

# HEATHERGAUDIOFINEART

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## MELISSA MEYER (b. 1946)

Melissa Meyer developed her talents at a time when artists were jettisoning the paintbrush to explore other means to expression. Never abandoning the brush, Meyer's work is neither derivative nor dated. She primes her canvas with gesso, sanding it to get a smooth, paper-like surface, then applies a patchwork of grounds in soft tones and varying whites, or bright contrasting colors. Diluting her oil pigments to achieve a watercolor or ink-like viscosity, Meyer uses long-handled brushes and works with the canvas or paper on the floor, walking around as she paints to avoid drips. Her intuitive sense of color distinguishes itself with a compositional arrangement where the grounds play equal protagonists to the overlaying brush strokes – fluid marks negotiate and navigate their way across the grounds upon which they rest. Meyer's paintings have been written about and reviewed at length in many publications. Her work has been widely exhibited in over forty solo and group exhibitions and is housed in many notable private and public collections. She is also a celebrated writer and teacher.

## EDUCATION

1975 M.A. New York University, NY

1968 B.S. New York University, NY

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

### SOLO

- 2024 *Throughlines*, Olympia Gallery, New York, NY  
*Works on Paper*, Anders Wahlstedt Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2023 *Melissa Meyer: Grace and Me*, Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, OH  
*A Little Nod III*, 39 Great Jones, curated by Ugo Rondinone, New York, NY
- 2020 *Melissa Meyer*, 499 Park Ave, curated by Jay Grimm Art Advisory, New York, NY
- 2019 *Melissa Meyer: New Paintings*, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., New York, NY
- 2018 *Melissa Meyer: Hitting the Right Notes*, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, CT
- 2016 *Melissa Meyer. New Work*, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., New York, NY
- 2014 *Melissa Meyer. Recent Work*, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., New York, NY
- 2012 *Paintings and Works on Paper*, The Garrison Art Center, Garrison, NY
- 2011 *New Paintings and Watercolors*, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., New York, NY
- 2009 *New Paintings*, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., New York, NY
- 2009 *Paintings*, Nikola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2008 *Melissa Meyer 1975-2005*, Swarthmore College (travelling exhibition)
- 2006 *Melissa Meyer: Black and White*, New York Studio School (traveling exhibition)
- 2004 *Color and the Cosmic Tree*, The Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art

### GROUP

- 2024 *All the Right Notes*, The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA  
*About Printmaking*, Washington Art Association & Gallery, Washington, CT
- 2023 *Womanish: Audacious, Courageous, Willful Art*, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX  
*Come a Little Closer*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *XX's*, Galerie Ziegler, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2021 *Ninth Street Women and Their Legacy*, Somerville Manning Gallery, Greenville, DE
- 2020 *Abstraction: Hot and Cool*, Danese/Corey, New York, NY
- 2019 *Echoing Forms: American Abstraction from the Permanent Collection*, Tampa Museum of Art, FL
- 2018 *Works on Paper*, Galerie Biederman, Munich, Germany
- 2017 *Abstraction from the Permanent Collection*, Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, MA
- 2016 *Re-Action*, Casal Solleric, Mallorca, Spain
- 2016 *Collectif Génération*, Librairie Auguste Blazot, Paris, France
- 2016 *Group Show*, Jeffrey Leder Gallery, New York, NY

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- 2015 Bound/Unbound, DM Contemporary, New York, NY
- 2015 Rodin to Warhol, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 60th Anniversary: New Acquisitions, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2014 Gervais Jassaud Book Projects, Bibliothèque Louis Nucéra, Nice, France
- 2013 The Annual: 2013, National Academy Museum, New York, NY

## RESIDENCIES

- 2016 BAU Institute at Camargo Residency, Cassis, France
- 2014 Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2005 Fondazione Bogliasco, Genova, Italy

## SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2013 The MacDowell Colony, Milton and Sally Avery Fellow, Peterborough, NH
- 2010 National Academician, National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts
- 2009 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
- 1993 NEA Grant in Painting

## SELECTED COMMISSIONS

- 2016 "Counterparts," mural commissioned for the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 2010 The Peninsula, Shanghai
- 2008 "List Project," Lincoln Center

## SELECTED PRESS

- 2016 Butler, Sharon. "Melissa Meyer at Lennon, Weinberg" *Tow Coats of Paint*, April 10, 2016
- Cohen, David, Art Critical Pick, 2016
- 2014 Corlo, Paul, "Seen In New York, January 20, 2014," *Abstract Critical*, February 3, 2014
- 2011 Frank, Peter, "Haiku Reviews", *The Huffington Post*, November 3, 2011
- 2009 Esplund, Lance, "The Lighthearted Abstract Expressionist", *The Wall Street Journal*, February 20, 2009
- 2005 *Abstract Art Online*, September 15, 2005: New York Views
- 2004 Friedman, Amy, "Melissa Meyer at Elizabeth Harris", *ArtNews*, March 2004, pp. 133
- 2003 Genocchio, Benjamin, "It's Back...", *The New York Times*, June 15, 2003, p. 8
- 2002 Adler, Dan, "Melissa Meyer at Elizabeth Harris", *Art in America*, January 2002
- 1996 Corn, Alfred, "Melissa Meyer at Holly Solomon", *Art in America*, May 1996, p. 105
- 1993 Glueck, Grace, "Gallery Watch", *The New York Observer*, February 15, 1993
- 1984 Glueck, Grace, "Melissa Meyer, Exit Art", *The New York Times*, November 30, 198

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- The Museum of Modern Art, NY
- The Morgan Library & Museum, NY
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY
- New York Public Library, NY
- The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum of Art, NY
- Neuberger Museum of Art, NY
- The Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY
- The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA
- The Jewish Museum, NY
- Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, F
- National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- San Jose Museum of Art, CA

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National Academy Museum, NY