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## ROSS BLECKNER

Born 1949, New York, New York  
Lives and works in New York, New York

## EDUCATION

1973 MFA, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California  
1971 BA, New York University, New York

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Commune*, Maruani Mercier, Brussels
- 2024 *Flowers*, Kunst in Seefeld, Seefeld  
*Mashber*, Petzel Gallery, New York
- 2022 *Ross Bleckner*, Carling Dalenson, Stockholm  
*Sehnsucht*, Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles
- 2021 *Ross Bleckner: Paralipsis*, Maruani Mercier Gallery, Brussels  
*Heart in the corner of the room*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*Ross Bleckner: Stripe Paintings from the 80's*, Van de Weghe, East Hampton
- 2020 *Quid Pro Quo*, Capitan Petzel, Berlin
- 2019 *How to Survive the Present*, Allouche Benias, Athens  
*Pharmacentria*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*Overhead and Below*, Neues Museum, Nürnberg
- 2018 Mazzoli Gallery, Modena  
Maruani Mercier, Brussels  
Maruani Mercier & Hadida, Paris
- 2017 Baldwin Gallery, Aspen  
Dallas Contemporary, Dallas
- 2016 Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai  
Bohm Chapel, Cologne
- 2015 Freddy Gallery, Baltimore  
Baldwin Gallery, Aspen
- 2014 Maruani Mercier Gallery, Brussels  
Mary Boone Gallery, New York

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- 2012 Jablonka Galerie, Cologne
- 2011 Maruani & Noirhomme Gallery, Brussels  
Scott White Fine Art, San Diego
- 2010 Mary Boone Gallery, New York  
Emilio Mazzoli gallery, Modena  
Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
- 2009 Baldwin Gallery, Aspen
- 2008 Imago Galleries, Palm Springs
- 2007 Cais Gallery, Seoul  
Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 2006 Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
- 2005 Ruzicka Gallery, Salzburg
- 2004 *Dialogue with Space*, Esbjerg Art Museum, Esbjerg
- 2003 Lehman Maupin Gallery, New York  
Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 2001 Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 2000 Mario Diacono Gallery, Boston  
Galerie Ernst Beyeler, Basel  
Maureen Paley/Interim Art, London
- 1999 Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1997 Galerie Daniel Templon, Paris  
Bawag Foundation, Vienna
- 1996 Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1995 Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
Astrup Fearnley Museet for Moderne Kunst, Oslo  
I.Y.A.M.. Centre Julio Gonzalez, Valencia
- 1994 Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1993 Galerie Max Metzler, Koln  
Guild Hall, East Hampton

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- 1991 Kolnischer Kunstverein, Koln  
Moderna Museet, Stockholm  
Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1990 Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto  
Kunsthalle Zurich, Zurich
- 1989 Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee  
Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston  
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh
- 1988 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco  
Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1987 Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1986 Mario Diacono Gallery, Boston  
Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1983 Mary Boone Gallery, New York

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Couples Squared*, Southampton Arts Center, Southampton  
*Sweet Sixteen*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin
- 2023 *Time Travel: Italian Masters through a Contemporary Lens*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*An Apartment for Ghosts: '57-'23*, Petzel Gallery, New York
- 2022 *Christen Sveaas Art Foundation: The Unseen Selected by Hurvin Anderson*, Whitechapel Gallery, London  
*Empire of Water*, The Church, Sag Harbor  
*Artgenève 2022*, Palexpo Genève, Geneva  
*Every Moment Counts—AIDS and its Feelings*, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Høvikodden
- 2020 *Caroline Bachmann – 58. av. J.-C.*, Kunsthhaus Glarus, Glarus  
*Dialogue of Images*, Galerie Bernd Kugler, Innsbruck  
*Art Basel Curated Selection: New Painting, Sculpture and Works on Paper*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*The Shadow of the Sun*, Wave Hill, Bronx
- 2019 *A Cloth Over a Birdcage*, Château Shatto, Los Angeles  
*The Empathy Lab*, Jessica Silverman Gallery, San Francisco  
*Where Art Might Happen, The Early Years of the California Institute of the Arts*, Santa Clarita  
Kestnergesellschaft, Hannover  
*Rebel with a Cause: The Extravagant Eighties as Envisioned by Eric Fischl*, Nassau County Museum, Roslyn

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- 2018 *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
*Scenes for the Collection*, The Jewish Museum, New York  
*The Color of Light*, Brintz Galleries, Palm Beach  
*In the Shadow of the Sun*, Saskatoon
- 2017 *Artists as Innovators: Celebrating Three Decades of New York Council on the Arts/*  
*New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowships*, Dorsky Museum of Art SUNY, New Paltz  
*Fast Forward: Painting from the 1980s*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
*Blue Black*, Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, St. Louis  
*Nocturne*, Paul Petro Contemporary, Montreal  
*So Lightly Here*, Paul Petro Contemporary, Montreal  
*Garden Party*, Brintz Galleries, Palm Beach  
*The Secret Life of Plants*, Freight and Volume, New York
- 2016 *Art AIDS America*, Alphawood Foundation, Chicago  
*Water | Bodies*, Southampton Arts Center, Southampton  
*Contemporary Artists vs. The Masters*, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro  
*Unfinished Business: Paintings from the 1970s and 1980s by Ross Bleckner, Eric Fischl, and David Salle*,  
Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill  
*Nice Weather*, Skarstedt Gallery, New York  
*Art AIDS America*, Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw  
*Art AIDS America*, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx  
*12 New Yorkers*, Jablonka Maruani Mercier Gallery, Brussels
- 2015 *Phantom Bodies: The Human Aura in Art*, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville  
*Selfies and Portraits of the East End*, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton  
*Art AIDS America*, The Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma  
*Ross Bleckner and Volker Eichelmann*, Sargent's Daughters, New York
- 2014 *Urban Theater: New York Art in the 1980s*, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth  
*In the Beginning/End States*, Sgorbati Projects, New York  
*Repetitive Motion*, SHFAP at Projector Gallery, New York
- 2013 *Paint Hotel*, Joe Sheftel Gallery, New York
- 2012 *Word Symbol Space*, The Jewish Museum, New York  
*Conceptual Abstraction*, Hunter College Time Square Gallery, New York
- 2011 *Surrounding Bacon and Warhol: Selections from the Astrup Fearnley Collection*, Astrup Fearnley  
Museum of Modern Art, Oslo  
*Pop Art 1960's-2000's From Misumi Collection*, Kawaguchiko Museum of Art, Yamanashi  
Prefecture  
*Circa 1986 – The '80s from Six important New York Art Collections*, Hudson Valley Center for  
Contemporary Art, Peekskill  
*Magic Hand*, ARTBLOGARTBLOG, New York  
*An Instance of Vibration*, Anonymous Gallery, New York

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- 2010 *Your History is not Our History*, Haunch of Venison, New York  
*Selections*, LA Art House, West Hollywood  
*Other as Animal*, Danese Gallery, New York  
*America: Here and Now*, traveling exhibition  
*Stream of the Unknown: Selections from the Collection*, Fisher Landau Center for Art, Long Island City  
*In Dialogue*, Anonymous Gallery, New York
- 2009 *A Tribute to Ron Warren*, Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 2008 *Genesis- The Art of Creation*, Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern  
*Empires and Environments*, The Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham
- 2007 *Time .01: I Love My Scene/ Scene 3*, Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 2006 *View Nine: I Love My Scene/ Scene 3*, Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 2005 *Picturing America: Selections from the Whitney Museum of American Art*, Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum, Nagasaki  
*Zoo Story*, Fisher Landau Center for Art, Long Island City
- 2004 *Flowers*, Mary Boone Gallery, New York  
*Flowers Observed, Flowers Transformed*, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh  
*A Celebration of the Guild Hall Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Honorees in the Visual Arts*, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton  
*North Fork/ South Fork: East End Art Now/ Part II*, Parrish Art Museum, Southampton
- 2003 *Me & More*, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Lucerne
- 2002 *Art Downtown: New York Painting and Sculpture*, 48 Wall Street, New York
- 2001 *Mythic Proportions: Painting in the 1980s*, Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami  
*Jasper Johns to Jeff Koons: Four Decades of Art from the Broad Collection*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles
- 2000 *In the Power of Painting*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm  
*On Canvas: Contemporary Painting*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
*In the Power of Painting*, Alesco, Zurich
- 1999 *The American Century: Art and Culture 1950-2000*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1997 *Birth of the Cool: Amerikanische Malerei*, Kunsthaus Zurich, Zurich
- 1996 *Nuevas Abstracciones*, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid

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- 1995 *Passions Privees*, Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris
- 1994 *Painting and Sculpture: Recent Acquisitions*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 1992 *Slow Art: Painting in New York Now*, P.S. 1 Museum, Long Island City
- 1991 *Mito y Magia en America: Los Ochenta*, Museo de arte contemporaneo de Monterrey, Monterrey  
*Metropolis*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin  
*Devil on the Stairs: Looking Back on the Eighties*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia
- 1989 *1989 Biennial Exhibition*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
*Prospect 89*, Frankfurt Kunstverein and Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt
- 1988 *Biennial of Sydney*, Sydney  
*The Image of Abstraction*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
*The Binational/Die Binationale*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
*Art at the End of the Social*, The Rooseum, Malmo  
*Carnegie International*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh
- 1987 *1987 Biennial Exhibition*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1985 *Currents*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
- 1984 *The Meditative Surface*, The Renaissance Society, University of Chicago, Chicago
- 1981 *New York in Black and White*, The Museum of Modern Art/Penthouse, New York
- 1979 *New Painting/New York*, Hayward Gallery, London

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Rubell Family Collection, Miami, Florida  
The Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California  
Smith, Klein and Beckman, Swedeland, Pennsylvania  
Tsurukame Corporation, Nagoya, Japan  
Tweed Museum of Art, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York