

# Zak Smith

Born, July 16, 1976 in Syracuse, NY  
Lives and works in Los Angeles, California

## EDUCATION:

- 1999-2001 Yale University, New Haven, CT, MFA  
1999 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
1994-1998 Cooper Union, New York, NY, BFA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2018 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, 1001 Nights  
2016 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY  
2015 Richard Heller Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2013 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, Maximum Everything Always  
2010 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, A Show About Nothing  
2008 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY Midnight in the Empire  
2007 Fred, London, UK  
Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL Half the Artist's Proceeds from This Show Will Go to Benefit the Victims of God and Capitalism  
2005 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, Exquisite as Fuck  
2004 Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, MN, Hope You Like It  
2003 Fredericks Freiser Gallery, New York, NY, Paintings That Look Good and Were Hard to Make  
2002 Fredericks Freiser Gallery, New York, NY, 20 Eyes in My Head  
Yale Norfolk Summer Program, Norfolk, CT

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2018 COOP Gallery, Golden Underbelly, Nashville, TN  
2017 Fredericks & Freiser, UNTITLED Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL  
Chimento Contemporary, The Dick Pic Show, Los Angeles, CA  
Fabien Castanier Gallery, Culver City, CA  
2016 C. Nichols Project, Kappa, Mar Vista, CA  
2015 Fredericks & Freiser, UNTITLED Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL  
Steven Wolf Fine Arts, It's My Job to be a Girl, San Francisco, CA (two-person exhibition with William T. Vollmann)  
2014 Fredericks & Freiser, UNTITLED Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL  
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY  
2013 Fredericks & Freiser, Miami Project, Miami, FL  
Saatchi Gallery, London, England, Paper  
Fredericks & Freiser, Expo Chicago, IL  
2012 Fredericks & Freiser, Expo Chicago, IL  
2010 MoCCA (Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art), New York, NY. Neo Integrity  
106 Greene, Brooklyn, NY, Tenants  
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY  
The Butcher's Daughter, Ferndale, Michigan, No Vacancy  
HBC, Berlin, Germany, Lynchmob  
2009 Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY  
2008 Saatchi Gallery, London, England, Unreal,  
2007 Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Paper Trail: A Decade of Acquisitions  
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY

- 2006 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, New Work: Zak Smith, Tim Gardner and Marcelino Goncalves  
 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, Sweets and Beauties  
 Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY
- 2005 Guild & Greyskul, New York, NY, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Watercolor Exhibition  
 Estrany De La Mota, Barcelona, Spain, Feeling Strangely Fine
- 2004 Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands Drawings Only  
 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY 2004 Whitney Biennial  
 Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY  
 Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Me, Myself & I  
 Contemporary Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, Moving Outlines
- 2002 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA, Hello, My Name Is..., (curated by Laura Hoptman and Elizabeth Thomas)  
 Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, Comic Release: Negotiating Identity for a New Generation (curated by Barbara Bloemink, catalogue)
- 2001 Fredericks Freiser Gallery, New York, I See You<sup>2</sup> (curated by Sam Messer and Kiki Smith)

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 The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
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 Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY