

BEN WILLIS

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EDUCATION

- 2013 M.F.A. Painting and Drawing, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2005 B.F.A. Sculpture, Miami University Oxford, OH

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 About Face. R. Pela Contemporary Art. Phoenix, AZ
SIZE matters. MFA Thesis Exhibition: ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2009 Are You There? Boston Public Library: South End Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2005 Advertising. Senior BFA Exhibition, Miami University: Hiestand Galleries, Oxford, OH

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 Face First, Manifest, Cincinnati, OH
The Arts Speak. Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
Perceived Reality: The Art of the Self Portrait. New City Studio, Phoenix, AZ
- 2013 Master Pieces 7. Manifest, Cincinnati, OH
All Art Arizona. Art Intersection, Gilbert, AZ
Figurative Art Now. Shemer Art Center, Phoenix, AZ. Juried by Jerry Schutte
- 2012 National Wet Paint Exhibition. Zhou B Art Center. Chicago, IL. Juried by Sergio Gomez
Last Call. Greenwich Gallery, Cincinnati, OH. Juried by Matthew Addison
- 2011 Summer Graduate Show. ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ. Juried by Sara Cochran
First Prize: Environmental Imagination. ASU: GPSA Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2010 Modified. ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2009 4th Annual USEA Juried Exhibition. United South End Settlements, Boston, MA
The Boston Biennial. Atlantic Works Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2008 3rd Annual USEA Juried Exhibition. United South End Settlements, Boston, MA
Perspective. Greenwich Gallery, Cincinnati, OH. Juried by Matthew Addison.
- 2007 2nd Annual USEA Juried Exhibition. United South End Settlements, Boston, MA

GROUP/INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 Chaos Theory 15. Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
Shemer Art Center Faculty Exhibition. Shemer Art Center, Phoenix, AZ
Dog and Pony Show. ASU: Night Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2013 Annual Silent Auction. Art Intersection, Gilbert, AZ
Plein-Air Revival. ASU: Step Gallery, Tempe, AZ.
- 2012 Hollywood and Wine. Arizona Biltmore. Phoenix, AZ
Brawl at the Mall: Works by Ben Willis + Eddie Mitchell. ASU: Night Gallery, Tempe, AZ
Exchange 8: International Print Exchange Exhibition. Print Zero Studios. Seattle, WA
Nathan Cummings Travel Grant Exhibition. ASU: Gallery 100, Tempe, AZ
- 2011 Mnemosyne. The Icehouse. Phoenix, AZ
Third Dimension. Bragg's Pie Factory. Phoenix, AZ
Drawing Connections. Siena Art Institute, Siena, Italy
Small Architectures. The Tempe History Museum, Tempe, AZ
- 2010 New Graduate Exhibition. ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ
Cacophonic, Bentley Projects: Phoenix, AZ
Unity: Works by Matthew Addison and Ben Willis. Zen Center Gallery, Hamilton, OH
- 2006 Freedom of Expression. Greenwich Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2005 Summer Fair Annual Emerging Artists Exhibition, Essex Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Would you like Fries with That? Miami University: Hiestand Galleries, Oxford, OH
- 2004 Wack'd. Fitton Center, Hamilton, OH

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2014 Contemporary Forum Artist Grant. Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012-13 Benjamin Wong Fie Scholarship, First Prize. Martin Wong Foundation, San Francisco, CA

- 2010-13 School of Art Special Talent Award. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 Artist Residency. Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009 Artist Residency. Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
Artist Grant. Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2005 Fred and Mary Pye Scholarship in Painting. Miami University. Oxford, OH

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2010-13 Vice President, Painting and Drawing Graduate Association, ASU, Tempe AZ
- 2006-10 Member, United South End Artists, Boston, MA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Life Drawing 1: Faculty Associate. Arizona State University: Herberger College at Large, Tempe, AZ
Painting 1-2: Adjunct Faculty. Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ
Drawing 1-2: Adjunct Faculty. Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ
2D Design: Adjunct Faculty. Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ
Painting Portraits: Instructor of Record: Vihel Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ
Landscape Painting: Instructor of Record: Vihel Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ
Portraits: Instructor of Record: Shemer Art Center and Museum, Phoenix
Painting: Instructor of Record: Shemer Art Center and Museum, Phoenix
Drawing: Instructor of Record: Shemer Art Center and Museum, Phoenix
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Drawing 1-2: Adjunct Faculty. Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ
2D Design: Adjunct Faculty. Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ
Landscape Painting: Instructor of Record: Vihel Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ
- 2012-13 Color: Instructor of Record, Arizona State University: Herberger College at Large, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 Court Room Sketch Artist. ABC 15 News, Phoenix, AZ
- 2011-12 Drawing 1: Instructor of Record, Arizona State University: Herberger College at Large, Tempe, AZ
- 2011 Curatorial Intern, American and Western American Art. Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
Preparator, Institute of Humanities and Research, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2009-10 Drawing Instructor, United South End Settlements Children's Art Centre, Boston, MA
- 2004-05 Workshop Assistant, Craft Summer, Miami University, Oxford, OH

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Figure 50, National Showcase of Figurative Art. Season 2: Arizona Artist.
<http://www.figure50.com>
100 Creatives, Phoenix New Times.
http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/jackalope/2014/08/ben_willis_100_creatives.php
- 2013 Studio Visit Magazine. Volume 24.
<http://studiovisitmagazine.com/volume-twenty-four-participants>
State Press Magazine. Art galleries host student exhibitions that explore objects, light, and shadow. Jeremy Conigliari. April 8, 2013. <http://www.statepress.com/2013/04/08/art-galleries-host-student-exhibitions-that-explore-objects-light-shadow/>
- 2012 ASU News. ASU School of Art, Arizona Biltmore turn wine barrels into moneymakers. Susan Felt. June 25, 2012. https://asunews.asu.edu/20120525_hollywoodandwine
Zhou B Art Center. 2012 Wet Paint MFA Artists. January 20, 2012
<http://www.wetpaintmfa.com/>