

GARY SNYDER Project Space

Leon Berkowitz (1911 - 1987)

Education

Pennsylvania Museum School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Art Students League, New York, New York
Academie, Grand Chaumjere, Paris, France
Academie de Pelles Artes, Florence, Italy
Mexico City College, Mexico City, Mexico

Teaching

Workshop Center for the Arts: Teacher, Program Director
American University, Washington, D.C.: Lecturer
Catholic University, Washington, D.C.: Lecturer
Western High School, Washington, D.C.: Art Teacher
Academie de Pelles Artes, Barcelona, Spain: Honorary Professor
Art League of Alexandria, Alexandria, Virginia: Painting Seminar
Corcoran School of Art, Washington, D.C.: Professor of Art

Honors

Winner of Purchase Prize in the Second Flint Invitational, 1970, Flint, Michigan
Among 20 American artists receiving \$7,500 grant from the National Foundation for Arts and Humanities, 1970-1971
Paintings in the collection of the National Collection Fine Arts, Washington, D.C., loaned to the White House Executive Wing, 1979-1971
Awarded chair in painting, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., 1982

Selected Individual Exhibitions

1953 Watkins Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1956 Watkins Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1962 Bishop's Palace, St. David's, Wales, United Kingdom (with poet Ida Fox)
1963 Scott Rader Commonwealth, Wollaston, England (with poet Ida Fox)
New Art Center Gallery, London, England
1964 Rina Gallery, Jerusalem, Israel (with poet Ida Fox)
1965 Mickelson Gallery, Washington, D.C. (with poet Ida Fox)
1966 Esther Stuttman Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1969 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
A.M. Sachs Gallery, New York, New York
1970 Guelph University, Ontario, Canada
1972 Pyramid Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1973 Klingpitcher Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
1974 Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York
1975 Museum of University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
Chapman Kelley Gallery, Dallas, Texas
1976 Corcoran Gallery of Art, "Seven Lights", Washington, D.C.
1977 The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
National Academy of Science, Washington, D.C.
Middendorf Gallery, Washington, D.C.

- Chicago Arts Club, Chicago, Illinois
 Chapman Kelley Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 1978 Hodgell Hartman Gallery, Sarasota, Florida
 Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg, Florida
 Virginia Miller Gallery, Miami, Florida
- 1979 B.R. Kornblatt Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
- 1980 Jacksonville Art Museum, Jacksonville, Florida
 Middendorf Lane Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 1982 Middendorf Lane Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 1985 Baumgartner Galleries Inc., "Beyond Color", Washington, D.C.
- 1986 Baumgartner Galleries Inc., "Algonquit", Washington, D.C.
- 1987 Baumgartner Galleries Inc., "Luminositites", Washington, D.C.
- 1988 Baumgartner Galleries Inc., "Unities", Washington, D.C.
- 1989 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, "Recent Acquisitions Show", Washington, D.C.
 Baumgartner Galleries Inc., Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Gary Snyder Project Space, New York, NY "Cathedral Paintings"

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1949 Mexico City College, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1950 –
- 1954 Workshop Center for the Arts Faculty Shows, Washington, D.C.
- 1954 Barnet Aden Gallery, Washington, D.C. "Abstractions: New York and Washington Artists" (with Louis, Davis, Pereira and Stamos)
- 1955-
- 1964 Mykonos Art Gallery, Greece
- 1957 National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
 Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland
- 1958 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 1960 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 1966 Jewish Community Center, Washington, D.C. "Washington Collects Washingtonians"
- 1967 Corcoran Biennial, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 1968-
- 1970 American Federation of Arts, Traveling Exhibition
- 1968 Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., "Organic Forms in Painting"
- 1969 Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg, Florida and Loch Haven Art Center, Orlando Florida, "Color in Control" (with Albers, Bolotowsky, Davis, Ferren, Hehring, Morris Sander) A.M. Sachs Gallery, New York, New York
 Ringling Museum, Sarasota, Florida
 Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut, "Highlights 1968-69, New York Art Season" (with Alechinsky, Christensen, Flavin, Hesse, Ohlson, Sander and Serra) Jacksonville Art Museum, Jacksonville, Florida
- 1970 A.M. Sachs Gallery, New York, New York
 Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland, "Washington: 20 Years", (with Louis, Noland, Davis, and Kainen)
 Second Flint Invitational, Flint, Michigan
- 1972 New York State Fair, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York and New York Cultural Center, New York, New York, "Envio-Vision", (Design for mural for multiple outdoor locations in New York State).
 Annual Trustee Selection Show, Baltimore Museum, Baltimore, Maryland
 Philadelphia Collectors Show, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, "Inside Philadelphia", (with Albers, Botero, Christo, Cornell, de Kooning, Dine, Gorky, Hofman, Indiana, Johns,

- Kline, Lichtenstein, Miro, Morris, Mothewell,
 Nevelson, Oldenburg, Rauschenburg, Reinhardt, Smith and Tobey)
- 1973 St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg, Florida; Loch Haven Art Center,
 Orlando, Florida; and Lemoyne Art Foundation, Tallahassee, Florida, "Flowing Form",
 (with Louis, Francis, Frankenthaler, Jenkins, Brooks, Dzupas)
- 1974 Pratt Institute, New York, New York, "Recent Abstract Painting"
 Adams Davidson Galleries, Inc., Washington D.C., "Washington Invitational"
 Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida, "Contemporary Religious Imagery in
 American Art", (with Botero, Dove, Gottlieb, Graves, Lipton, Nevelson, Newman,
 Pereira, Tobey, and Weber)
- 1978 Art Sources, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, "Six Contemporary Painters", (with
 Anuszkiewicz, Jenkins Natkin, Solomon)
- 1979 Hodgell-Hartman Gallery, Sarasota, Florida
 B.R. Kornblatt Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
 McKissick Museum, Columbia, South Carolina
 Middendorf/Lane Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 1984 The Art Barn, Washington, D.C., "Color As Light"
- 1985 WPA, Washington, D.C., "Art in Washington, Afro-American Presence 1940-1970" Corcoran Gallery of
 Art, Washington, D.C., "Washington Show"
 Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C., Permanent Washington Color School
- 2008 Gary Snyder Project Space, New York, NY "New American Abstraction"
- 2008 Gary Snyder Project Space, New York, NY "Color Field Revisited"

Selected Public Collections

Des Moines Museum, Des Moines, Iowa
 Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York
 Federal Museum Bank, Richmond, Virginia
 Flint Institute of Art, Flint, Michigan
 Four Murals-Sequences, Harris Bank, Chicago, Illinois
 Golda Meir Collection, Jerusalem, Israel
 Harris National Trust, Chicago, Illinois
 High Museum of Art, Atlanta Georgia
 Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
 James Michener Collection, Austin, Texas
 Jones and Laughlin Steel Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Megatrends, Limited, Washington, D.C.
 Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
 Museum of University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
 National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
 Oklahoma Art Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
 Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Arizona
 Ringling Museum, Sarasota, Florida
 St. Petersburg Museum of Art, Raleigh, North Carolina
 Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, Connecticut
 North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, North Carolina
 Steelcase Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan

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