

# SHANE CAMPBELL GALLERY

## **Alex Olson**

(b. 1978, lives in Los Angeles)

## **Education**

2008 MFA, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA

2001 BA, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

## **Solo Exhibitions**

2017 Crooner, Altman Siegel, San Francisco, CA

2015 Laura Bartlett Gallery, London, UK  
Loose is Vision, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL

2013 Interior Address: Paintings by Alex Olson (Notes by M. Malliaris), Shane Campbell  
Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Bravo Zebra, Laura Bartlett Gallery, London, UK

2012 Palmist and Editor, Lisa Cooley, New York, NY  
Selected Coats, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL

2010 As a Verb, As a Noun, In Peach and Silver, Lisa Cooley, New York, NY

2009 The Mandrake, Los Angeles, CA

2008 Exteriors, &, Apartment 2, Los Angeles, CA

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2017 Slip Cover, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL  
PS8, PLAYSPACE CCA Hubbell Street Galleries, San Francisco, CA  
Fickle Food Upon A Shifting Plate, Studio Leigh, London  
Of a Well-Sucked Apricot Pit, Tif Sigfrids, Los Angeles, CA  
Mary Mary, Glasgow, UK (forthcoming)

2016 Breather, Laura Bartlett Gallery, London, UK  
The Ocular Bowl, Kayne Griffin Corcoran, Los Angeles, CA  
Will and Be Going To, Altman Siegel, San Francisco, CA

2014 Variations: Conversations in and Around Abstract Painting, Los Angeles County  
Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Reductive Minimalism: Two Generations of Women Artists in Dialogue 1960-2014,  
curated by Erica Barrish, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI

2013 The Museum of Public Fiction, Los Angeles, CA  
Tenth Anniversary Show, Wallspace, New York, NY

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- Murmurs: Recent Contemporary Acquisitions, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Painter, Painter, curated by Eric Crosby and Bartholomew Ryan, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
The Stand In (Or a Glass of Milk), curated by Alexandra Gaty and Lauren Mackler, Public Fiction, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 Made in LA 2012, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Verena Dengler, Ellen Gronemeyer, Helena Huneke, Alex Olson, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Today, Lisa Cooley, New York, NY  
Jessica Dickinson, Liam Everett, Alex Olson, Josh Smith, Garth Weiser, Altman Siegel Gallery, San Francisco
- 2011 Laura Bartlett Gallery, London, UK  
No Swan So Fine, curated by Joanna Fiduccia, Michael Benevento Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 Drawing, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL  
No Barrier Fun, Lisa Cooley, New York, NY  
Rental Gallery, New York, NY  
Contemporary Topics in Painting Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock, CA
- 2009 Don't Perish, Leo Koenig Inc. Projekte, New York, NY  
Alex Olson and Lisa Williamson, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL  
To the Left of the Rising Sun, Small A Projects, Greenwich, NY  
Joe Bradley, Mario Correa, Allison Miller, Alex Olson, Redling Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Thunk, Khastoo Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Extra, Extra! China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA  
Boothle Booth - Booth : Deux / The Hollywood Biennale, Pauline, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 Mr. Reverse Psychology, Norma Desmond Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
We Need A New Object, CalArts Graduation Show, Acuna Hansen Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
New Insight, Art Chicago, Chicago, IL  
As if This Land Were Yours, Eveningside Drive, Val Verde, CA  
MFA Mid-Residency Show, Galleries at CalArts, Valencia, CA
- 2007 The Juice Is Loose, 507 Rose Gallery, Venice, CA  
Exquisite Acts and Everyday Rebellions, CalArts, Valencia, CA

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## **Awards**

- 2011 Steep Rock Arts Residency  
2010 Nancy Graves Foundation Grant

## **Public Collections**

Los Angeles Country Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

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