

# TONY SHAFRAZI GALLERY

## ROBERT WILLIAMS

**BORN:** Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1943

### EDUCATION:

1965 Chouinard Arts Institute, Los Angeles, California

1963-64 Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

2010 “Robert Williams: Conceptual Realism, In the Service of the Hypothetical,” California State University Northridge Galleries, Northridge, California

2009 “Robert Williams: Conceptual Realism, In the Service of the Hypothetical,” Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, New York

2008 “L.A. Paint,” curated by Philip Linhares, The Oakland Museum of California

2005 “Robert Williams, Through Prehensile Eyes,” Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis College of Art + Design, Los Angeles, California  
“Rene Magritte, Robert Williams & David LaChapelle,” Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, New York

2001 Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, California; One-Person Exhibition

- 2000 “Best Intentions,” Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, New York  
One-Person Exhibition, Copra Nason Gallery, Culver City,  
California
- “Customized: Art Inspired by Hot Rods, Low Riders and  
American Car Culture,” Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston,  
Massachusetts
- “Made In California,” Los Angeles County Art Museum, Los  
Angeles, California
- 1999 Hollywood Art Center, Miami, Florida
- 1998 Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, California
- 1997 “Malicious Resplendence,” Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York,  
New York; One-Person Exhibition
- 1995 “Psychopathia Aesthetica,” Mambo Gallery, Sydney, Australia;  
One-Person Exhibition
- “Mean Art,” Julie Rico Gallery, Lollapalooza Tour, Throughout  
U.S.A.
- “Visions in the Vernacular,” Tamara Bane Gallery, Los Angeles,  
California; One-Person Exhibition
- “It's Only Rock and Roll: Rock and Roll Currents in Contemporary  
Art,” The Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio  
San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, California;  
One-Person Exhibition
- 1994 “Kustom Kulture: Von Dutch, Ed ‘Big Daddy’ Roth, Robert  
Williams and Others,” Center of Contemporary Art,  
Seattle, Washington
- “Chaos and Cyber Culture,” Julie Rico Gallery, Santa Monica,  
California
- “Finale,” Psychedelic Solution, New York, New York

- 1993 “Kustom Kulture: Von Dutch, Ed ‘Big Daddy’ Roth, Robert Williams and Others,” Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California  
“Kustom Kulture: Von Dutch Ed ‘Big Daddy’ Roth, Robert Williams and Others,” Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland  
“Coochy Cooty Meets Fred Flypogger Meets Rat Fink,” Julie Rico Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 1992 “Helter Skelter,” Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California  
“I Thought California Would Be Different: New Work in the Permanent Collection,” Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California  
“The Other Side,” Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, New York  
Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, New York; One-Person Exhibition
- 1991 “Post Pop and Beyond,” Bess Cutler Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 1990 Tamara Bane Gallery, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition
- 1989 Simon Watson Gallery, New York, New York  
Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
La Luz de Jesus, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition
- 1988 Psychedelic Solution, New York, New York; One-Person Exhibition  
Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
La Luz de Jesus, Los Angeles, California

- 1988 (cont.) "Bad Influences," Parsons School of Design, New York, New York
- 1987 "Messages from a Drunken Broom," Psychedelic Solution, New York, New York; One-Person Exhibition  
 "Bad Influences," Otis Parsons Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 "Neo-Pop," Otis Parsons Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 La Luz de Jesus, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition  
 B-1 Gallery, Santa Monica, California  
 The MAG Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 1986 "Social Distortion," LACE, Los Angeles, California  
 Psychedelic Solution, New York, New York; One-Person Exhibition  
 "American Pop Culture Show," La Foret Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
 Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1985 "Floor Show," LACE, Los Angeles, California  
 "Best of the West," Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 "Western Exterminators," Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 Thinking Eye, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition
- 1984 "Art Boys Open Class Public Exhibition," Graffiti Gallery, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition  
 EZTV Video, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition & Documentary  
 "Underground Artists," HI DE HO, Los Angeles, California  
 "Carny Flats," Zomo Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1982 "Zombie Mystery Paintings," Zomo Gallery, Los Angeles, California; One-Person Exhibition  
 ZTZU Gallery of Colloquial Americana, Los Angeles, California

- 1980 California Alternative Gallery, Los Angeles, California;  
One-Person Exhibition
- 1976 "Comix," Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois
- 1974 Berkeley Cartoon Expo, Berkeley, California
- 1970-80 Jim Brucker's Movie World, Buena Park, California;  
One-Person Exhibition

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