New York

### **1989**

Art Now Gallery; Goteborg, Sweden

## **1988**

Jack Tilton Gallery; New York, New York

## **1987**

Barbara Krakow Gallery; Boston, Massachusetts  
Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, New York

## **1986**

Art Now Gallery; Goteborg, Sweden  
Fabian Carlsson Gallery; London, England  
Wolff Gallery, New York, New York

## **1984**

Jack Tilton Gallery; New York, New York

## **1983**

Castellani Art Gallery; Niagara Falls, New York

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

### **2006**

*The Red Show, Cheryl Hazan Gallery, New York, New York*

### **2005**

*The History of the Gallery, Kustera Tilton Gallery, NYC. The Plane Truth, Friesen Gallery, Seattle, WA Butters Brand, Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon*

## **2004**

*The Non-Objective Object*, Friesen Gallery, Seattle. Washington  
Summer Group, Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon  
*November in Sun Valley*, Friesen Gallery, Sun Valley, ID. *Gallery Artists*, Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, NM.

## **2002**

*Nature Reined*, Butters Gallery, Portland, OR **2001**

*Introductions*, Butters Gallery, Portland, OR

## **2000**

*Pink and Red*, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Phila, Pa. *Gallery Artists*, Art Now Gallery, Gothenborg, Sweden

## **1999**

*After Nature II*, Trevor Richardson, Herter Art Gallery, University of Works on Paper, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Phila, Pa. *Gallery Artists*, Klein Art Works, Chicago. IL.

## **1998**

Massachusetts

*Michael Kessler and Stephanie Weber*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska  
*Contemporary Abstraction*, Klein Art Works, Chicago  
*Gallery Artists*, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Phila, Pa.  
*A Few Great, Big Pictures*, Mira Mar Gallery, Sarasota. FL.

## **1997**

*Gallery Artists*, LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
*Exquisite Surfaces*, Concept Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pa. *Gallery Artists*, Klein Art Works, Chicago. IL.

## **1996**



Cuenca Bienal , Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador /Phoenix ArtDavid Rubin,  
Curator of Contemporary Art, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Az.

## **1995**

Directors Choice, Horwitch/Lewallen Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Museum,

Gallery Artists, Klein Artworks, Chicago Illinois.Michael Kessler/James  
Bruss, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Na

## **1993**

About Nature, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, Ohio  
curated by David Rubin, Curator of Contemporary Art, and C.C.C.A.

## **1991**

Vital Forces, The Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NYRomantic  
Abstraction, Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, Fl.Annual Exhibition, American  
Academy in Rome, ItalyDrawings and Poems: Michael Kessler and John  
Yau; Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa

## **1990**

Five American Artists; Galerie D'Art, Copenhagen, DenmarkInner Natures:  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, Ca.

## **1989**

Four Painters, Flint Institute of Arts; Flint, Michigan

## **1988**

Pennsylvania Perspectives; Carnegie Mellon University Art Gallery,  
Pittsburgh, Pa Recent Acquisitions; Allentown Art Museum, Allentown,  
Pennsylvania

## **1987**

Realism and Abstraction; The Newark Museum, Newark, New Jersey

## **1986**

Recent Acquisition; Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo More Than Meets the Eye; Galleria Carini, Florence, Italy

## **1985**

More Than Meets the Eye; Fabian Carlsson Gallery, London, England  
Awards in the Visual Arts-Five; Neuberger Museum, Purchase, New York;  
Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio; Norton Gallery, West Palm  
Beach, Florida

## **1984**

New York-Outside New York; The New Museum of Contemporary Art,  
NYCMuseum of Art Association, Monterey, California; Sunrise Museums,  
Charleston, WV

## **1983**

Five Contemporary Artists; Allentown Art Museum, Allentown,  
Pennsylvania Selections 22; The Drawing Center, New York, New York

## **1980**

In and Out of New York; White Columns, New York, New York

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **2013**

Peter Frank , Michael Kessler: The Sense(s) of Abstraction, Catalogue  
Essay, Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, La.

### **2009**

D. Eric Bookhardt, *Michael Kessler at Gallery Bienvenu*, New Orleans,  
*Gambit*, September, 2009

### **2008**

Richard Speer, *Michael Kessler at Butters Gallery*, Portland, Oregon,  
*Art Ltd.* July, 2008

Kevin Costello, *Finding Solace in Abstracts*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, August 2008  
Erin J. Smith, *Michael Kessler : Graftings*, *CASA Magazine*, November 2008  
Colin Marshall, *Michael Kessler's Graftings*, *Santa Barbara Independent*, November, 2008

## **2006**

D. Eric Bookhardt, *Scratching the Surface*, *Michael Kessler at Gallery Bienvenu*, New Orleans, *Gambit*, January, 2006

## **2005**

Richard Speer, *Michael Kessler at Nuart Gallery*, Santa Fe, NM.  
*ARTnews*, November, 2005

## **2004**

Kevin Costello, *Kessler Landscapes Energetci, Enigmatic*, The Sarasota Herald Tribune  
Roberta Fallon, *Michael Kessler's New Paintings...*, Philadelphia Weekly

## **2003**

Richard Speer, *Kessler at Butters Gallery*, Willamette Week, Portland, Or.

## **2002**

Robert Nott, *Surface Matters*, Pasatiempo, The New Mexican  
Edward J. Sozanski, *Features Weekend*, The Philadelphia Inquirer  
Kurt Shaw, *Southwest Influences Pa. Native's Paintings*, The Pittsburgh Tribune

## **2001**

Douglas Max Utter, *Mind Over Matter*, The Cleveland Free Times

## **1999**

Trevor Richardson, ***After Nature II***, Herter Art Gallery, and University of Massachusetts Amherstan Exhibition of Paintings by: Gregory Amenoff, Bill Jensen, Michael Kessler, Rebecca Perdum, and Katherine Porter

## **1997**

Seidel, Miriam, "Michael Kessler at Schmidt/Dean and Littlejohn Contemporary", Art in America, July 1997  
Ebony, David, "Michael Kessler at Littlejohn Contemporary, New York City", Art Net Magazine, April 1997  
McCloud, Kathleen, "A Capricious Artistic Journey Beginning With Paint", Pasatiempo, The New Mexican  
Victor M. Cassidy, Artnet Magazine, <http://www.artnet.com/home.html> ,*Forty to Fifty Layers*

David Ebony, ArtNet Magazine , <http://www.artnet.com/magazine/reviews/ebony/kessler.html> .....*David Ebony's New York Top Ten , Michael Kessler at Littlejohn Contemporary , NY*

## **1996**

Altabe, Joan "Kessler's Subtle Paintings Reveal Depth", Sarasota Herald-Tribune, October 11,  
Yellin Outwater, Myra, "Move to Santa Fe Colors Michael Kessler's Paintings ", The Morning Call, Allentown, Aguilera, Robert, "A Mystical Version of the Ecology", El Comercio, Cuenca, Ecuador  
Rubin, David, "Elusive Nature", 1996 Cuenca Bienal, Cuenca, Ecuador

## **1995**

Melrod, George, "Openings", Art and Antiques, November 1995, page 40

## **1994**

Holg, Garrett. "Kessler at Klein-Chicago", Artnews, April, 1994, page 177.  
Kohen, Helen. "Michael Kessler's Roman Geometry", Miami Herald, April 6, 1994. page 14  
Wiens, Ann, "Kessler at Klein-Chicago", New Art Examiner, May 1994, page 44

## **1992**

McCracken, David. "11 Year in Italy Catapults Kessler's Work", Chicago Tribune, (October 30)  
McNear, Sarah, "Transcendental Spaces"; Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pennsylvania

## **1991**

Noll, Anna, "Vital Forces: Nature in Contemporary Abstraction", Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY Sozanski, Edward. "On Galleries", The Philadelphia Inquirer, (April 16)

## **1990**

Doll, Nancy "Inner Natures" Four Contemporary Artists; Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara Carter, Holland. "Michael Kessler," Art News 89 (December), no. 10, 165 King, Elaine A. Nature in the Age of Masscult. Jack Tilton Gallery; New York, New York Rubin, David S. The Paintings of Michael Kessler: Preserving Nature's Umbilical Chord; Klein

Artworks, Chicago, Illinois

Stein, Judith. Michael Kessler: Paintings Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, New York

## **1989**

Yau, John. Four Painters; Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, Michigan Nature in Evolution; The Scandinavian Works; Art Now Gallery, Goteborg, Sweden Cohen, Ronnie. "Michael Kessler," Art Forum 29 (November), no. 3, 169 Rice, Robin. "Cool Slate and Weathered Wood," Philadelphia City Paper (March 16) Sozanski, Edward. "On Galleries," The Philadelphia Inquirer (March 4) Wooster, Ann Sargent. "Michael Kessler," Arts Magazine 65 (December), no. 4, 82 Cyphers, Peggy. Arts Magazine 65 (January), no. 5, 107 Newhall, Edith. "Galleries," New York Magazine (September), 72

## **1988**

Yau, John. Michael Kessler's View of the World; Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, New York

## **1987**

Carrier, David. "Michael Kessler: A Painter of Nature in the Era of Postmodernist Art" Arts Magazine no. 9, 32-33 Narrett, Eugene. "Michael Kessler," New Art Examiner 14 (April), no. 8, 45 Stapen, Nancy. "Michael Kessler," Artforum 25 (April),

Wineberg, Jonathan. "Michael Kessler," Art in America 75 (November), no.11, 180-181 Carrier, David. Michael Kessler; Jack Tilton Gallery, New York

## **1986**

Hall, Jacqueline. "Arts Flourish Southside New York," The Columbus Dispatch (September 21) Zimmer, William. "Winners on Parade at the Neuberger," The New York Times (May 11), 22,

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Winston- Salem, North Carolina Yau, John. After the Fall; Fabian Carlson Gallery, London, England

## **1985**

Bohn-Duchen, Monica. "Nine Painters from New York," Flash Art (October-November), no. 126, 56 Larson, Kay. "Fresh Faces for Summer," New York Magazine, 54-55 Raynor, Vivian. "Art: New York, an Anthology at the New Museum," The New York Times (June 22), Schwabsky, Barry. "Exotica: A Different World," Arts Magazine 59 (March), no.7, 120-121

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## **1984**

Rifkin, Ned. New Work: New York/Outside New York: The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York; Made in Philadelphia 6; Institute of Contemporary Art, Phila., Pennsylvania

Warren, Ron. "Michael Kessler at Jack Tilton Gallery," Arts Magazine 58 (Summer) no. 10, 34-35

61 (May),

## **1983**

Kotik, Charlotta. Landscapes and Imagery: Paintings and Drawings by Michael Kessler; Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York

Glueck, Grace. "Art-One Man's Biennial Assembles 102 Artists," The New York Times (April 15)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE 1999/2000**

College of Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New Mexico

### **1993/1995**

Carnegie Mellon University; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **1992/1993**

Lafayette College; Easton, Pennsylvania

### **Select Museum Collections**

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York  
Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, Austin, Texas  
Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, California  
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York  
Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, New York  
Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio  
DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, Massachusetts  
Fabric Workshop, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Fine Arts Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee  
Flint Institute of the Arts, Flint, Michigan  
Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Honolulu Academy of the Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts  
Museum of Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, New York  
The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York  
The Newark Museum, Newark, New Jersey  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Reading Public Museum, Reading, Pennsylvania  
Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California

## **Select Corporate Collections**

Vitale, Caturano & Company, Ltd., Boston, Ma. Golden Artist Color, Berlin, New YorkPfizer Inc, New York, New YorkPepsiCo, Camden, New Jersey Price Waterhouse, Washington, D.C.Boone County National Bank, Columbia, Missouri Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, New Jersey Regent Hotel, Hong Kong Exxon, Houston Texas Comcast, Philadelphia, Pa.Deloitte & Touché , Atlanta, GeorgiaAustin Company, Cleveland, Ohio El Paso Energy, Houston, TexasExxon Moble, Houston, TexasYoung Conoway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Wilmington DEEricsson, Gothenberg, SwedenAmerican Financial Group, NYCFirst Union Bank, Phila. Pa. Compaq Computer, Houston, TexasAir Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PennsylvaniaBank of Boston, BostonBank of Japan, New YorkChase Manhattan Bank, New YorkNorthwest Airlines, St. Paul, Mn. Heller Financial, ChicagoRubenstein Co. Pittsburgh, Pa.Phillips Service, Pittsburgh, Pa.Freemarkets, Pittsburgh, Pa.The Macy's Collection, Nevada Buchanan Ingersoll, Pittsburgh, Pa.Gateway Towers, Pittsburgh, Pa. Morgan, Lewis, Bockius, Pittsburgh, Pa.Tokio Marine Management, NYC Jacobson/Sylvester, Pittsburgh, Pa.Tyson Corner, NYCVanguard Group, Valley Forge, Pa.Lincoln Financial Group. Pa.Duff & Phelps, Chicago Penton Media Inc. Cleveland, OhioLincoln Financial Group, Fort Wayne, IndianaHallmark Cards, Kansas City, MissouriRodale Press, Emmaus, PennsylvaniaScimed Life Systems, Inc., Minneapolis, MinnesotaSears Merchandise Group, Hoffman Estates, IllinoisSOHIO, Cleveland, Ohio Vector Securities, Deerfield, IllinoisThe St. Paul Companies, St. Paul, MinnesotaHart Senate Building, Senator Specter's Office, Washington, DC Voyageur Fund Managers. Minneapolis, MinnesotaWharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.