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DONALD SULTAN (b. 1951)

Known for his bold contrasting colors and still life images, Donald Sultan is a critically acclaimed New York painter, printmaker and sculptor. Growing up, Sultan was surrounded by art; his father painted as a hobby and his mother was an actress, leading Sultan to have an early interest in set design. With his parents' encouragement, Sultan earned a B.F.A. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and then went on to pursue an M.F.A. at the Art Institute of Chicago. Sultan's inspiration is sourced from real life images, such as flowers, oranges, lemons, lanterns, and smoke which he synthesizes to abstract forms. They can be rendered more texturally on Masonite using industrial materials such as tar or siding; or can have smoother surfaces with applied enamel. Later works revisit previous ones, the forms evolving into new subject matter. Moreover, Sultan's works display an interested in contrast, in terms of color as well as concept. In addition to exhibiting in various galleries internationally, Sultan's work is held in various collections including, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and The Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

EDUCATION

1975 M.F.A. School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1973 B.F.A. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

SOLO

- 2024 *Donald Sultan: Love Letters*, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, NY
- Donald Sultan: New Works*, McClain Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2022 *Donald Sultan: The Nature of Things*, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *Donald Sultan: Mimosas, Paintings and Drawings*, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *Donald Sultan: Dark Objects*, Huxley-Parlour, London, England
- Donald Sultan: Mimosa Paintings & Drawings*, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Disaster Paintings*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE
- 2017 *Disaster Paintings*, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
- Disaster Paintings*, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC
- Disaster Paintings*, Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX
- Button Down Modernism*, Galerie Andres Thalmann, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2016 *Disaster Paintings*, Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables, FL
- Donald Sultan: New Paintings*, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, NY
- Donald Sultan*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 2015 *Donald Sultan*, Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela
- Donald Sultan*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
- New Work: Poppies, Mimosas and Buttons*, Meyerovich Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 *Donald Sultan: Artifice*, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, NY
- Donald Sultan: A Decade of Paintings and Drawings*, Serge Sorokko Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- Donald Sultan: A Decade of Paintings*, Galerie Andres Thalmann, Zurich, Switzerland
- Donald Sultan*, Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
- Donald Sultan: Still Lifes*, Dawson Cole Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2013 *Echos*, Galerie Pièce Unique, Paris, France
- 2012 *Donald Sultan*, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY
- 2009 *Donald Sultan: Prints*, Mary Ryan Gallery, New York, NY
- Donald Sultan: The First Decade*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
- Donald Sultan*, Greenfield-Sacks Gallery, Santa Monica
- Donald Sultan*, Galerie Ernst Hilger, Vienna, Austria
- Donald Sultan*, Ben Brown Fine Art, London, UK
- 2008 *Donald Sultan: Works on Paper*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO

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- Donald Sultan: Artificial Images*, Aidan Gallery, Moscow, Russia
Donald Sultan: Drawings, Forsbolm Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 *Donald Sultan*, Guy Pieters Gallery, Knokke-Heist, Belgium
Donald Sultan, Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2006 *Donald Sultan: New Paintings*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Donald Sultan: Colors, Smoke and War, Mary Ryan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *New Paintings*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO
Donald Sultan: 1991-2005, Cliffe Lede Vineyards, Yountville, CA
Donald Sultan: Paintings and Works on Paper, Centre Cultural Contemporani Pelaires, Mallorca, Spain
- 2004 *Donald Sultan*, Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Donald Sultan: Prints & Drawings, Singapore Tyler Print Institute, Singapore
Donald Sultan: New Poppy Paintings, Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2003 *Donald Sultan: Poppy Paintings*, Knoedler & Company, New York, NY
Donald Sultan: Poppies, Oranges & Mimosas: New Prints and Drawings, Mary Ryan Gallery, New York, NY
Donald Sultan, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 *Donald Sultan*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA
Donald Sultan: Painting Life's Paradoxes, Louise Cameron Wells Art Museum, Wilmington, NC
Donald Sultan: Paintings and Works on Paper, Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2001 *Donald Sultan, 10 Paintings*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO
Donald Sultan, Smoke Rings, Dorothy Blau Gallery, Bay Harbor Islands, FL
Donald Sultan Recent Works, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
Visuelle Paradoxe, Raab Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Smoke Rings, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Donald Sultan: Recent Works, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI
Donald Sultan: Recent Works, Galerie Lutz and Thalmann, Zurich, Switzerland
Donald Sultan: Paintings and Drawings, Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2000 *Donald Sultan- Selected Drawings 1976-1998*, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI
Temporary Contemporary – Selected Works by Donald Sultan, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN
Donald Sultan: In the Still-Life Tradition, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Exhibition travelled to Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Kemper Museum of Art
New Works, Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle, WA
Donald Sultan: Paintings & Drawings, Galerie Simonne Stern, New Orleans, LA
Donald Sultan, Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Donald Sultan: Recent Prints and Drawings, Mary Ryan Gallery, New York, NY
- 1999 *Bar Mitzvah*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
Donald Sultan Recent Works, Meredith Long & Co. Houston, TX
Donald Sultan: Recent Painting, Knoedler and Company, New York, NY
Donald Sultan Selected Drawings 1976-1988, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI
- 1988 *Donald Sultan's Black Lemons*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

GROUP

- 2025 *An Expanded Lens*, Anderson Collection at Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Everyday Alchemy, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2024 *Blooms and Brushstrokes: A Spring Symphony*, Dawson Cole Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2023 *Splash of Summer*, Dawson Cole Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2022 *Red Redefined: The Evocative Power of the Color Red*, Dawson Cole, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2021 *The Big Picture*, Ryan Lee, New York, NY
Love + Modern Beauty, Dawson Cole, Laguna Beach, CA

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- 2019 *Room for Play*, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, CT
- 2017 *Lasting Impressions* Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, CT
- 2015 *August Flowers*, James Barron Art, Kent Gallery, Kent, CT
Frontiers Reimagined, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, Palazzo Grimani Museum, Venice, Italy
Antropia, Eduardo Secci Contemporary, Pietrasanta, Italy
Screenprints, Silkscreens and Serigraphs, Mary Ryan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013 *New Work*, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY
Summer Salad, Janet Borden, INC., New York, NY
- 2012 *Cross-Border*, Galerie Andres-Thalmann, Engadine, Switzerland
Color Works, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, CT
New Season, New Address, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY
- 2011 *Celebrated Artists: Students of Marvin Saltzman*, The Mahler Fine Art, Raleigh, NC
American Chambers, Gyeongam Art Museum, Changwon, Korea 2010
- 2010 *Permanent Installation*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
Winter Show, Galerie Andres-Thalmann, Engadine, Switzerland
Exquisite Corpse, Gasser-Grunert Gallery, New York, NY
Artist Perspectives, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Monsters and Miracles: A Journey Through Jewish Picture Books, The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Amherst, MA
- 2009 *Fifty Works for the First State: Works from the Dorothy and Howard Vogel Collection*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
- 2008 *Here's the Thing: The Single Object Still Life*, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY
Gifted: Recent Additions to the Permanent Collection, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
- 2007 *Landscape: Form and Thought*, Inqrao Gallery, New York, NY
Substance and Surface, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *The Food Show: The Hungry Eye*, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY
Garden Paradise, The Arsenal Gallery, New York, NY
Neil Jenny + Donald Sultan: The Art Bar, Inqrao Gallery, New York, NY
- 2003 *Drawing Relationships*, Knoedler & Company, New York, NY
- 2002 *Contemporary American Art: Art in Embassies Program*, Embassy of the United States, Vienna, Austria
Art Downtown, Wall Street Rising at 45 Wall Street, New York, NY
The Sea, The Sea, Art Upstairs @ Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, Easthampton, NY
Masks: John Chamberlain Drawings: Donald Sultan, Clark Fine Art, Southampton, NY
Plotting: An Exhibition of Artist Studies, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2001 *Celebrating Modern Art: The Anderson Collection*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Côte d'Azur: Art, Modernity and Myth of the French Riviera, AXA Gallery, New York, NY
Digital Printmaking Now, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY
Models of Observation, Knoedler & Company, New York, NY
- 2000 *Especies d'Arbres: Visions of Nature in Contemporary Art*, Denise Cade Gallery, New York, NY
Art of the 80s, Winston Wachter Mayer Fine Art, New York, NY
Prints & Drawings from the Lincoln Center, Galerie Simonne Stern, New Orleans, LA
September Selections, Knoedler & Company, New York, NY
Bluer, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago

SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award, Houston Fine Art Fair, TX
- 2010 North Carolina Award
- 2007 Honorary Doctorate, University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC

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- 2002 Honorary Doctorate, New York Academy of Art, New York, NY
- 2000 Honorary Doctorate, Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 1980 State National Endowment of the Arts
- 1978 Creative Artists Public Service Grant, New York, NY

SELECTED LITERATURE & PRESS

- 2016 Lehrer, Adam "Iconic Painter Donald Sultan Shows Seminal 1980s Works, The Disaster Paintings on National Tour", *Forbes Lifestyle*, August 31, 2016
- Pogrebin, Robin, "A Disaster Paintings' Tour", *The New York Times*, July 14, 2016
- Marx, Linda. "The Artifice of Nature," *Jewish Way Magazine*, Spring 2016, p. 30, p. 42, & p. 58-64
- Sultan, Donald, "Ficcionist – T tribute to James Salter", *Beach – The Hamptons*, Vo. 111, Issue 3, July 2016, p. 28 & p. 124-125
- Landes, Jennifer, "Local Connection" *The East Hampton Star*, August 10, 2016, p. W & W 4.
- 2015 Kedmey, Karen, "In the Tension Between Image and Material, Donald Sultan Finds Art," *Artsy*, January 20, 2015
- 2008 Ratcliff, Carter and John Ravanal, eds. *Donald Sultan: Theater of the Object*. Vendome Press. New York, New York. 2008
- Donald Sultan: poppy prints*. Lococo Fine Art Publisher. St. Louis, Missouri, 2008
- 2004 Uihoon, Cheah, "S'pore prints bear fruit," *The Business Times* (Singapore), March 6-7, 2004, p. 17
- "Newly Acquired Works Build Academy's Post WWII Collection", *Preview: News from the Pennsylvania Academy of Art*, April- June 2004, p. 8, cover
- 2003 "Meet the Artist: Donald Sultan," *The Washington Post* (Sunday Source), May 18, 2003
- "Over the Counter Culture", *Paper*, May 2003, pp. 86-91
- The Smithsonian Associate*, May 2003, pp. 3, 7, 12, back page
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- Tower, Jeremiah; *Donald Sultan*, illus. Jeremiah Tower Cooks. Stewart Tabori & Chang. New York, New York, 2002
- Gonzales, Manuel E. J.A. Forde. *Unframed: Artists Respond to AIDS*, Powerhouse Books. New York, New York, 2002
- Gallery Guide, National and International, February 2002, cover
- Green, Penelope, "Close to Home: Junior's and Artist, and Mom's in Her Blue Period," *The New York Times*, February 14, 2002
- "Floral Abundance", (Connecticut Graphic Arts Center website), March 15, 2002
- Glueck, Grace, "Works on Paper," *The New York Times*, March 1, 2002
- Loos, Ted. "Artist's Statement," *Southern Accents*, March-April 2002, pp. 102-107
- "Book a Trip to the Coast," *New York*, October 14, 2002
- The Smithsonian Associate*, November 2002, p. 23
- 2001 Fitzgerald, Caitli and Alexandra Rowley eds. *Turn, Shake, Flip*. Eyestorm, Inc. New York, New York, 2001
- "Metro", *Metropolitan Home*, March/April 2001, p. 42
- Barreneche, Raul, "Hotel Art Gets Hip," *Travel & Leisure*, June 2001, pp. 104-109
- Kagan, Dick, "Tarred but Unfettered," *At & Antiques*, 2001, pp. 122-126
- D'Souza, Aruna. "Riviera Dreamin'," *Art in America*, July 2001, pp. 94-95
- Kramer, Hilton, "The Romance of the Riviera," *Art & Antiques*, Summer 2001, pp. 132-133
- Long, Robert, "Take and Empty Cigar Box," *The East Hampton Star*, August 16, 2001
- 1999 Greenfield-Sanders, Timothy. *Artworld*. Fotofolio. New York, New York, 1999
- 1989 *Donald Sultan: Playing Cards*. Essays by David Mamet and Ricky Jay Kyoto Shoin International Co. LTD. Kyoto, Japan, 1989

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- 1988 Rose, Barbara, *Sultan: An Interview with Donald Sultan*, Vintage Contemporary Artists, Elizabeth Avendon Editions, Radom House, New York, New York, 1988.
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- 1986 Rose, Barbara, *American Painting: The Twentieth Century*, Rizzoli New York, New York, 1986.
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- Pradel, Jean-Louis (ed.) *Art 83/84: The World Art Trends*, Jacques Legrand International Publishing, Paris, France, 1984

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

The Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
The Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont
Australia National Gallery, Canberra, Australia
Bank of America Corporation
Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX
Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA
The Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI
Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
The Hallmark Art Collections, Kansas City, MO
The Hight Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC
La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA
Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC
Ludwig Museum, Budapest, Hungary
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and Design of the Kansas City Art Institute, MO
Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art, Tobataku Kitakyushu, Japan
The Mint Museums, Charlotte, NC
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas
Modern Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, La Jolla, CA
The Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, MO
Neuberger Museum, State University of New York, Purchase
North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

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Singapore Museum of Art, Singapore

Smith College Museum of Art, North Hampton, MA

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

The St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO

Tate Gallery, London, UK

The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH

The Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY