

# BETH EDWARDS

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## EDUCATION

- 1987 Master of Fine Arts, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
1982 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
1979-80 Temple University Abroad, Rome, Italy

## MURAL COMMISSION

- 2013-14 Willow Park Mural, UrbanArt Commission for the City of Memphis

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *The World in Pieces*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2022 *Wild and Tenacious*, Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield, OH  
*Under the Rainbow*, Leu Art Gallery, Belmont University, Nashville, TN  
*Hydrangeas*, David Lusk Gallery, Nashville, TN  
2021 *Wonderstruck*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2019 *Oh My Heart*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2017 *Encounters*, Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL  
2016 *Over Time*, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN  
2015 *Oh Happy Day*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2012 *Antidote*, Tennessee Arts Commission Gallery, Nashville, TN  
*In Florescence*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2010 *Along the Way*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2009 Recent Work, Mallory and Wurtzburger Galleries, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, TN  
2008 *Beth Edwards: Fifteen Years of Painting*, St. Louis Community College, Saint Louis, MO  
2007 *Inside Out*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2005 *The Contemporary Still Life: Paintings by Beth Edwards*, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA  
2004 *Semi-Precious*, Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst, Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
2003 *Playthings*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
1998 Recent Work, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY  
1995 *Functioning Objects*, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA  
1994 *Mundane Encounters*, Alma College, Alma, MI  
1992 Recent Work, Trumbull Art Gallery, Warren, OH  
1991 *Life with Larry*, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA  
1990 *Life, Flight and Sacrifice*, Miami Valley Arts Council Gallery, Dayton, OH  
1989 Recent Work, Northern Kentucky Arts Council, Carnegie Arts Center, Covington, KY  
*Bird/Dog*, Rosewood Arts Center, Kettering, OH  
1988 Recent Work, Shippensburg State University, Shippensburg, PA

## TWO & THREE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 *Nature Reconstructed*, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN  
2012 *Nature Redux*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Character Study*, Union University, Jackson, TN

- 2010 *Muddy Water: Three Memphis Painters on Paper*  
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY
- 2008 *Urban Sight*, East Arkansas Community College, Forrest City, AR  
*RiverArtsFest Invitational Art Show*, Askew, Nixon, Ferguson Architects,  
Memphis, TN  
*Water Works*, On The Street Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 2007 *E(Squared): Two Generations*, Gallery 130, University of Mississippi,  
Oxford, MS
- 2002 *New Paintings*, Leonard Tachmes Gallery, Miami, FL  
*New Talent*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2000 *Habitation*, Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago, IL  
*Jed Jackson and Beth Edwards*, Art Museum  
The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- 1997 *Simple Objects*, Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH
- 1996 *Recent Work*, Matrix Gallery, Sacramento, California
- 1995 *Still Life: Three Ohio Artists*, Denison University, Granville, OH
- 1994 *Associations*, Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL  
*Parables, Ordinary and Visionary*  
Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN  
*Fragments of Meaning*  
Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH
- 1993 *Low Points of View*, Front Street Gallery, Dayton, OH
- 1991 *Three Person Exhibition*, Columbus State Community College  
Columbus, OH
- 1990 *Recent Work*, Acme Art Gallery, Columbus, OH

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Jet Lag*, Fogelman Galleries, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- 2021 *Still Life*, Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, FL
- 2020 *Cry of the Dinosaur's Sister*, Marissa Newman Projects, New York, NY
- 2019 *Nature Morte*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Our Shared Heritage: Alabama Artists from the Collection*, Huntsville  
Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL  
*2019 National Juried Painting Exhibition*, The University of Southern  
Mississippi, Starkville, MS  
*Magic Landscape*, Peninsula School of Art, Fishcreek, WI  
*Color Scheme*, Crosstown Arts Gallery, Crosstown Concourse, Memphis  
*Unfolding: The Next Chapter in Memphis*, ArtsMemphis, TN
- 2018 *Looking at the Collection: Recent Acquisitions*, Huntsville Museum of  
Art, Huntsville, AL  
*Number Presents: Art of the South*, Crosstown Concourse, Memphis, TN  
*31<sup>st</sup> September Competition*, Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA  
*Homeward Bound*, Crosstown Concourse, Memphis, TN
- 2017 *Really?*, David Lusk Gallery, Nashville, TN  
*59<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Exhibition*, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR  
*We Need to Talk*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN
- 2016 *Wall Flowers*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Surreal...So Real*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2015 *Public/Art/ists Part I*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN  
*Public/Art/ists Part II*, Arts Memphis, Memphis, TN

- Summer Reading: Show Me a Story, Tell Me a Picture*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
*The Price is Right*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
 2014 *Inaugural Art Exhibition: Your Attica On The Pacific*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Los Angeles, CA  
*56<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Exhibition*, Arkansas Art Center Little Rock, AR *Honorable Mention*  
*National Small Oil Painting Exhibition*, The Wichita Center for the Arts Wichita KS  
*Circuitous Sucession, Epilogue*, Scottish Rite Temple, Memphis, TN  
*The Price is Right*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis & Nashville  
*Herstories*, Hyde Gallery, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN  
*Feed the Soul*, Glitch, Memphis, TN  
 2013 *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Present Tense - The Art of Memphis, 2001-Now*, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, TN  
 David Lusk Group Exhibition, The Arts Company, Nashville, TN  
*It Came from Memphis*, Bologna Performing Arts Center, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS  
 2012 *Toylanders*, Noyes Museum, Oceanville, NJ  
 Parlor Gallery, Asbury Park, NJ  
 2011 *Ripped from the Studio, Work Habits Exhibition*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
 2010 *Art Chicago*, Merchandise Mart, Chicago IL  
 Represented by Tory Folliard Gallery  
 2009 *New Space/New Work*, Scott Richards Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*When Animals Talk*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Radius 250*, McComas Gallery, Mississippi State University Starkville, MS  
 2008 *Artists at Play: The Art of the Toy*, Bradbury Gallery, Arkansas State University, Jonesville, AR  
*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Exhibition*, Tory Folliard Gallery Milwaukee, WI  
*The Price is Right*, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN  
*This and That: Recent Art from Memphis*, University of Louisiana, Monroe, LA  
*Art Chicago*, Merchandise Mart, Chicago IL  
 Represented by Tory Folliard Gallery  
 2007 *War or Peace: Art that Confronts the Realities of the Present* Centre for the Living Arts, Mobile, AL  
*50<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Exhibition*, Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR  
*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitational Retrospective*, Rosewood Gallery Kettering, OH  
*Art Chicago*, Merchandise Mart, Chicago IL  
 Represented by Tory Folliard Gallery  
 2006 *Whimsical Muse*, Manifest Creative Research Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*Tooth and Claw*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Southeastern Juried Exhibition*, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL  
*Horizon*, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR  
*Art Chicago*, Millennium Park, Chicago, IL  
 Represented by David Lusk Gallery

- 2005 *Annual Renaissance Regional Art Exhibit*, The Renaissance Center, Dickson, TN *Judge's Choice Award*  
*Homegrown: Southeast*, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston Salem, NC  
*Whatever Meredyth Wants*, Gallery NAGA, Boston, MA  
*48th Delta Exhibition*, Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR  
*Something of Our Common Feeling*, Delta Axis, Memphis, TN  
*San Francisco Art Expo*, Represented by David Lusk Gallery
- 2004 *American Realism*, Plus One Plus Two Galleries, London, England
- 2002 *Try It On: Exploring Women's Traditions*, Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA  
*Side by Side*, Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN
- 2001 *Annual Salon Show*, Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA  
*Brooks Perspectives*, Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN  
*Juried Art Exhibit*, Arts in the Park, Memphis Arts Festival, TN  
Morgan Keegan Award  
*The Object Considered: Contemporary Still Life in Ohio, Illinois & Indiana* (Traveling Exhibition), South Bend Regional Museum of Art, South Bend, IN, Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH
- 2000 *Annual Salon Show*, Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA  
*The Object Considered: Contemporary Still Life in Ohio, Illinois & Indiana* Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH
- 1999 *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH
- 1998 *Zeitgeist*, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 *What's Rite: Ritual & Experience*, SPACES, Cleveland, OH  
*Still Life*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Whitewater Valley Annual Exhibition*, Indiana University East Richmond, IN  
*Water Tower Annual*, Louisville Visual Art Association Louisville, KY
- 1996 *Quiet Objects: Still Life Representation and Function* Louisville Visual Art Association, Louisville, KY  
*Animal, Mineral, Vegetable: A Painting Invitational* University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH  
*Mid-West Survey: Six Painters* Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH  
*Regional Artists' Biennial*, Fort Wayne Museum of Art Fort Wayne, IN
- 1995 *Domestic Disturbance: Running Amok at Home* Delta Axis Contemporary Arts Center, Memphis, TN
- 1994 *Regional Artists' Biennial*, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN
- 1993 *Compass Exchange: Ohio NE/SW Exhibition*, Trumbull Art Gallery Warren, OH  
*Still Life Still*, Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH  
*Whitewater Valley Annual Exhibition*, Indiana University East Richmond, IN *Merit Award*  
*The 1993 Dog Days Show*, Kathleen Ewing Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
*All Ohio Juried Art Exhibition*, Ohio State University at Mansfield, Pearl Conard Art Gallery, Mansfield, OH  
*The Shoe Show*, Santa Clara Galleries, Dayton, OH *Second Place*
- 1992 *Working Drawings*, Dayton Visual Arts Center, Dayton, OH

- 1991 *Animal Rites and Wrongs*, University Art Gallery, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN  
*Water Tower Annual*, Louisville Visual Art Association, Louisville, KY  
*Concepts and Dimensions*, Trumbull Art Gallery, Warren, OH  
*15th Annual Competitive Exhibition*, Arts Consortium, Cincinnati, OH  
*Kunst '91*, Augsburg, Germany  
*Ohio Women's Caucus for Art Second Annual Juried Exhibition*  
Franklin University, Columbus, OH
- 1990 *Showcase '90*, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville, KY  
*Contiguous Elements: Contemporary Ohio Ceramics and Printmaking*,  
Fort Hayes Visual Arts Gallery, Columbus, OH  
*Generation and Regeneration*, Parkland College, Champaign, IL  
*Annual Women's Art Show*, Sinclair College, Dayton, OH Second Place

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- Memphis Studios*, Cecil Humphreys, 2018
- Nashville Arts Magazine, Noah Saterstorm, *Really?*, July 2017
- Number 91: An Independent Journal of the Arts, Dorothy Joiner, *Beth Edwards: Encounters*, Summer 2017
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December 27, 2016
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- The Commercial Appeal, Frederic Koeppl, *Representation, Exhibits Explore Abstraction and Symbolism*, November 20, 2015
- The Commercial Appeal, Frederic Koeppl, *Lusk Exhibits Peer into Artists' Creative Methods*, December 15, 2011
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Book 94, July/August, 2011
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June 24-June 30, 2010
- The Commercial Appeal, Frederic Koeppl, *Cartoon-like Figures as Emblems of Emotion*, June 18, 2010,
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July 30-August 5, 2009
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August 9, 2008
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*Beth Edwards: Inside Out*, Fall/Winter 2008, (Cover)
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"Dialogue", Molly Youngkin, *Beth Edwards, Rosewood Arts Centre*, January/February, 1997

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 Kettering-Oakwood Times, Richard Schwarze, *Rosewood Exhibition Challenging*, October 18, 1988

## RECOGNITION

2023 Individual Artist Fellowship, Tennessee Arts Commission  
 2017 Commemorative Fine Arts Poster Artist, River Arts Fest, Memphis, TN  
 2016 Emmett O’Ryan Award for Artistic Inspiration, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN  
 2015 Arts Accelerator Grant, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN  
 2012 Alumni Association Distinguished Achievement in the Creative Arts Award, University of Memphis  
 2013 Artist for Memphis in May poster honoring Sweden  
 2011 Dean’s Creative Achievement Award, University of Memphis  
 2007 Yaddo Colony Residency, Saratoga Springs, NY  
 1998 University of Dayton Research Council Grant (also: 1994, 1991, 1989)  
 1996 Individual Artist Fellowship, Ohio Arts Council  
 1995 Individual Artist Grant, Montgomery County Regional Arts and Cultural District, Dayton, OH  
 1994 MacDowell Colony Residency, Peterborough, NH  
 Individual Artist Grant, Montgomery County Regional Arts and Cultural District, Dayton, OH

## COLLECTIONS

Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN  
 Howard and Judith Tullman Collection, Chicago, IL  
 Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville, TN  
 Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL  
 UrbanArts Commission, City of Memphis Movable Collection  
 Cabarrus Promotion LLC, Memphis, TN  
 Central Printing, Memphis, TN  
 Cygnus Asset Management, Charlotte, NC  
 nexAIR, Memphis, NC  
 Orion FCU, Memphis, TN  
 The Art Collection at the Memphis International Airport  
 UrbanArt Commission, Memphis International Airport Collection