

# MELINDA THORSNES

**BORN** 1949

## **EDUCATION**

- 1971 Certificate of Degree—Painting, Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, Oregon  
1967-68 California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, California

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2011 *When Paintings Go Bad*, Art Adventure Gallery, Madras, OR  
2007 *Freehand*, Mark Woolley Gallery, Portland, OR  
2006 *Recent Work*, Mark Woolley Gallery, Portland, OR  
2005 *The Girl Next Door*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
2003 *Conversations*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
2001 *Here on Earth*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
1999 *The Last Decade: Paintings and Drawings*, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR  
*The Dog*, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR  
1997 *Just Women*, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR  
1996 *Private Lives*, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR  
1995 *All Day Long*, Foster Goldstrom Gallery, New York, NY  
1993 Butters Gallery, Portland, OR  
1991 *Melinda Thorsnes: Recent Paintings*, Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR  
*Passions*, Maveety Gallery, Portland, OR  
1987 Langman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
1985 Langman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
1985 Portland Community College—Northview Gallery, Portland, OR  
1985 Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR  
1984 Courtyard Gallery, Portland, OR  
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1974 Courtyard Gallery, Portland, OR  
1973 Courtyard Gallery, Portland, OR  
1972 *Melinda Thorsnes: Recent Paintings and Drawings*, West Hills Unitarian Fellowship, Portland, OR

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2011 New Members Show, BlackFish Gallery, Portland, OR  
2009 *All in the Family*, Anka Gallery, Portland, OR  
2009 *Postcard Show*, Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Salem, OR  
2009 *Perceptions of the Past*, Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, OR  
2005 *Winter Group Show*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Art Slate Invitational*, Condon, OR  
2004 *The Clown Show*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Winter Group Show*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
2002 *Fictions*, Seattle Art Museum—Rental/Sales Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*32nd Willamette Valley Juried Exhibition*, Corvallis Art Center, Corvallis, OR, Juror: Roger Hull  
*Animals, Animals, Animals*, Corvallis Arts Center, Corvallis, OR  
2001 *31<sup>st</sup> Willamette Valley Juried Exhibition*, Corvallis Arts Center, OR, Juror: Bruce Guenther  
*Northwest Visions: Recent Acquisitions*, Key Tower Building Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Art Slate 2001 Invitational-Invitation*, CoArts, Condon, OR, Juror: Henry Sayre  
*Portland Artists: Past and Present*, Berbati's Pan, Portland, OR, in honor of Jack McLarty  
*Winter Group Exhibit*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR  
2000 Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Salem, OR  
*Wonder Women: 34 Amazing Oregon Women Artists*, The Art Gym—Marylhurst University, OR

*Winter Group Show*, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR

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**GROUP EXHIBITIONS, continued**

- 1999 *Artslate 99*, CoArts, Condon, OR, Curator: Paul Arensmeyer  
*Animals in Art*, Anchorage Museum of History and Art, AK, Curator: David Edlefsen (catalogue)  
*Self-Portrait Exhibition*, Corvallis Arts Center, OR  
*Plant Forms*, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Beauty in the Beast*, Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale, WA  
*Happy Canyon Northwest Regional Art Show*, Arts Council of Pendleton, OR, Juror: Prudence Roberts (catalogue)
- 1998 *Human Form 98*, Newport Visual Art Center, OR, Juror: Henry Sayre (catalogue)  
*Northwest Contemporaries: Self-Examination*, Vita Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Paper*, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR
- 1997 *Artslate*, CoArts—Greater Condon Arts Association, OR, Curator: Jane Beebe
- 1996 Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Pacific Northwest Annual*, Bellevue Art Museum, WA
- 1995 *Oregon Biennial*, Portland Art Museum, OR  
*Gresham Art Invitational*, Gresham, OR  
*Artslate*, CoArts—Greater Condon Arts Association, OR,
- 1994 *Artslate*, CoArts—Greater Condon Arts Association, OR,
- 1993 *Suburban Culture*, The Art Gym—Marylhurst University, OR  
*Artslate '93*, CoArts—Greater Condon Arts Association, OR,
- 1991 *Artslate*, CoArts—Greater Condon Arts Association, OR, Juror: Don Gray (award)
- 1990 *The Oregon Community 1839-1989*, Oregon Historical Society, Portland
- 1989 *Alumni Show*, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, OR
- 1988 *By Wit and Design*, The Art Gym—Marylhurst University, OR  
*Oregon 2-D*, Salem Art Association, Bush Barn Art Gallery, Salem, OR
- 1986 *Close to Home*, The Art Gym—Marylhurst University, OR  
*ArtQuake*, Portland Art Museum, OR  
*Art in the Mayor's Office*, The City of Portland, OR  
*All Oregon Exhibit*, Portland, OR  
Beyond Reason Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Oregon Exhibit Expo '86*, Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
*Clay as Canvas*, Safeco Collection, Seattle, WA
- 1985 *Oregon Biennial*, Portland Art Museum, OR  
*Public Hanging*, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, OR  
Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Portland, OR
- 1984 *Thorsnes/Lindmeyer*, University of Portland, OR (two-person exhibition)  
Sebastian-Moore Gallery, Denver, CO  
*PNCA Alumni Exhibit*, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, OR  
*All Oregon Exhibit*, Salem, OR  
*ArtQuake*, Portland, OR  
*Oregon Artists*, Federal Building, Portland, OR  
*Faces: The New Portraiture*, Portland Community College—Northview Gallery, OR
- 1983 *Public Hanging*, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, OR  
*Living with the Volcano*, Museum of Art, Pullman, WA  
*Doodle Art*, Northwest Artists Workshop, Portland, OR
- 1982 *An Electric Selection*, Federal Building, Portland, OR  
*The Portland Poster Exhibit*, Portland Building, OR  
*Artwave*, Portland, OR
- 1981 *The Volcano Exhibit*, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, OR  
*ArtQuake*, Portland, OR
- 1980 *ArtQuake*, Portland, OR
- 1979 *All Oregon Exhibit*, Salem, OR (award)  
*ArtQuake*, Portland, OR

1978 *ArtQuake*, Portland, OR  
1977 *Thorsnes/Wolf*, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR (two-person exhibition)  
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#### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS, continued**

1975 *Artists of Oregon*, Portland Art Museum, OR  
1974 *Artists of Oregon*, Portland Art Museum, OR  
1973 *Alumni Exhibition*, The Museum School, Portland, OR  
1972 *Artists of Oregon*, Portland Art Museum, OR  
*Mayor's Invitational*, Salem, OR  
*Valley Art Association*, Forest Grove, OR

#### **RECENT BENEFITS**

2010 The Portland Project Art Cards, Playing Cards  
2002 - *Art For Life—Oral Auction*, Weiden & Kennedy, Portland, OR, Jurors: Bruce Guenther, Terri  
2006 Hopkins and Stuart Horodner (catalogue)  
*Cows for Kids*, Pioneer Place, Portland, OR, benefit for New Avenues for Youth and Trillium  
Family Services, Sponsors: Gary Maffei, Marc Lintner, Carole Lintner  
2001 *Dada Ball*, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, OR, invitational fundraiser (catalogue)  
2000 *Cascade AIDS Project 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit—Live Auction*, Pacific Northwest College of Art,  
Portland, OR, Juror: John Buchanan  
1999 National M.S. Society, Portland, OR

#### **CORPORATE AND PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

PCC Sylvania, Oregon State University, Corvallis	
Buffalo Gap Tavern, Lake Oswego, OR	Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Portland, OR
City of Granite Falls, WA—Granite Falls Middle School	Lovejoy Tavern, Portland, OR
City of Lynden, WA—Lynden High School	Management Compensation Group NW, Portland, OR
City of Portland, OR— <i>Multnomah County Portable Works</i>	Metropolitan Arts Commission, Portland, OR
City of Redmond, WA—Redmond High School	Orbanco Building, Portland, OR
City of Salem, OR—Civic Center	Oregon State University, Corvallis—The Valley Library
City of Salem—Oregon Pedestrian Mall	Papa Haydn, Portland, OR
City of Seattle, WA— <i>Northwest Visions</i>	Portland Community College, Portland, OR
City of Seattle, WA—Richmond High School	Screen Gems Productions, Los Angeles, CA
City of Tacoma, WA—Elmhurst Elementary School	State of Oregon, Portland—OR Liquor Control Commission
Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Salem, OR	
Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Portland, OR	State of Oregon, Salem—Oregon Arts Commission

#### **AWARDS**

1999 *Juror's Prize*, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Portland, Oregon  
1991 *Best of Show*, Artslate, Co-Arts, Condon, Oregon, Juror: Don Gray  
1979 *Best of Show*, All Oregon Art Exhibit, Salem, Oregon

#### **COMMISSIONS**

1987 *Oregon Pedestrian Mall*, City of Salem, six exterior pieces, Salem, Oregon  
1985 *Washington State Art Commission*, Richmond High School, Seattle, Washington  
*Buffalo Gap Tavern*, Lake Oswego, OR  
*Lovejoy Tavern*, Portland, OR  
1983 *Washington State Art Commission*, Lynden High School, Washington  
1978 *Oregon State Arts Commission*, Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Portland

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2004 *Figure Painting*; and *Color Painting Instructor*, Creative Arts Community—Arts at Menucha,  
Corbett, OR, since 1984  
1997 *Figure Painting Instructor*, Portland Community College, OR  
1983 *Figure Painting Instructor*, Portland State University, OR, since 1981  
1979 *Painting Instructor*, Clatsop Community College, OR

## CATALOGUES

- 2001 **City's Art Collection Your Art Collection**, Seattle Arts Commission, WA, Spring, vol 24, #1, p 5  
**Out of a Hat: 53 Drawings**, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, OR, Essay: Stuart Horodner
- 1999 **Northwest Regional Art Show**, Arts Council of Pendleton, OR, Juror: Prudence Roberts  
**1999 Exhibits & Programs**, Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale, WA, vol. 16, #1, p 1  
**From Aardvark to Zebra: Animals in Art**, Anchorage Museum of History and Art, AK
- 1998 **Human Form '98**, Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, Newport, OR, p 8, Essay: Henry Sayre
- 1987 **Management Compensation Group Collection of Art**, Portland, OR, Essay: Terri Hopkins, Nov
- 1980 **Artquake '80**, The Metropolitan Arts Commission, Portland, OR, p 17 and cover

## PERIODICALS

- 2005 *A Summertime Smorgasbord*, **Portland Tribune**, Portland, OR, July 5, Section B, pg1
- 2003 **Calyx**, Corvallis, OR, volume 21, #1, Winter, pp 41-45
- 2002 32<sup>nd</sup> *Willamette Valley Juried Exhibition*, Hester Coucke, **Artspirit**, Corvallis Arts Center—Linn-Benton Arts Council, Corvallis, OR, October, p 1
- 2001 **House and Garden Magazine**, New York, NY, May
- 1997 *Into Full Swing*, D.K. Row, **Willamette Week**, Portland, OR, 1 October, p 65
- 1995 *Portland Art Museum: Bread and Circuses?*, Laura Lee Bennett, **Reflex**, Seattle, WA, October/November
- 1991 *Melinda Thorsnes: Desperation's Valentine*, Debby Barry, **Reflex**, Seattle, WA, March/April, p 23  
*In the Midst of a Work of Art*, Henry Sayre, **Oregon Magazine**, August
- 1998 *Art at Home with Melinda Thorsnes*, Sally Churchill, **Ourtown**, Portland, OR, 29 June, p 5
- 1991 *Indulgent Women Takes Best of Show at Art Slate '91*, **Art Digest**, Oregon, July  
*Maveety Gallery*, **The Downtowner**, Portland, OR, 4 February, p 13
- 1989 *Melinda Thorsnes, NW Gallery Art Magazine*, Portland, Oregon, pp 1 and cover  
*Artquake '89 Gets New Look from Artist Melinda Thorsnes*, Maggi White, **The Downtowner**, Portland, OR, 15 May, p 7
- 1988 *Art To Use*, J Dana Haynes, **The Downtowner**, Portland, Oregon, October
- 1987 *Revisiting America*, **The Clinton Street Quarterly**, Portland, OR, volume 9, #4, cover
- 1984 *Mount St. Helens: An Artistic Aftermath*, Patricia Grieve Watkinson, **Art Journal**, Fall, pp 259-268
- 1981 *Artwork Erupts After Volcano's Blowup*, Andy Rocchia, **Oregon Journal**, Living, Portland, OR, 21 May, p 29
- 1980 *Real Life*, **Oregon Journal**, Portland, OR, 19 March, p 8  
*Melinda Thorsnes*, Kactus Snoddy, **Stepping Out Magazine**, Portland, OR, Winter, pp 4, 8-10  
*The Painful Plight of the Painter*, Judy Henderson, **The Downtowner**, Portland, OR, March  
*NEA Funding Sought For Neighborhood Art*, Andy Rocchia, **Oregon Journal**, Portland, OR, 30 June, p 21
- 1978 *Sneak Peek at Artquake: It's Another Mostly Realist Oregon Show*, Andy Rocchia, **Oregon Journal**, Portland, 31 August, p 17
- 1977 *Art Views: Bright Paintings, Fluid Fabrics*, Roger Hull, **Northwest Magazine**, Portland, OR, 23 January, p 16
- 1975 *Artist Creates New Style of Portraiture*, Ray Horn, **North Portland Magazine**, Portland, OR, October, volume 1, #1, p 5  
**Portland Scribe**, Portland, OR, 12-18 September, p 16

## ARTICLES

- 2001 *First Thursday: Jack McLarty's Singular, Sometimes Spiny Vision Forms the Core of a Showcase of Portland Artists*, Bob Hicks, **The Oregonian**, Portland, 27 April, A&E, p 56
- 1999 *Beasts Corralled for Maryhill Exhibit*, **The Enterprise**, White Salmon, WA, 25 February  
*Maryhill Opens Season with Party*, **The Enterprise**, White Salmon, WA, 18 February  
*Maryhill Admission...*, **The Pioneer**, Madras, OR, 26 May  
*Tip Sheet: Are you Canine or Not?* D.K. Row, **The Oregonian**, Portland, OR, 11 June, A&E, p 70
- Fresh *Art*, **Anchorage Daily News**, Anchorage, AK, 18 June, p13

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**ARTICLES, continued**

- 1999 *New Doin's For Children at Anchorage Museum*, Mike Dunham, Anchorage Daily News, AK, 13 June, E4  
*The Arts: Palette*, Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage, AK, 25 June, p 15
- 1998 *Vita Vision*, D.K. Row, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 5 August, A&E, E1
- 1995 *Critics' Choices of Some Other Manhattan Art Shows: Melinda Thorsnes*, New York Times, NY, 28 April
- 1993 *Skewering the Backyard Barbecue: The Art Gym's Show About Suburbia Takes a Scornful Approach*, Joel Weinstein, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 16 April, A&E, p 27
- 1991 *First Thursday Artists Don't Want People to Forget War*, Randy Gragg, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 6 February, A&E, E5  
*Familiar Nightmares*, Nancy Row, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 15 February, A&E, F24
- 1988 *Furniture That'll Reach Out and Grab You*, Barry Johnson, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 7 October, A&E, pp 25-26
- 1984 *Faces Explores Psychological Portraiture*, Alan Hayakawa, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, February 14, C4
- 1979 *"Art About Art" Winding Up in Portland*, Beth Fagan, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 13 April, E6  
*Portlander Captures All-Oregon Art Top Prize*, Beth Fagan, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 24 August, E9
- 1977 *Art Is: Oil Paintings by Melinda Thorsnes*, Joan Metcalf, Valley Times/Aloha Times, Beaverton, OR, 1 January
- 1975 *Dutiful Presentation of Oregon Artists Draws Viewers*, Roger Hull, The Oregonian, Portland, OR
- 1974 *Bartending Helped Young Artist Fuel Commitment to Painting*, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, 10 February, Sunday: The Arts, p 1
- 1972 *House Entrance Model in Kelly Exhibition*, The Oregonian, Portland, OR, February