

Arthur Okamura

Biography

Born

1932 Long Beach, California

Education

1950-54 Art Institute of Chicago
1954 Yale University Art School
1951,53,57 University of Chicago

Braunstein/Quay Exhibitions

2009 "Now, Then and Beyond," Braunstein/Quay Gallery,
San Francisco, CA
2008 Holiday Special: Gallery Group Show, Braunstein/Quay Gallery,
San Francisco, CA
2007 "Coming Attractions: Gallery Group Show," Braunstein/Quay Gallery
2006 "Arthur Okamura: Paintings," Braunstein/Quay Gallery
2003 "Branching Out," Braunstein/Quay Gallery
2003 "Paintings & Monoprints", Braunstein/Quay Gallery
2000 "Home With New Light," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1997 "Fishes, Crows, Dogs, and People," Braunstein/Quay Gallery
1994 Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA (and 1990, '88)
1994 "Braunstein/Quay Gallery Artists", Shasta College Gallery,
Redding, CA
1986 "201 Fish," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1985 "Dog Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1984 "Canyon Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1982 "Fruit Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1981 "Bali Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1981 "20th Anniversary Exhibition", Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1979 Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Solo Exhibitions

2009 "Now, Then and Beyond," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2006 "Arthur Okamura: Paintings," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco,
CA
2003 "Paintings & Monoprints", Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2001 Commonwealth, Bolinas, CA
2000 "Home With New Light," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1997 "Fishes, Crows, Dogs, and People," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San
Francisco, CA
"Miniature Show," Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA
"As Seen At The Beach," Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA

- 1996 "Recent Bolinas Landscapes," Commonwealth - 20th Anniversary Celebration, Bolinas, CA
"Early Paintings," Vorpall Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1995 "FOCUS: Arthur Okamura," Bolinas Museum, CA
Claudia Chapline Gallery, Stinson Beach, CA
- 1994 Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA (and 1990, '88)
- 1986 "201 Fish," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1985 "Dog Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1984 "Canyon Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1983 Stinson Beach Art Center, Stinson Beach, CA
- 1982 "Fruit Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1981 "Bali Paintings," Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1973 Kent State University, Kent, OH
Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, HI
Charles Feingarten Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1972 University of Southern Idaho, ID
California College of Arts & Crafts, Oakland, CA
- 1968 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1966 College of Holy Napes, Oakland, CA
- 1965 M. Knoedler & Co., New York, NY
- 1964 Hansen Fuller Gallery, San Francisco, CA (and 1968, '71, '77)
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1963 La Jolla Museum, La Jolla, CA
- 1962 Calhoun Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1961 California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
- 1959 Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA
- 1958 Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1956-59 Feingarten Galleries, Chicago, San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles
- 1954 La Boutique, Chicago, IL
- 1953 Frank Ryan Gallery, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibitions

- 2008 "A Body of Work," Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA
"Holiday Special: Gallery Group Show," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 "Coming Attractions: Gallery Group Show," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2003 "Branching Out," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2001 "Leading the Way," Asian American Exhibit, Gordon College, Waltham, MA
- 1999 "New Space, New Work," Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 "Making Art Histories: On the Trail of David Park," San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
"Miniature Show," Bolinas Museum, CA
"As Seen at the Beach", Bolinas Museum, CA

- 1995 "Chaos in the Backroom", Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 "With New Eyes", San Francisco State University, CA
- 1994 "Braunstein/Quay Gallery Artists", Shasta College Gallery, Redding, CA
 "Seas, Lakes and Rivers", San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, CA
- 1993 "Sea Fever", Transamerica Pyramid, San Francisco, CA
- 1988 "Tropical Topics", Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, CA
- 1987 "Art is...", The Art Museum of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, CA
- 1986 "Tropical Visions", Transamerica Pyramid, San Francisco, CA
- 1984 "The Subject is Objects", St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA
- 1983 "Oversize Watercolors", Jane Haslam Gallery, Washington, DC
 University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
- 1982 "7th Anniversary Faculty Exhibition", California College of Arts & Crafts, Oakland, CA
- 1981 "20th Anniversary Exhibition", Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1979 Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1972 "Sense of Place", Nebraska Art Museum, Joslyn, NE
- 1971 "Asian Artists" The Oakland Museum, CA
- 1970 "Takashima 1970 Exposition", Osaka/Tokyo, Japan
- 1967 "Painters behind Painters", Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
- 1966 "SECA Exhibits", San Francisco Museum of Art, CA
 Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
- 1965 "Pacific Heritage", Los Angeles County Museum, CA
- 1964 "Recent Collections by Friends of the Whitney", Whitney Museum of American Art, NY
 Corcoran Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1962 "40 under 40", Whitney Museum of American Art, NY
 "Bay Area Artists", San Francisco Museum of Art, CA
- 1961 "Great by Greats", Time-Life Building, NY
- 1960 "Invitational", Whitney Museum of American Art, NY (+1962,1964)
- 1959 "Winter Invitational", California Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
 Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
- 1958 "West Coast Painters", American Federation of Art, New York, NY
 San Francisco Museum of Art Annual (+1959,1960)
 "Recent Acquisitions", Denver Museum, Denver, CO
 "Drawings by California Artists", US Information Center, Berlin, Germany
 "Fresh Paint", De Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1957 Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, LA, CA
 "Art in Asia & in the West," San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1955 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 1954 Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
 Downtown Gallery, New York, NY

1951–54 Art Institute of Chicago Annual Exhibition, Chicago, IL

Awards

1976 Purchase Prize, San Francisco Arts Commission
1960 Schwagacher-Frey Award, San Francisco Museum of Art
1957 Marin Cahn Award, Art Institute of Chicago
1951 Neysa McMein Purchase Award, Whitney Museum of Art

Selected Public Collections

Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley, CA
Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Auchenbach Foundation
Borg Warner Collection, Chicago, IL
California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA
California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
Cincinnati Art Museum, OH
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC
Container Corporation of America
HKNY Hotel, Okinawa, Japan
Illinois Bell Telephone
Illinois State Normal
Johnson Wax Collection
Joseph Hirschhorn Collection
Kalamazoo College
Miles Laboratory
National Collection of Fine Arts
National Society of Arts and Letters
Oakland Art Museum, CA
Phoenix Art Museum, AZ
Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago, IL
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
Santa Barbara Museum, CA
Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC
Stanford University Collection, Palo Alto, CA
United Gas and Pipeline Company, Dallas, TX
University of Illinois
University of Southern Idaho
US Steel Service Institute
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

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Boettger, Suzaan, "Broom's Sculpture: Whimsical Art Providing Something to Chew," San Francisco Chronicle, June 29, 1982

Hays, Joanne Burstein, "Beyond Ceramic Traditions," Artweek, October 27, 1984
Mancuso, Jo, "Fish Out of Water," Image, January 4, 1987
March, Al, "Okamura's still-lives are on the move," S.F. Examiner, June 14, 1982
Nagin, Carl, "Magic Markings," SF Weekly, November 12, 2003
-----, "The Primitive and the Tropical," Artweek, February 21, 1981
Stiles, Knute, "Art," The Voice February 13, 1981
Shere, Charles, "Okamura's art reflects visit to Bali," Tribune/Today, February 24, 1981
Thompson, Peter, ed.; "John Rosenbaum and Arthur Okamura," Catalogue, The Civic Arts Gallery, May 21 - June 28, 1975
-----, "Tropical Visions," TransAmerica Pyramid Announcement, January 13, 1986