

Urban Rattle, 2012. High Line Park, New York, NY

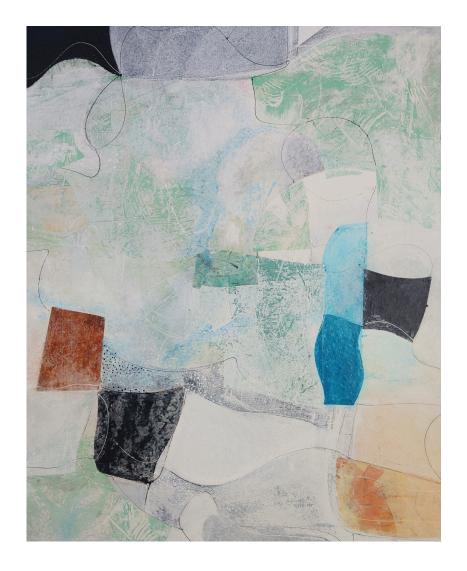
# **BIOGRAPHY**

Charlie Hewitt, a prolific printmaker, painter and sculptor, splits his time between Portland, ME, and Jersey City, NJ. Stylistically rooted in expressionism and surrealism, Hewitt's art is both playful and serious, a quality he shares with artists Alexander Calder, Joan Miro, Paul Klee, and his mentor Philip Guston. Since 2019, Hewitt's *Hopeful* Project has been spreading around the country, with many of his *Hopeful* light sculptures being installed in public and private spaces. Hewitt's sculpture *Urban Rattle* was the first permanent artwork installed along the High Line Park in Chelsea, New York. His imagery is largely influenced by the mill-working communities he grew up around. The energy and culture of these communities and the values of church, family and work have infused his artwork and are the foundation of his imagery and symbols. Hewitt's work is represented in numerous collections, including those of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY; Whitney Museum of American Art, NY; New York Public Library, NY; Brooklyn Museum, NY; Library of Congress, Washington, DC; and the Portland Museum of Art, MF.

Front cover: Blue Flags, 2020. Oil, acrylic and mixed media on canvas, 60 x 48"

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# CHARLIE HEWITT

#### **BORN**

1946 Lewiston, ME

# **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2019 Silk Roads, Jim Kempner Fine Art, NY

2019 Left of the Turnpike, Cove Street Arts, Portland, ME

2019 Abstract Paintings and Electric Dreams, Courthouse Gallery, Ellsworth, ME

**2018** *ELECTRIC DREAMS: Recent Paintings & Neon,* Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY Icon Contemporary, New Brunswick, ME

2016 New Paintings, Sculpture & Ceramics, Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY

2014 White Light, Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY

2012 Woodcuts, Center for Contemporary Printmaking, Norwalk, CT

2012 Greenwich Art Council, Greenwich, CT

2010 Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY

2010 Icon Gallery, Portland, ME

2008 Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY

**2007** Hot Off The Press, New York, NY Whitney Art Works, Portland, ME

**2006** Farnsworth Musaeum, Rockland, ME Bates College Museum, Lewiston, ME

2005 Jim Kempner Fine Art, NYC

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

1999 *Group Show*, Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY Lasting Impressions, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

1998 Woodcuts, Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY

1997 Vinalhaven Press, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

1996 Dead Space Gallery, Portland, ME Fletcher Priest Gallery, Worchester, MA The Art Exchange, New York, NY

# PERMANENT SCULPTURE INSTALLATIONS

2019 Hopeful, Bates Mill, Lewiston, ME

2019 Hopeful, Speedwell Projects, Portland, ME

2015 Portland Rattle, 511 Congress Street, Portland ME

2015 L/A Rattle, L/A Arts, Lewiston, ME

2013 Brooklyn Swing: Primera Companies, Dallas, TX

2013 Urban Rattle: Equity Builders for Ten23 Apartments (Highline Park), New York, NY

# **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

1998 New York Foundation for the Arts, Painting

1997 New York Foundation for the Arts, Drawings, Prints

1974 New York State Council of the Arts, CAPS Grant

# **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

2010 Charlie Hewitt: Sculpture

Charlie Hewitt: Drawings for Illuminations

**2009** *Charlie Hewitt: Woodcuts* 

2007 Cut, Scrape, Gouge, Cut: The Graphic Work of Charlie Hewitt, Essay by David

Becker, Bates College

Charlie Hewitt at Work, Essay by E.A. Beem, Farnsworth Museum

**2001** Art on Paper, "Working Proof," page 73.

2000 Lasting Impressions, Portland Museum, catalogue by Bruce Brown

1997 Vinalhaven Press, Portland Museum, catalogue by April Galant



Hopeful, 2019. Painted colorfast aluminum and lightbulbs, 84 x 288 x 12"



Yankee Roll, 2020. Woodcut and linocut, 25 1/2 x 19 1/2". Edition of 20



*Tin Pot*, 2020. Woodcut and linocut, 25 1/2 x 19 1/2". Edition of 15

# **SELECTED PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
New York Public Library, New York, NY
Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, NY
Prudential Insurance, New York, NY
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Library of Congress, Washington, DC
State University of New York, Binghamton, NY
MIT, List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, MA
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
The Fogg Museum, Boston, MA
Farnsworth Museum of Art, Rockland, ME
Colby College Museum of Art, Lewiston, ME
Rollins Museum of Art, Orlando, FL