**CARY SMITH**

Born in Puerto Rico in 1955

Lives in Farmington, Connecticut

**Education**

1977 Syracuse University Art School, Syracuse, NY; BFA

1976 Sir John Cass Art School, London

Syracuse Abroad, Florence, Italy

**One-Person Exhibitions**

2020 “Like Ripples on a Blank Shore” Inman Gallery, Houston, Texas

2017 Fredericks & Freiser, New York

2015 Fredericks & Freiser, New York

2014 “Your Eyes, They Turn Me,” Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT (catalogue)

2011 “Splat,” Feature Inc., New York

2010 “We Are the Dollars and Cents,” Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT (catalogue)

2008 “The Cartin Collection @ Ars Libri (Part 2 of 6: Cary Smith),” Ars Libri, Boston

2007 “The Battle of Evermore,” Feature Inc., New York

2000 “Stripe Paintings,” Derek Eller Gallery, New York

1999 “One Line Drawings,” Derek Eller Gallery, New York

1997 “Supper’s Ready,” Derek Eller Gallery, New York

Galerie Paal, Munich

1995 Galerie Paal, Munich

1994 “In the Woods,” Salvatore Ala, New York

1993 “I Paintings,” Roger Ramsay, Chicago

1992 “Views or Mirrors,” Rubin Spangle, New York

1991 Linda Cathcart, Santa Monica, CA

1990 Koury Wingate, New York

“Works on Paper,” Koury Wingate, New York

1989 Galerie Six Friedrich, Munich

Lawrence Oliver, Philadelphia

Ezra and Cecil Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

1988 Koury Wingate, New York

1987 Julian Pretto, New York

**Group Exhibitions**

2020 “Energy in All Directions,” Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga, NY (Forthcoming, July)

2019 “Constructed,” Contemporary Art Galleries, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

“The Smiths,” Marlborough Gallery, London

“Notebook,” 56 Henry, New York, NY. Curated by Joanne Greenbaum

“Shapeshifter,” Gregory Lind Gallery, SanFrancisco, CA.

“20” x 16” Biennial,” Morgan Lehman, New York, NY

2018 “CHAIN CHAIN CHAIN,” Jeff Bailey Gallery, Hudson, New York

2017 **“**nonObjectives,” Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE.

“Edge,” Philip Slein Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

**“**Twenty by Sixteen Biennial,” Morgan Lehman, New York. Curated by Geoffrey Young.

2016 “ABC/123,” Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA

“2016 deCordova Biennial,” deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

“Boundary Issues,” Gregory Lind Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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**Group Exhibitions** — continued

2016 “Big Art / Small Scale,” Philip Slein Gallery, St. Louis, MO

“Strange Abstraction,” Fredericks & Freiser, New York

“Introspective,” BravinLee programs, New York

2015 “Oysters With Lemon,” Ventana244, Brooklyn, New York

“The Musical Box,” Jeff Bailey Gallery, Hudson, New York

2014 Cary Smith, Don Voisine: Recent Work, Gregory Lind Gallery, San Francisco, CA (catalogue)

“20 x 16,” Geoff Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA.

**“**Let’s Go Let Go,” In Memoriam Hudson, 33 Orchard, New York

“Simplest Means,” Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York

2013 Julian Pretto Galley, MINUS SPACE, New York

Andrew Masullo, Cary Smith: Recent Work, Philip Slein Gallery, St. Louis, MO

“Goddess,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Pages, Pages,” Devening Projects and Editions, Chicago, Il

2012 “Grey Full,” Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York; curated by Geoff Young

“X-Centric,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2011 “bodybraingame,” Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago

“self-referral nonobjective,” Feature Inc., New York

“New Paper Works,” Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago

“Major Grey,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Unfinished Paintings,” LACE, Los Angeles; curated by Kristin Calabrese and Joshua Aster

2010 “Wall-to-Wall,” Daniel Weinberg Gallery, Los Angeles

“The Jewel Thief,” The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY; curated by Ian Berry and Jessica Stockholder

“Strategic Abstraction,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2009 “Populate This Form,” Feature Inc., New York

“The Great Impression,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2008 “It’s Gouache & Gouache Only,” Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York

“Rose Colored Glasses,” Gavin Brown’s Enterprise @ Passerby, New York

2007 “LeWitt x 2: Selections from the LeWitt Collection,” Madison Museum of Contemporary Art,

Madison, WI; curated by Dean Swanson

“It’s Gouache & Gouache Only,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2006 “Twice Drawn” (Part 2), Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

“Likeness: Portraits from All Angles,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Jack Be Nimble, Jack Be Quick,” Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles; curated by Geoffrey Young

“MetLife,” Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York; curated by Geoffrey Young

2005 “Three To Get Ready,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2004 “Pencil Me In,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Tastes Like Chicken,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Pick Up Lines,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Finesse,” Catharine Clarke Gallery. San Francisco

2003 “Selections from the Collection of Sol Lewitt,” New Britain Museum, New Britain, CT

“In the Making: Contemporary Drawings from the Kramarsky Collection,” University Gallery, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

“August Confessions,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2002 “Anna Appleby, Mala Breuer, Wes Mills, Cary Smith,” Galerie Susan Albrecht, Munich

“Loss & Ardor,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“Group Show,” Farm Art Space, Missoula, MT

“Acquiring Taste,” Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT

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**Group Exhibitions** — continued

2001 “Boomerang: Collector’s Choice,” Exit Art, New York

“August Confessions,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2000 “Punk and Bloat,” Molloy College Art Gallery, Rockville Center, NY

“Contemporary American Drawings from the Kramarsky Collection,” Pollock Gallery, Southern

Methodist University, Dallas, TX

“To Detail,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

1999 1999 “Die Kunst Der Linie,” Landes Museum, Linz, Austria

1998 Summer group show, Derek Eller, New York

1997 “All the Things You Are,” Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

1997 “Benefit Exhibition,” Pat Hearn Gallery, New York

1996 “Lee Bontecou, Helmut Federle, Lee Lozano, Robert Moskowitz, Cary Smith, Myron Stout, Robert Therrien,” Lawrence Markey, New York

“Radikale Malerei: Butz, Fruhtrunk, Knoebel, Mangold, Paal, Smith, Uglow, Westfall,” Galerie Paal, Munich

“The Julian Pretto Collection,” Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

“Acquiring Art in the ’90s,” Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

1995 Pamela Auchincloss, New York

1994 “New York Abstract Painting,” Salvatore Ala, New York

1993 “Paintings,” Salvatore Ala, New York

“The Geometric Tradition in American Art, 1930–1990,” Whitney Museum of American Art,

New York

1992 “Brice Marden, Frank Stella, Agnes Martin, Ellsworth Kelly, Peter Halley, Christian Eckart, Cary Smith, Stephen Ellis”, Rubin Spangle, New York

“The Colt Four,” Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

1991 “Outside America: Going into the ’90s,” Fay Gold, Atlanta; curated by Tricia Collins & Richard Milazzo

“Selections from the Collection: Art of the ’80s,” Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

“Post-War Geometric Concepts,” Marilyn Pearl, New York

1990 “Small Works,” Koury Wingate, New York

“Geometric Abstraction,” Marc Richards, Santa Monica, CA

“Grids,” Vrej Baghoomian, New York

1989 “1989 Biennial Exhibition,” Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

“General Idea, Cary Smith, Wolfgang Staehle,” Koury Wingate, New York

“The Spectacle of Chaos,” KAOS Foundation, Chicago; curated by Klaus Ottmann

“The Reinvention of Painting,” Rastovski, New York

1988 “Summer, ’88,” Koury Wingate, New York

“James Siena and Cary Smith,” Wolff Gallery, New York

“Meaningful Geometry,” Postmasters, New York

“Four Corners of Abstract Painting 1988,” Jacob Javits Center, New York

1987 “Small Works,” Stux, Boston

“Benefit Exhibition,” White Columns, New York

“Bigger and Deffer,” Mission West, New York

“The Four Corners of Abstraction,” White Columns, New York

“Ten Pak,” A.L.G.O., New York

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2016 Smee, Sebastian. “At deCordova Museum, a strong New England Biennial,” Boston Globe, 21

October

2015 Johnson, Ken. “Cary Smith’s Paintings Riff On Modernist Conventions,” *New York Times*,

17 December

2015 Weinstein, Matthew, “Perfectionism is All Too Human,” *ArtNews*, 10 December

Goings On About Town, “Cary Smith,” *The New Yorker,* 21 & 28, December

2014 Maine, Stephen. “The Aldrich at 50: Clutch of Exhibitions Demonstrate Currency of Founder’s Vision”, *Artcritical*, 18 December

Hodara, Susan. “At Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Conversation Between Works and Over Decades,” *New York Times*, 19 December.

Waltemath, Joan. “CARY SMITH and DON VOISINE *Orthogonal and Diagonal,” The Brooklyn Rail*,

14 December

Johnson, Ken. “‘Simplest Means’ at Jeff Bailey Gallery, *New York Times*, 23 January

2011 Johnson, Ken. “‘Self-Referential Nonobjective’ at Feature Inc,” *New York Times*, 8 September

Viera, Lauren. “Digital bits with real bite,” *Chicago Tribune,* 9 June

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2008 McQuaid, Kate. “Picturing the future at Toale gallery,” *Boston Globe*, 4 June;

2006 Johnson, Ken. “‘Metlife’ at Morgan Lehman,” Art Guide, *New York Times*, 10 April

2004 Baker, Kenneth. “‘Finesse’ at Catharine Clark,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, 10 July

Gagnon, Andrienne. “‘Linear Thinking’ at Catharine Clark,” *San Francisco Weekly*, 21 July

2000 Smith, Roberta. “Cary Smith at Derek Eller,” Art Guide, *New York Times*, 17 April

1999 Cotter, Holland. “Bill De Lottie and Cary Smith,” Art in Review, *New York Times*, 18 June, E33

1998 Mitchell, Charles Dee. “Cary Smith at Derek Eller,” *Art in America*, May

1997 Berger, Laurel. “In Their Sights,” *ARTnews*, March

Johnson, Ken. “Cary Smith at Derek Eller,” Art Guide, *New York Times*, 17 October

1995 “Cary Smith at Salvatore Ala,” *Bijutsu-Techo*

1994 Saltz, Jerry. “A Year in the Life: Tropic of Painting,” *Art in America*, October

Schwabsky, Barry. “Cary Smith at Salvatore Ala,” *Artforum*, April

1993 Smith, Roberta. “Shades of a Rebirth for Painting,” *New York Times*, 18 June

1992 Johnson, Ken. “Cary Smith at Rubin Spangle,” *Art in America*, July

Madoff, Steven Henry. “A New Lost Generation,” *ARTnews*, April

1991 Smith, Roberta. “A Selection of Works from the ’80s at the Whitney,” *New York Times*, 8 March

1990 Collins, Tricia, and Richard Milazzo. “From Kant to Kitsch and Back Again,” *Tema Celeste*,

January/February

Decter, Joshua. “Cary Smith at Koury Wingate,” *Arts*, September

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Metzger, Rainer. “Cary Smith at Six Friedrich,” *Flash Art*, March

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“Cary Smith at Six Friedrich, Munich,” *Spazio Umino*, March

1989 Danto, Arthur. “The 1989 Whitney Biennial,” *The Nation*, 5 June

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Heartney, Eleanor. “Who’s Afraid of the Whitney Biennial,” *ARTnews*, Summer

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1988 Morgan, Robert. “Meaningful Geometry at Postmasters,” *Flash Art*, May

Smith, Roberta. “Group Shows Revive the Jaded Palette,” *New York Times*, 17 June

1987 Smith, Roberta. “Cary Smith at Julian Pretto,” *New York Times,* 11 December

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2007 Untitled publication, no. 1 (Spring), Feature Inc., New York (reproduction)

1995 *Cover* magazine, June (reproduction of artwork and artist’s statement)

1991 “A Blind Spot,” *Tema Celeste*, Autumn

1988 *Paris Review*, Winter (cover)

**Awards and Grants**

2003 Adolf and Esther Gottlieb Foundation grant

1994 Artist Enhancement Program, Washington National Airport Terminal Building, Washington, DC

1993 Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant

1991–1992 National Endowment for the Arts fellowship

**Public Collections**

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY

Osaka Museum, Osaka, Japan

Fogg Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Davis Museum, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

UCLA Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE

San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

University Gallery, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT