

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 the Visual Arts-Five, South Eastern Center for Contemporary Art

1977

Whitney Independent Study Program, Whitney Museum of American Art, NYC

1983

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Grant in Painting

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012

Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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 Gierk 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
Craghead 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 Flessner, 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 Massachusetts

Works on Paper, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Phila, Pa.

Gallery Artists, Klein Art Works, Chicago. IL.

1998

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, Equador /Phoenix Art Museum,

David Rubin, Curator of Contemporary Art, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Az.

1995

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

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, NY
Romantic Abstraction, Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, Fl.
Annual Exhibition, American Academy in Rome, Italy
Drawings and Poems: Michael Kessler and John Yau; Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa

1990

Five American Artists; Galerie D'Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Inner 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, NYC
Museum 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

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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 Energetic, 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 Amherst
an 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*
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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,
Aguilar, 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

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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
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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 61 (May),
no. 9, 32-33
Narrett, Eugene. "Michael Kessler," New Art Examiner 14 (April), no. 8, 45
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1986

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1985

Bohn-Duchen, Monica. "Nine Painters from New York," Flash Art (October-November), no. 126, 56
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Raynor, Vivian. "Art: New York, an Anthology at the New Museum," The New York Times (June 22),
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1984

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1983

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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 York
Pfizer Inc, New York, New York
PepsiCo, 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, Georgia
Austin Company, Cleveland, Ohio
El Paso Energy, Houston, Texas
Exxon Moble, Houston, Texas
Young Conoway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Wilmington DE
Ericsson, Gothengerg, Sweden
American Financial Group, NYC
First Union Bank, Phila. Pa.
Compaq Computer, Houston, Texas
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, Pennsylvania
Bank of Boston, Boston
Bank of Japan, New York
Chase Manhattan Bank, New York
Northwest Airlines, St. Paul, Mn.
Heller Financial, Chicago
Rubenstein 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, NYC
Vanguard Group, Valley Forge, Pa.
Lincoln Financial Group. Pa.
Duff & Phelps, Chicago
Penton Media Inc. Cleveland, Ohio
Lincoln Financial Group, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, Missouri
Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pennsylvania
Scimed Life Systems, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
Sears Merchandise Group, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
SOHIO, Cleveland, Ohio
Vector Securities, Deerfield, Illinois
The St. Paul Companies, St. Paul, Minnesota
Hart Senate Building, Senator Specter's Office, Washington, DC
Voyageur Fund Managers. Minneapolis, Minnesota
Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.