

Franklin Williams

b. 1940 Ogden, UT, lives and works in Petaluma, CA

Education:

- 1966 California College of Arts & Crafts, Oakland, CA MFA
- 1964 California College of Arts & Crafts, Oakland, CA BFA

Teaching:

- 1969-2018 California College of Art, San Francisco & Oakland, CA
- 1966-1999 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 1990 Gwent College of Higher Education, Newport, Wales
- 1990 Ruskin School of Drawing and Painting, Oxford, England
- 1968 University of California, Davis, CA
- 1967 California State Hayward, CA

Selected solo exhibitions:

- 2024 *Franklin Williams: It's About Love*, The Bell, Brown University, Providence, RI
Franklin Williams: Desire and Obsession, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Meditative Spectacle: Paintings 1974–76*, Parker Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *The Inimitable Professor Emertius*, Parker Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Franklin Williams: 1963-73*, Parker Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Eye Fruit: The Art of Franklin Williams, Sonoma County Art Museum, Santa Rosa, CA
- 2008 *Obsession*, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 Taylor & Company, San Francisco, CA
- 2005 Crocker Art Museum Acquisition Exhibition, Sacramento, CA
- 2003 Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, UT
- 1995 L. Noel Harvey Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 1993 Joseph Chowning Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1992 University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
- 1984 Arkansas Museum of Art, Little Rock, AR
Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1977-83 Gallery K, Washington, D.C.

1983 *Franklin Williams Paintings & Constructions*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

1981 Sonoma State University Gallery, Rohnert Park, CA

1980 Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, University of Nevada, Reno, NV

1978 Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, CA

1973 Galerie B, Paris, France

1972 Gallery Marc, Washington, D.C.

1971-89 Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1970 University of California, Davis, CA

1969 Arleigh Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Phyllis B. Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1968 Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

1967 California College of Arts & Crafts Gallery, Oakland, CA
Dilexi Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1966 Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA
Motion Gallery, San Jose, CA

1964 New Mission Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1959 Carbon College, Price, UT

Selected group exhibitions:

2025 *Sixties Surreal*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

2023 *Nuts and Who's: A Candy Store Sampler*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
To the Max!, di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA

2020 *Lover Earth: Art and Sexuality*, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

2019 *With Pleasure: Pattern & Decoration in American Art 1972–1985*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; traveled to the Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Less is a Bore: Maximalist Art and Design, ICA Boston, Boston, MA
Downtown Painting, presented by Alex Katz, Peter Freeman Inc., New York, NY
Landscapes Without Boundaries, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, Davis, CA

Building a Different Model, di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA

2018 *Be Not Still: Living In Uncertain Times (Part 2)*, di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA
Way Bay, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA

2017 *Jean Conner, Wally Hedrick, Deborah Remington and Franklin Williams*, Karma, New York, NY
Nut Art, Parker Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2016 *Curtains*, 47 Canal Gallery, New York, NY

2012 *Williams | Waits*, Smith Anderson North, San Anselmo, CA

2008 *At Home*, curated by Lawrence Rinder, Lincart, San Francisco, CA

2004 San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

2002 *The Medium is the Message*, San Jose Museum, San Jose, CA

1998 *pFORMative ACTS*, Walter McBean Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1985 Laguna Beach Museum of Art, Laguna Beach, CA
Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA

1984 Jacksonville Art Museum, Jacksonville, FL
Utah Museum of Fine Art, Salt Lake City, UT
San Francisco Bay Area Painting, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
The Dilexi Years (1958-1970), Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

1983 *On & Off the Wall: Shaped and Colored*, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

1981 *Surface Design/The New Decorative*, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Abstractions, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

1979 *Major Works*, Gallery K, Washington, D.C.

1977 *Bay Area Artists*, Oakland Museum of California, CA

1976 *6 from California*, Museum of Art, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

1975 *Tribute to the San Francisco Art Institute*, Hansen Fuller, San Francisco, CA

1974 University of Nevada, Reno, NV

1973 *Statements*, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

1972 National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Nut Art, California State University, Hayward, CA

1970 *DeForest, Schlotzhour, Williams*, Arleigh Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 Gallery Marc, Washington, D.C.
 Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA

1969-75 Phyllis B. Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL

1969 San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA

1968 Esther Robles Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
 Galleria Odyssia, New York, NY
Sculpture Annual, Whitney Museum, New York, NY
 University of California, Davis, CA

1967 *Painting Annual*, Whitney Museum, New York, NY
 Dilexi Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Funk Art, University of California, Berkeley, CA

1966 Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
 Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

1964 *Six Painters*, New Mission Gallery, San Francisco, CA
A Collection Representing 57 Years, Oakland Art Museum, Oakland, CA

1963 *Some New Art in the Bay Area*, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

Public collections:

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, University of California, Berkeley, CA
 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
 Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
 di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
 Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis, CA
 Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
 Museum of Northern California Art, Chico, CA
 Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, UT
 Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA
 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
 San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
 Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
 Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
 University of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM

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- 2018 Frank, Peter "Parker Gallery - Franklin Williams: 1963-1973" *Fabrik Magazine*, Jan. 22
- 2017 Mellin, Haley "Franklin Williams," *Bomb*, Dec. 14
Yau, John "Four Bay Area Iconoclasts and Eccentrics," *Hyperallergic*, Dec. 10
Mendelsohn, John "Painterland: Four from California at Karma," *Artcritical*, Dec. 9
Campbell, Andy "Franklin Williams," *Artforum*, October 23rd
Schuster, Clayton "The Intimate Abstractions of Franklin Williams," *Hyperallergic*, August 30, 2017
Stromberg, Matt "Nut Art at Parker Gallery," *Contemporary Art Review Los Angeles*
Schuster, Clayton "Revisiting the Witty Work of 1970s Bay Area Nut Artists," *Hyperallergic*, July 14, 2017
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Templeton, David "Sacred Joys of Making Art", *Petaluma Argus Courier*, June 8, 2017.
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George, Jan "Picasso Meets Frost: Ogdenite Mixes Abstractness with Poetry." *Utah Statesman*, Utah State University, Logan, UT, November 21, 1997.
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