

Judy Ledgerwood

Biography

1959 born in Brazil, Indiana, US
1982 B.F.A., The Art Academy of Cincinnati,
Ohio. Walks, US
1984 M.F.A., The School of the Art Institute of
Chicago, Illinois, US
lives and works in Chicago, US

Judy Ledgerwood blends modern music and abstract painting in her works to create inspiring constellations: like beads on a string, circles are arranged one beside the other or bundled, rectangles are slanted into rhombuses and placed one on top of the other like a column. One the one hand, the images adhere to strict horizontal and vertical structures, on the other, they pulsate to the rhythm of the painterly gesture: opulent color is opposed to light so as to define a new pictorial space.

Exhibitions (selection)

- 2016 »Pussy Poppin' Power«, Tracy Williams Ltd, New York, US *
»Color Me Blind – Färbe mich blind«, MEWO Kunshtalle, Memmingen (DE)
»To Sophie, Sonia, Elsa, Hannah...«, Häusler Contemporary Zürich, CH
- 2015 »Lose Loos«, Häusler Contemporary, Lustenau, AT *
- 2014 »Alles Papier!«, Häusler Contemporary München, DE
- 2013 »Passing Through Color«, Häusler Contemporary, Munich, DE *
»Fields and Flowers«, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, TX, US *
Rhona Hoffmann Gallery, Chicago, US *
- 2012 »Hello Again«, Häusler Contemporary Zürich, CH *
»Hamburg Art Weekend«, America Center, Hamburg, DE*
»Painters Painting«, Atlanta Center for Contemporary Art, Atlanta, Georgia, US
»Block Collection«, Block Museum of Art, Evanston, Illinois, US
»Spectral Landscape with Viewing Stations«, curated by John Neff and Pamela Fraser at Gallery 400, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, US
- 2011 Chromatic Patterns for Chicago and Blob Paintings, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, US*
- »April Showers«, Tracy Williams Ltd., New York, New York, US*
- »Two Fold«, The Suburban, Oak Park, Illinois, US
- 2010 STONE COLLECTION, Contemporary Collecting: Selections from the Donna and Howard Stone Collection, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, US
»Thinking of You«, Häusler Contemporary Munich, DE*
- 2009 »Constellations: Paintings from the MCA Collection«, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago IL»Pop Sizzle Hum«, Tony Wight Gallery Chicago, IL, US
»The Anniversary Show«, Tracy Williams, Ltd, New York City, NY, US
- 2008 »Another Day«, Häusler Contemporary, Zürich, CH *
»Construction«, 1301PE, Los Angeles, CA, US
- 2007 »Hard Jam«, Tracy Williams Ltd., New York, US *
- 2006 »Takeover«, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL, US
»Figures in the Field«, Figurative Sculpture and Abstract Painting from Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US
- 2005 »Get Up«, Häusler Contemporary München, DE *
»Spring Fever«, Tracy Williams, Ltd., New York, US *
»Traces Everywhere«, Tracy Williams, Ltd., New York, New York, US
- 2004 Cindy Bernard, Richard Dupont, Judy Ledgerwood, Tracy Williams, Ltd., New York, US
»The Center is Anywhere«, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US
»CHROMA«, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, US
»Judy Ledgerwood, Julie Mangold, Sol Le Witt«, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, US
»Ugly Beauty«, 1301 PE, Los Angeles. US
- 2003 »New Paintings«, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, US
»Flora: The Beauty of Botanicals in Art«, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, US
- 2002 »Life Death Love Hate Pleasure Pain«, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US
»Multiformity: Multiples from MCA Collection«, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US
1301 PE, Los Angeles, US
»TEST PATTERN«, 111 Minnea Street, San Francisco. US

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- 2001 »College Proofs: The Riverhouse Editions Collection at the Mary and Lee Block Museum Of Art«, Northwestern University, Evanston, US
Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, US
»Stuffed«, 1301 PE, Santa Monica, US
»Serendipity«, Thomas McCormic Gallery, Chicago, US
»White Light«, University Galleries, Illinois State University, US
»Concept Art«, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US
- 2000 »Maximal Minimal«, Feigen Contemporary, New York, US
»The Circle Show«, bona fide, Chicago, US
»Glimmer«, Gahlberg Gallery, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, US
Feigen Contemporary New York, US
- 1999 »Cold Days«, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, IL, US
»Calendar 2000«, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College, Annadale-on-Hudson, US
- 1998 »Exploiting the Abstract«, Feigen Contemporary New York, US
- 1997 Feigen Contemporary New York, US
»New Works«, Feigen, Inc. Chicago, US
- 1996 »Inaugural Exhibition«, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US
Richard L. Feigen & Co. New York, US
- 1995 Feigen, Inc., Chicago, US
Christopher Grimes Gallery, Santa Monica, US
»25 Americans: Painting in the 90's«, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, US
- 1994 »Nature, Revolution: A Gallery Project«, Ferndale, US
- 1993 »A Grand Tour«, The Swiss Institute, New York, US
»Celestial«, Gallery in the Champion Lobby Champion, International Corp., Stamford, US
Germans Van Eck Gallery, New York, US
- 1992 »Why Paint?«, The Renaissance Society, The University of Chicago, US
Hanes Art Center Glass Gallery, Chapel Hill, US
- 1991 Richard Green Gallery, Santa Monica, US
1989 Scott Hanson Gallery, New York, US

*solo show

Collections

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, US
The Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, US
Los Angeles Museum of Modern Art, US

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois, US
Milwaukee Museum of Art, Wisconsin, US
Chicago Public Library, Chicago, Illinois, US
The Block Museum, Evanston, IL, US
American Embassy, San Salvador, El Salvador. ES

Awards and grants

- 1982 BFA, The Academy of Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH, US
- 1982 Wilder Travelling Fellowship, awarded by the Art Academy of Cincinnati, US
- 1984 MFA, School of Art Institute of Chicago Chicago, IL, US
- 1985 Illinois Arts Council Chairman's Grant, US
- 1993 National Endowment for the Arts Grant, US
- 1997 The Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award, US
Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts Grant, Northwestern University, Poet Masterprinter Exchange, US
- 1998 Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts Grant, Northwestern University, US
- 2000 URGC, Northwestern University, Morocco, US
Northwestern Alumni Grant, Art Theory and Practice, Department website, US