

Walton Ford

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Education

1982 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
European Honors Program, Rhode Island School of Design, Rome, Italy

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 "Walton Ford: Lion of God," curated by Udo Kittelmann, Ateneo Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, Venice, Italy
"Walton Ford: Birds and Beasts of the Studio," The Morgan Library & Museum, New York, NY

2023 "Walton Ford: 25 Years of Printmaking," Kasmin, New York, NY

2023 "Walton Ford: A Very Rare Sight," Galerie Max Hetzler, Paris, France

2022 "Walton Ford," Gagosian Gallery, New York, NY
"Walton Ford: Graphic Works," Lyndsey Ingram, London, UK

2021 "Walton Ford: Aquarelle," Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany

2018 "Walton Ford: Barbary," Kasmin, New York, NY
"Walton Ford: New Watercolors," Vito Schnabel Gallery, St. Moritz, Switzerland

2017 "Walton Ford: Calafia," Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA

2015-16 "Walton Ford," Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Paris, France

2014 "Watercolors," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2011 "I don't like to look at him, Jack. It makes me think of that awful day on the island," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2010 "Walton Ford: Bestiarium," Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark; Hamburger Bahnhof Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin, Germany and Albertina, Vienna, Austria

2009 "Walton Ford: New Work," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2008 "Walton Ford," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2007 "Tigers of Wrath: Watercolors by Walton Ford" Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX

2006 "Tigers of Wrath: Watercolors by Walton Ford," Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
"Walton Ford: Works on Paper," John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2005 "Walton Ford: New Works," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2004 "Bitter Gulfs," Paul Kasmin Gallery at 511, New York, NY
"Animal Planet: The Bestiary of Walton Ford," New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
"Walton Ford," Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2002 "Walton Ford," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2000 "Walton Ford," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

- 1999 "Brutal Beauty," Bowdin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME
 "Avatars: The Watercolors of Walton Ford," University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA
 "Walton Ford," Kohn-Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 "Walton Ford; New Large Works on Paper," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
 "Walton Ford," Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO
- 1997 "Walton Ford," Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC
 "Walton Ford," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 "Procrustean Beds," Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery, in collaboration with Michael Klein, Inc., New York, NY
 "Walton Ford and Julie Jones," The Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH and Virginia Beach Center for The Arts, Virginia Beach, VA
- 1991 "Walton Ford," Bess Cutler Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
 "Walton Ford," Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY
- 1990 "The Blood Remembers," Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 "Animal Kingdom," Nordic Watercolor Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden
- 2022 "This Land: American Engagement with the Natural World," Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- 2021 "Birds of the Northeast: Gulls to Great Auks," Fairfield University Art Museum, Bellarmine Hall Galleries, Fairfield, CT
 "Un/Natural Selections: Wildlife in Contemporary Art," National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, Jackson, WY
- 2019 "Nature's Nation," Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AZ
 "Book of Beasts: The Bestiary in the Medieval World," The Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 "History in the Making," Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 "Recent Acquisitions Winter 2018," Galerie Maximilian, Aspen, CO
 "Naturalia," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016-17 "On the Origin of Art," Museum of Old And New Art, Hobart, Tasmania
 "Animal on est mal: La collection du Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature revisitée par Richard Fauguet," Communauté d'agglomération de Marne et Gondoire, Bussy-Saint-Martin, France
- 2016 "The Nest," Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY
 "A Big Enough Umbrella," Wingate Studio, New York, NY
- 2015 "Printer's Proof: Thirty Years at Wingate Studio," Wingate Studio, Boston, MA
 "The Annual Exhibition," Childs Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2014 "It's Just a Shot Away – The Rolling Stones in Photographs," TASCHEN, Los Angeles, CA
 "Infinite Histories," Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
- 2013 "One Great Night in November," The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
- 2012 "The Bear Necessities," John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 "Grey Full," Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 "Winged Shadows: Life Among Birds," North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND

- 2010-11 "Traum und Realität," Galerie Siegel-Springmann, Freiburg, Germany
- 2010-11 "The Art of Giving," John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 "Wunderkammer: A Century of Curiosities," MoMA, New York, NY
- 2006 "Going Ape: Confronting Animals in Contemporary Art," deCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
- "Rare Specimen," The Arsenal Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 "Social Realisms," The Park School, Brooklandville, MD
- 2004 "For the Birds," Artspace, New Haven, CT
- "Political Nature," The Whitney Museum, New York, NY
- "Natural Histories: Realism Revisited," Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ
- "Animals & Us: The Animal in Contemporary Art," The Galerie St. Etienne, New York, NY
- "Birdspace: A Post-Audubon Artists Aviary," Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, LA; Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL; J Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY; McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown, OH and Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
- 2003 "Creatures That Stir, Symbol & Satire in Animals of Imagination," Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA
- "The Great Drawing Show," Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 "One Thousand Words," John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- "Acquiring Taste," Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT
- "Resisting Categories: Prints," The Gallery of South Orange, South Orange, NJ
- "Hot and New in 2002," Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, New York, NY
- 2001 "Natural Histories: Artists Forage in Science and Nature," Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
- 2000 "Deja Vu: Reworking the Past," Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, New York, NY
- 1999 "Collectors Gallery XXXIII," The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- "The Great Drawing Show 1550 – 1999," Kohn Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- "Summer Show: 1999," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 "Wild Thing: Artists Views of the Animal World," John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 "Summer," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
- "Animal Tales: Contemporary Bestiary and Animal Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art at Champion, Stamford, CT
- 1996 "Landscapes," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
- "Heroic Painting," curated by Susan Lubowsky, S.E.C.C.A., Winston-Salem, NC
- "Classics Revisited," Winston Wachter Fine Art, New York, NY
- 1995 "Next of Kin," List Visual Arts Center, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- "A Vital Matrix," Domestic Setting, Los Angeles, CA
- "Walton Ford, Jimmie Durham," Ho Gallery, Hong Kong
- "Americana," Grand Salon, New York, NY
- 1994 "Ashley Bickerton, Jimmie Durham, Walton Ford, Jeff Wall," Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery, New York, NY
- "Points of Interest, Points of Departure," John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- "American Landscape," Michael Klein, Inc., New York, NY
- "History 101: The Re-Search for Family," curated by Mel Watkin, Forum for Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO
- 1993 "Living with Art: the collection of Ellyn & Saul Dennison," The Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ
- "Kurswechsel," at Transart Exhibitions, Michael Klein, Inc., Cologne, Germany

- 1992 "The Landscape as Stage," curated by Meyer Raphael Rubinstein, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 1991 "Junge Americanische und Deutsche Malerei," Galerie Schulze, Cologne, Germany
 "Artists Books from A to B: Contemporary Artists' Books," Center for Arts Books Exhibition, Harper Collins, New York, NY
 "In the Looking Glass: Contemporary Narrative Paintings," MINT Museum of ART, Charlotte, NC
 Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY
- 1990 "A Sense of Place," Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, Montgomery, AL
 "Critical Revisions," curated by Lois Nesbitt, Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY
 "Collectors Choice of Emerging Artists - 1990," Vered Gallery, East Hampton, New York, NY
 "Brut 90," White Columns, New York, NY
- 1989 "American Pi(e)," Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY
- 1988 "Un Regard Autre," Farideh Cadot Gallery, Paris, France

Awards

- 1992 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Fellowship
- 1991 National Endowment for the Arts, Fellowship
- 1990 Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, Grant
- 1989 New York Foundation for the Arts, Fellowship
 The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Grant
- 1988 Art Matters, Inc., Fellowship
 The Penny McCall Foundation, Grant

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