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## JOAN SEMMEL

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## EDUCATION

MFA, 1972, Pratt Institute, New York, NY BFA, 1963, Pratt Institute, New York, NY Diploma, 1952, Cooper Union Art School, New York, NY

## INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Joan Semmel, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
- 2015 Joan Semmel: Across Five Decades, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
- 2013 Joan Semmel, Art Basel, Switzerland Joan Semmel, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY Joan Semmel—A Lucid Eye, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY
- 2011 Joan Semmel, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
- 2003 Mitchell Algus Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 The Mannequin Series: Recent Work by Joan Semmel, Jersey City Museum, NJ
- 1999 Joan Semmel: Self Images, Mitchell Algus Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 Joan Semmel, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
- 1993 *Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel*, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York, NY *An Other View,* Bypass Gallery, New York, NY
- 1992 *Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel*, University Art Gallery, State University of New York, Albany, NY

*Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel*, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

*Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel*, Tyler Art Gallery, State University of New York, Oswego, NY

The Works of Joan Semmel, Newcomb Gallery, University of Virginia, Richmond, VA

- 1991 Selves: Joan Semmel, Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC
- 1989 Joan Semmel: Recent Work, East Hampton Center for Contemporary Art, East Hampton, NY
- 1987 Gruenebaum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1986 University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO
- 1984 Douglass College Women's Series, New Brunswick, NJ 112 Greene Street, New York, NY
- 1981 Douglass College Women's Series, New Brunswick, NJ Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York, NY

- 1980 *Joan Semmel*, Sharadin Gallery, Kutztown State College, Kutztown, PA; Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA; Myers Fine Arts Gallery, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, NY
- 1979 Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York, NY
- 1978 Jorgenson Museum, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT Joan Semmel: Recent Paintings, Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York, NY
- 1977 Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York, NY Joan Semmel: 1977, Pelham Von Stoffler Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1975 Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York, NY
- 1973 141 Prince St. Gallery, New York, NY
- 1969 Juana Mordo Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 1968 Bonino Gallery, Buenos Aires, Argentina Museum of Plastic Arts, Montevideo, Uruguay Ateneo de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- 1966 Joan Semmel, Ateneo de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Secret Garden: A Group Exhibition, Untitled Space, New York, NY Painting the Visible World: American Woman Realists, Bernaducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros, curated by Eric Fischl, Hall Art Foundation, Reading, VT
- 2016 *Olympia*, Galerie Patrick Seguin, Paris, France *Coming to Power-25 Years of Xplicit Art By Women*, Maccarone Gallery, New York, NY *The Female Gaze, Part II: Women Look at Men*, Cheim & Read Gallery, New York, NY *Skins: Body as Matter and Process*, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, NY *Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection*, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Black Sheep Feminism: The Art of Sexual Politics, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, TX

- 2015 Selfies and Portraits of the East End, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
- 2014 Robert Gober: The Heart is Not a Metaphor, Museum of Modern Art, New York Femfolio, Gallery 112, Scripps College, Claremont, CA The Avant-Garde Collection, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA Expanding the Field of Painting, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA Face Value: Portraiture in the Age of Abstraction, National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2013 *Skin Trade*, curated by Larry List and Martha Wilson, PPOW Gallery, New York, NY *Sie. Selbst. Nackt.* Paul Modersohn-Becker Museum, Bremen, Germany
- 2012 History, Painting, Alexander Gray Associates at Art Basel Miami Beach, Art Kabinett, Miami Beach, FL Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY Pairings: the Collection at 50, curated by Dan Cameron, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA Remix: A Fresh Look At Our Modern And Contemporary Art Collections, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA

Disrobed, Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY

2011 Glee, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
Teasers: Selected Works From the Pizzuti Collection by Women Artists, The Pizzuti Collection,
Columbus, OH

- 2010 Pavers. Schroeder, Romero & Shredder, New York, NY Shifting The Gaze, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY Looks Good on Paper, DFN Gallery, New York, NY Real(ists), Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL
- 2009 *Rebelle*, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnhem, The Netherlands *The Female Gaze*, Cheim & Read, New York, NY *New Acquisitions*, Guild Hall Museum, Easthampton, NY
- 2008 *Solitaire: Lee Lozano, Sylvia Mangold Plimack, Joan Semmel*, curated by Helen Molesworth, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH; Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2007 *Wack!: Art and the Feminist Revolution*, curated by Cornelia Butler, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC; MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY; Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Dangerous Beauty, The Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY; Palazzo Delle Arti, Naples, Italy The Naked Portrait, The National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland; Compton Verney, Warwickshire, England; American University Galleries, Washington, DC

Singularity in the Communal Tide, Pierro Gallery, South Orange, NJ

All The More Real: Portrayals of Intimacy and Empathy, The Parrish Museum of Art, Southampton, NY Aspects of Realism, Jason McCoy Gallery, New York, NY

2006 America/America, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism: 1970-1975, Mason Gross School of the Arts Galleries, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary American Art, The National Academy Museum, New York, NY Bearings: The Female Figure, P.S. 122, New York, NY Splash, ACA Gallery, New York, NY

Why the Nude? Contemporary Approaches, The Art Student's League, New York, NY

- 2005 Upstarts & Matriarchs, Mizel Arts Center, Denver, CO
- 2004 NYC, DFN Gallery, New York, NY
- 2003 Woman On Woman, The White Box, New York, NY

*Counterparts: the Self-portraiture of Joan Semmel and John Coplans*, The Berry Art Galleries, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ

*Through the Looking Glass: Women and Self-Representation in Contemporary Art*, Palmer Museum of Art, University Park, PA

*Transgressive Women: Yayoi Kusama, Lee Lozano, Ana Mendieta, and Joan Semmel,* Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX

- 2002 Personal and Political, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
- 2001 Acquisitions 1999–2000, The Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY

To Be A Mirror, curated by Jonathan Lasker, Eugene Binder, Long Island City, NY

- 2000 *The Figure: The Other Side of Modernism*, curated by Lily Wei, Newhouse Center of Contemporary Art, Snug Harbor, NY International Armory Show, New York, NY
  - DFN Gallery, New York, NY
  - Five Artists, 31 Grand, Brooklyn, NY
- 1999 Anni Albers, Robert Beck, Cady Noland, Joan Semmel, Nancy Shaver, curated by Robert Gober, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY International Armory Show, New York, NY

Treatment: Women's Bodies, Dinnerware Gallery, Tucson, AZ

- 1997 Women, Women, Women: Artists, Objects, Icons, Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC
- 1996 Sexual Politics, Armand Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 1994 New Jersey Arts Annual, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
- 1993 *Coming to Power*, David Zwirner Gallery, New York, NY *Songs of Retribution*, Richard Anderson Gallery, New York, NY *Self-Portrait: The Changing Self*, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, NJ
- 1992 Narrative Paintings, Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY
- 1991 Designing Women, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ
- 1990 *At The Water's Edge*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL; Nahan Contemporary, New York, NY; Virginia Beach Center for the Arts, Virginia Beach, VA

Gender and Representation, Zoller Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, University Park, PA

1989 Lines of Vision: Drawings by Contemporary Women, Hillwood Art Gallery, Long Island University, Brookville, NY; Blum Helman Gallery, Warehouse Space, New York, NY; Murray State University, Murray, KY; Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI; University Art Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, TX; Richard F. Brush Gallery, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY; University of Oklahoma, Museum of Art, Norman, OK

Drawings from the Figure, East Hampton Center for Contemporary Art, East Hampton, NY

- 1988 *Contemporary Nudes*, One Penn Plaza, New York, NY *Just Like A Woman*, Greenville County Musem of Art, Greenville, NC
- 1987 New York, New Venue, Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC Self-Portraits: The Message, The Material, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY; Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
- 1986 Guerilla Girls Exhibition, The Palladium, New York, NY
- 1985 *Variations On A Theme: Figurative Painting*, Brainard Art Gallery, State University of New York, Potsdam, NY

Contemporary Figure Drawing, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN

- 1984 The Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC
- 1983 *Portraits*, Concord Gallery, New York, NY 20 Outstanding Alumni, Pratt Invitational, New York, NY
- 1982 The Erotic Art Show, Washington Women's Art Center, Washington, DC
- 1981 *Heresies Benefit*, Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York, NY *Exchanges III*, Henry Street Settlement, New York, NY
- 1980 Thirty Years of American Figure Painting, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA Contemporary Naturalism, Nassau County Musem, Roslyn, NY Renderings of the Modern Woman, University of Hartford, CT
- 1979 *Feministische Kunst Internationaal*, Haags Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands De Oosterpoort, Groningen, The Netherlands; Noordbrabants Museum, Den Bosch, The Netherlands; De Vleeshal, Middelburg, The Netherlands; De Vest, Alkmaar, The Netherlands; De Beyerd, Breda, The Netherlands; Nijmeegs Museum, Nijmegen, The Netherlands *New Acquisitions*, Newport Beach Museum, Newport Beach, CA
- 1978 Drawing Today-Aspects of Change, Hecksher Museum, Huntington, NY
- 1977 *Contemporary Women: Content and Consciousness*, The Brooklyn Museum, NY *Nothing But Nudes*, The Whitney Museum, Downtown Branch, New York, NY
- 1976 A Patriotic Show, Lerner Heller Gallery, New York, NY
- 1975 *The Year of the Woman*, Bronx County Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY Soho Visual Arts Center, New York, NY

A Change of View, Larry Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT

- 1974 *Contemporary Reflections*, Larry Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT *Realisms*, Douglas Drake Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 1969 Concurso Nacional, Madrid, Spain Juana Mordo Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 1966 Museum of Modern Art, Barcelona, Spain

## SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Art Institute of Chicago, IL

Blanton Museum of Art at the University of Texas, Austin, TX Brooklyn Museum of Fine Arts, New York, NY Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX Douglass College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ Greenville County Museum, Greenville, SC Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY Museum of Plastic Arts, Montevideo, Uruguay National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC New Jersey State Museum of Art, Trenton, NJ Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, Ohio State University of New York, Albany, NY Sweet Briar College Museum, Sweet Briar, VA The Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY The Jewish Museum, New York, NY The Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE The Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

## **GRANTS / AWARDS**

- 2014 Selected as a National Academician of the National Academy Museum
- 2013 Women Caucus for Art Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2008 Anonymous Was A Woman
- 1996 Richard Florsheim Art Fund Grant
- 1985 National Endowment for the Arts Grant
- 1985 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Cooper Union
- 1980 Yaddo Residency
- 1980 National Endowment for the Arts Grant
- 1977 Macdowell Colony Residency
- 1975 Educational Professional Development Act Grant

1975 Creative Artists Public Service Program Grant

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