

PETER ALEXANDER

CV/BIO 2017

PETER BLAKE GALLERY

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Born 1939, Los Angeles, California

Lives and works Santa Monica, California

Working with a Southern California sensibility, Los Angeles-based artist Peter Alexander is most commonly associated with the Light and Space movement. His primary means of working today is in sculptural forms made of polyester resin reminiscent of his earliest work from 1965-1972. Through his career spanning from the mid-1960s he has worked as a sculptor, painter, and draftsman.

"I'm a romantic, and I believed in it. I believed in the value of things. I believe that objects can be made that can have an extraordinary effect on me and others."

– Peter Alexander, from the Smithsonian Archive of American Art, Interview, 1995 Dec 13 – 1996 May 8

Alexander's work has been exhibited extensively in solo exhibitions around the United States and group exhibitions around the world. In 1990, the Orange County Museum of Art hosted his retrospective, "Peter Alexander: In this Light." In 2011 he was part of three exhibitions associated with Pacific Standard Time, the Getty initiative to highlight art from 1945-1980 in Southern California, including MCASD's "Phenomenal: California Light, Space, Surface." Alexander's work is in several private and public collections including the Broad Foundation, Santa Monica; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles; Museum of Modern Art, New York, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego and Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.

EDUCATION

1957-1960 University of Pennsylvania

1960-1962 Architectural Association, London, England

1962-1963 University of California, Berkeley

1963-1964 University of Southern California, Los Angeles

1964-1965 University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

1965-1966 University of California, Los Angeles, M.F.A.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

1971 California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

1976 California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, California

1981 University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

1982 Centrum Foundation, Washington

1983 Sarabhai Foundation, Ahmedabad, India

1996 California State University Long Beach, Summer Arts Festival

2007 Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California

SPECIAL PROJECTS / AWARDS

1971 PBS Documentary, "Artists of America" series

1975 Paramount Pictures, prop drawings for the film "Day of the Locust"

1980 Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts

1984 "Amphitheatre of Light: A Prelude to the XXIII Olympiad", Hollywood Bowl, July 27, 1984

1985 Commissioned art for Rebecca's Restaurant, Frank Gehry, architect. Visual images in collaboration with Frank Gehry and Ron Hays.

1988 "Eight West Coast Artists", a print project arranged by Ediciones Poligrafia, Barcelona, Spain

1989 Commissioned painting for Santa Monica Municipal Airport, California

1990 Commissioned mural for Pacific Enterprises, Los Angeles

- Commissioned poster for Venice Art Walk, Venice, CA
- 1992 Chamber Music Society of Los Angeles, festival poster
- 1994 Commissioned sculpture for the 777 Building, Los Angeles, Cesar Pelli, architect, client South Figueroa Plaza Associates, a consortium composed of Prudential Holdings, Citicorp and Mitsubishi Corporation.
- 1999 "Peter Alexander: In This Light", a retrospective exhibition, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, California continuing to the Donna Beam Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2003 Commissioned mural for the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Music Center of Los Angeles, architect Frank Gehry
- 2014 California Art Award 2014, by the Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Peter Alexander | The Lax Paintings, Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- Peter Alexander: Pre-Dawn L.A., Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 Peter Alexander Sculpture 1966 – 2016: A Career Survey, Parrasch Heijnen Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 Los Angeles Riots, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- The Color of Light, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2013 Nyehaus, New York, NY
- Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA
- 2012 Nye+Brown, Los Angeles, CA
- 212 Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 2011 Franklin Parrasch Gallery with Zach Feuer Gallery, New York, NY
- Survey 1970 – 2010, Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

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- 2010 Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 Peter Alexander: Resin Works 1965-2009, Nyehaus, New York, NY
Peter Alexander: Velvets and Palms, Gallery g169, Santa Monica, CA
- 2008 To Dive For, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 90's Painting 60's Sculpture, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
Pasadena City College, College Art Gallery, Pasadena, CA
Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2006 Peter Alexander: Dive (paintings and sculpture), Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2005 Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2004 Peter Alexander: Waterfruit, Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Godt-Cleary Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
Peter Alexander-Sculpture: 1966-1971, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
Patrick Olson Gallery, Plymouth, MI
Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2003 Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
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Fairmont Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, CA
Peter Alexander: Tropics, Crocker Plaza, San Francisco, CA
Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA
- 2001 Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2000 Jonathan Club, Los Angeles, CA
Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1999 Patricia Faure Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Peter Alexander: In This Light, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA (catalogue)
- 1998 Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV
Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1997 Galerie Simonne Stern, New Orleans, LA
Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- Galerie Janine Rubeiz, Beirut, Lebanon
- 1996 Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, NY
- 1995 Gallery at 777, Citicorp Plaza, Los Angeles, CA
Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 1994 Barbara Mathes Gallery, New York, NY (catalogue)
Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1993 Galerie Simonne Stern, New Orleans, LA
Las Vegas, James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 Century: A Painting by Peter Alexander, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
Peter Alexander: The Velvet Paintings, Charles Whitchurch Gallery, Huntington Beach, CA
Skycam, James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1991 Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1990 Sculpture 1966-72, James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles (catalogue)
- 1989 The Works Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
- 1988 Galerie Simonne Stern, New Orleans, LA
- 1987 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)
- 1986 Gallery 454 North, Los Angeles, CA
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- 1984 Charles Cowles Gallery, New York, NY
Fuller Goldeen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Charles Cowles Gallery, New York, NY
James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1983 Thomas Babeor Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Van Straaten Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1982 ARCO Center for Visual Art, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)
Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)
- 1981 Thomas Babeor Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Charles Cowles Gallery, New York, NY
- 1980 Riko Mizuno Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
- 1976 Los Angeles Institute for Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 1975 Bowers Museum, Santa Ana, CA
Comsky Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA
California State University, Long Beach, CA
- 1974 University of California, Irvine, CA
- 1973 Jack Glenn Gallery, San Diego, CA
- 1972 Morgan Art Gallery, Kansas City, KS
Art in Progress, Munich, Germany
Jack Glenn Gallery, Corona del Mar, CA
- 1971 Michael Walls Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1970 Nicholas Wilder Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Robert Elkon Gallery, New York, NY
- 1969 Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, TX
Locksley/Shea Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1968 Robert Elkon Gallery, New York, NY
- Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska
Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California
Lannan Foundation, Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California
Metropolitan Museum, New York
Minneapolis Institute of Contemporary Art, Minnesota
Museum of Contemporary Art, Honolulu, Hawaii
Museum of Modern Art, New York
New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana
New York Public Library, New York
Norton Simon Museum of Art, Pasadena, California
Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, California
Oakland Museum, Oakland, California
Picker Art Gallery, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York
Princeton University Art Museum, New Jersey
Rochester Memorial Art Gallery, New York
San Diego Museum of Fine Art, San Diego, California
San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, California
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Stanford University Art Museum, Palo Alto, California
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Santa Barbara
Vancouver Museum of Art, British Columbia, Canada
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Akron Art Institute, Ohio
Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, Ohio
Anderson Collection at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Des Moines Art Center, Iowa
Broad Foundation, Santa Monica
Flint Institute of the Arts, Flint, Michigan
Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Fort Worth Art Museum, Texas
Fresno Art Museum, California
Getty Museum, Los Angeles, California
Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington
Voorhees Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
J.B. Speed Museum, Louisville, Kentucky