

CAROLYN COLE

Biography

Carolyn Cole finds her voice within the rich traditions of abstraction and creates a cohesive body of work that translates into a language of intense color, sumptuous textures, and organic compositions. Color plays an important role in describing the emotional value and mood of each work. Her forms are instinctually achieved through the process of applying multiple layers of pigment, and her textured surfaces result from this process. The paintings combine dense surfaces, abstraction, geometry and many layers of paint.

Carolyn Cole lives in Portland, Oregon and has had over 40 solo exhibitions and been the recipient of many artist awards in the past 32 years. A magna cum laude graduate of Portland State University in 1977, her work has been exhibited all over the United States, including the Seattle Art Museum and Portland Art Museum. She spent ten years as an artist in New York City, where she exhibited extensively before settling back into the Northwest in 1991. She is represented by galleries in Portland, Santa Fe, Chicago, Seattle, Palm Desert and Carmel. Her paintings are included in numerous private and public collections such as former Vice President Al Gore, Gordon Seigel, president of Crate & Barrel, former Presidential Chief of Staff John Podesta, Titan Pharmaceuticals, Walt Disney Productions, Zale Corporation, IBM Corporation, Kaiser Permanente, RNM Properties, Salton, Inc., TRW Corporation, American Express, Campbell Soup Company, and the Heinz Corporation.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 Aberson Exhibits, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2015 Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2015 Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon
2014 Gruen Galleries, Chicago, Illinois
2014 SAM Gallery, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
2014 Washington County Museum, Hillsboro, Oregon
2013 Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2013 Mark Gallery, Englewood, New Jersey
2012 Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2012 Gallery KH, Chicago, Illinois
2012 Aberson Exhibits, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2011 Recent Monotypes, Butters Gallery, Portland, OR
2011 The William and Joseph Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
2011 Gallery IMA, Seattle, WA
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2009 Butters Gallery, Portland, OR
2008 The William and Joseph Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2008 Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2008 Mary Bell Galleries, Chicago, Illinois
2006 Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2006 Davis and Cline Galleries, Ashland, Oregon
2006 Cohen Rese Gallery, San Francisco, California
2006 Deloney Newkirk fine Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2005 Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2004 Don O'Melveny Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2003 Highlands Sculpture Gallery, Carmel, California
2003 Tumalo Art Gallery, Bend, Oregon
2003 Alysia Duckler Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2002 Mary Bell Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2002 Cohen Rese Gallery, San Francisco, California
2001 Alysia Duckler Gallery, Portland, Oregon
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1998 Alysia Duckler Gallery, Portland, Oregon
1997 Tribeca, Portland, Oregon
1996 Spokane Performing Arts Center, Spokane, Washington
1996 American Institute of Architects, Portland, Oregon
1991 55 Mercer Street Gallery, New York, New York
1987 Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
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1981 Fountain Gallery, Portland, Oregon
1979 Arts Place Gallery, Portland, Oregon
1979 Linda Farris Gallery, Seattle, Washington
1978 Willamette University, Salem, Oregon
1977 Anne Hughes Gallery, Portland, Oregon
1977 Honors Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
1977 Eastern Washington Gallery of Art, Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, Washington

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014 "Abstraction," Woolff Gallery, London, UK
2013 "Artist to Artist" collaborative four-artist installation, Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon
2013 Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon
2013 KM Fine Arts, Los Angeles, California
2012 AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, New York
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2009 Cheryl Hazan Gallery, New York, New York
2009 Gallery IMA, Seattle Washington
2009 AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, New York
2008 Art in Embassies Exhibition, US Embassy, Doha, Qatar
2008 AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, New York
2008 Red Dot Art Fair, Miami, Florida
2008 Red Dot Art Fair, New York, New York

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2006 Mary Bell Galleries, Chicago, Illinois.
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2004 "Gesturing," Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
2004 "Abstract Elegant," Don O'Melveny Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2003 Cohen Rese Gallery, San Francisco, California
2003 San Francisco International Art Fair, San Francisco, California
2002 San Francisco International Art Fair, San Francisco, California
2001 "Text," Seattle Art Museum Gallery, Seattle, Washington
2000 Mary Bell Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
1999 "Art Slate 1998," Condon, Oregon
1999 Ballard Fetherston Gallery, Seattle, Washington
1999 "Carrying On," Portland State University Littman Gallery, Portland, Oregon
1996 "New Impressions," Multnomah Club, Portland, Oregon
1992 Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Annual Exhibit, Brooklyn, New York
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1990 "Ten Downtown," Artists in General Gallery, New York, New York
1989 La Mama Galleria, New York, New York
1988 "The All Male Feminist Show," New Waterfront Museum, New York, New York
1989 "Curator's Choice," White Columns, New York, New York
1988 Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park Annual Outdoor Sculpture Show, New York, New York
1987 "Art, Bridges, Space," New York, New York
1986 "Ten on Eight," New York, New York
1986 "On the Edge," Temporary Edge Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1986 Donald Wren Gallery, New York, New York
1985 Ninth Annual Small Works Show, New York University, New York, New York
1984 "Seven New York Artists-New Abstraction," R Street Gallery, Washington D.C.
1983 "On, Of and About Paper," Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
1982 Brooklyn Museum Annual Exhibit, Brooklyn, New York
1980 "Paper Works," traveling exhibit to six Western States
1979 "Works on Paper," White Gallery, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon
1978 "Five Artists of Oregon," Corvallis Art Center, Corvallis, Oregon
1978 Invitational Exhibit, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, Washington
1977 "Mixed Media and Technique," Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon
1977 "Artists of Oregon 1977," Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon
1977 "In Touch: Nature, Ritual and Sensuous Art from the Northwest, Portland Center for Visual Art, Portland, Oregon
1977 "60th Annual Exhibition," Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
1977 "Contemporary Issues: Works on Paper by Women," Los Angeles, California
1976 "Artists of Oregon-Paperwork II," Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon

SELECTED PRIVATE/PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

American Express, New York, New York
Asia Europe America Bank, Seattle, Washington
Attorney General, State of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Bankers Trust Bank, New York, New York
Banque Indosuez, New York, New York
Boutwell, Beard & Grimes, Portland, Oregon
Brown, Tarlow, Smith & Bridges, Newberg, Oregon (several paintings)
Bullivant, Houser, Bailey PC, Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
Campbell Soup Company, Camden, New Jersey (several paintings)
CIGNA Corporation, New York, New York
City Commissioner Charles Jordan, Portland, Oregon
City of Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
Tyler Comann, San Francisco, California (several paintings)
Bill Draper, Draper Richards, LP, San Francisco, California
Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon
Facilities West, for Pacificorp, Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
First American Title Corporation, Los Angeles, California
Al Gore, Nashville, Tennessee
Graphic Ink & Chemical, Chicago, Illinois
Hanlon Brown Design, Portland, Oregon
Hannah Anderson Designs, Portland, Oregon
Health Resources, Tualatin, Oregon
The Heinz Corporation, Los Angeles, California
IBM Corporation, New York, New York (several paintings)
IBM Corporation, Milford, Connecticut
Iwan, Cray, Chicago, Illinois (several paintings)
Kaiser Permanente, Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
Lord & Taylor Department Store, New York, New York (several paintings)
Manufacturers Hanover Trust, New York, New York
Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehih, Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
Marshal Erdman Co, Madison, Wisconsin
Meyer Memorial Trust
Miller, Nash, Portland, Oregon
NERCO, Portland, Oregon
Mary O'Connor, Portland, Oregon
Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland, Oregon
The Pacific Institute, Seattle, Washington
Paragon Restaurant, Portland, Oregon
Perkins, Coie, LLP, Portland, Oregon
John Podesta, Washington D.C.
Wally Prawicki and Jeff Spira, Tucson, Arizona
Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon
Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus, Portland, Oregon
Portland State University, Portland, Oregon
The Pratt Company, San Francisco, California
RNM Properties, San Francisco, California
Rosenbaum & Rosenbaum, Portland, Oregon (several paintings)
Salton, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois
Gordon Segal, Crate & Barrel, Chicago, Illinois
Jordan Schnitzer, Portland, Oregon

SEM Group, Ltd., Denver, Colorado
Slim Chandra-Shekar, San Rafael, California
Stoll and Stoll, Portland, Oregon
Southeastern Banking Corporation, New York, New York
TCDI, Greensboro, North Carolina
Titan Pharmaceuticals, South San Francisco, California (several paintings)
TRW Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio
Walt Disney Productions, Los Angeles, California (several paintings)
Zale Corporation, New York, New York