

Paolo Arao

Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

EDUCATION

Skowhegan School of Painting + Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME (2000)

BFA Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA (1999)

Loughborough College of Art + Design, Loughborough, UK (1998)

Lorenzo de Medici Art Institute of Florence, Italy (1998)

SOLO and *TWO-PERSON* EXHIBITIONS

Night Throbs, Western Exhibitions, Gallery 2, Chicago, IL (September 14 - October 27, 2018)

52 Weeks, Barney Savage Gallery, New York, NY (June 9 - July 22, 2018)

Flaquettes, Picture Room, Brooklyn, NY (May 24 - 31, 2018)

Project 14: Paolo Arao + Nick Makanna, c2c project space, San Francisco, CA (March 31 - April 22, 2018)

Between the Lights, Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, MN (April 2 - May 22, 2010)

Fornever, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY (October 10 - November 8, 2008)

Intermission, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY (March 22 - April 22, 2006)

Make Them Love You, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY (October 13 - November 14, 2004)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018

Rhythm, Stress, & Pausing, Super Dutchess, New York, NY

Afterimage, Paradise Palase, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Kat Ryals and Lauren Hirshfield)

Good Vibrations: Paolo Arao, Angela Heisch, Ryan Reggiani, Mother Gallery, Beacon, NY

Three Squared, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA (curated by Sue + Phil Knoll)

Conveyor, Morgan Fine Arts Building, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Kate Mothes)

Half a Wave, Pfizer Building Gallery , Brooklyn, NY (curated by Rachel Cohen and Christine Rebhuhn)

The Cruellest Month, Mother Gallery, Beacon, NY (curated by Kirsten Deirup and Paola Ochoa)

Squaring the Sun, Far x Wide, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Jes Cannon)

Somewhere Nearby, Bridge Productions, Seattle, WA (curated by Sue Danielson)

2017

The Flat Files: Year Five, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Brooklyn, NY (catalog)

Painting Not Painting, Sindikit, Baltimore, MD (curated by Tim Doud and Zoe Charlton)

Western Decoy, No Place Gallery, Columbus, OH (curated by Angela Heisch and James McDevitt-Stredney)

Broad Stripes + Bright Stars, Ely Center of Contemporary Art, New Haven, CT

Common Ground, Ana Nova Gallery, St. Petersburg, Russia (curated by Vika Dushkina)

All Things Great and Small, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA (curated by Sue + Phil Knoll)

Overlaid and Underpinned, Curating Contemporary, *online* (curated by Anthony Falcetta)

Steady Mess, Bureau of General Services, Queer Division, New York, NY

Postcards from the Edge, Metro Pictures, New York, NY (Organized by Visual AIDS)

Object and Influence, Hygienic Gallery, New London, CT (curated by Jason Silva)

2016

Casheesh, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

Our City, The New School, New York, NY (organized by Thomas Hammer)

Common Ground, Triumph Gallery, Moscow, Russia (curated by Vika Dushkina) (cat.)

The Retrieval of the Beautiful, The Painting Center, New York, NY (catalog)

Introductions, Trestle Gallery, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Jim Osman)

2015

The Flat File: Year Three, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Brooklyn, NY

Remains to be Seen, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2012

Grey Full, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY (curated by Geoffrey Young)

2011

Contemporary Drawings, Barton Art Galleries, Barton College, Wilson, NC

2010

Wall to Wall, Daniel Weinberg Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Observant, ISE Foundation, New York, NY (curated by Vicki Sher)

2009

Next Wave Art, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Dan Cameron)

Whitey on the Moon, 106 Green, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Kanishka Raja)

Room Tones, St. Cecilia Convent, Brooklyn, NY (organized by Nathan Spondike)

Give Them What They Never Knew They Wanted, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY

Intus Tensio, or Appropriated Special, Centotto, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Paul D'Agostino)

2008

Monsters, RENTAL, New York, NY (curated by Robert Longo)

Making History, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY (curated by Yaelle Amir)

2007

Hard Times, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY

2005

Introspective Men, Madder 139 Gallery, London, England (curated by David Kefford)

Fresh Direct, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY

2004

Sunday Afternoon, Match-Art, Brooklyn, NY (curated by Matthew Fisher + Christina Vassalo)

Pencil Me In, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

Cleanliness, Sara Meltzer Gallery, New York, NY (curated by Adam Frank)

Playpen, The Drawing Center, New York, NY (curated by Austin Thomas)

2002

Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY

Lucky Draw, Deitch Projects, New York, NY

Made in New York, Arno Maris Gallery, Westfield, MA (curated by John O'Connor)

SNAPSHOT, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT

2001

Interval: New Art for a New Space, SculptureCenter, Long Island City, NY

Mitochondria Emancipation, Asian American Arts Centre, New York, NY (curated by Christine Kim)

All Hands, Pelham Art Center, Pelham, NY (curated by David Terry)

AIM 21/ Artist in the Marketplace, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY (cat.)

2000

SNAPSHOT, Contemporary Museum, Baltimore, MD

Fresh, Butler's Laundromat, Skowhegan, ME (performance with Daniel Bozhkov)

Vermont Studio Center Resident Artists, Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, VT

RESIDENCIES + FELLOWSHIPS

BRIC Workspace Residency, Brooklyn, NY (September – December 2018)

The Millay Colony Residency, Austerlitz, NY (August 2018)

The Wassaic Artist Residency, Wassaic, NY (June 2018)

The Studios at MASS MoCA Residency, North Adams, MA (April 2018)

Keyholder Residency, Lower East Side Printshop, New York, NY (Spring 2018 - Spring 2019)

Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (January 2018)

Fire Island Artist Residency, Fire Island, NY (2016)

Studio Residency, Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY (2008, 2007)

Artist Fellowship (Drawing) New York Foundation for the Arts (2005)

Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL (July - August 2002)

Emerging Artist Fellowship, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY (2002)

Artist in the Marketplace Fellowship, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY (2001)

Skowhegan School of Painting + Sculpture Scholarship (2000)

Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (September 1999)

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2017

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2016

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2011

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2008

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Fisher, Matthew. “The Distance of Drawing.” Matthews the Younger blogspot

2006

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2005

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2004

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2001

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