

## LEON BENN

Born in Philadelphia, PA  
Lives and works in Portland, ME

## EDUCATION

2013 MFA, UCLA School of Art and Architecture, Los Angeles, CA  
2004 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Dead Leaves*, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO  
*Feria Material*, Grant Wahlquist Gallery, Portland, ME  
2022 *Waves*, Grant Wahlquist Gallery, Portland, ME  
*Nurse Logs*, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO  
2020 *Gardening Techniques*, Grant Wahlquist Gallery, Portland, ME  
2019 *Lion in the Kitchen*, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO  
2017 *Fields of Vision*, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO  
2015 *Spare Time*, Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles, CA  
*Clumsy Haikus*, Stems Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
2013 *Pitching Rotations*, Carter & Citizen, Los Angeles, CA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Euphoria*, Alice Gauvin Gallery, Portland, ME  
2022 *The More the Merrier*, Grant Wahlquist Gallery, Portland, ME  
*A Fresh Greeting is Heard*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME  
2019 *#4 (Part of the Summer Never Dies)*, Grant Wahlquist Gallery, Portland, ME  
2017 *Nostalgisms*, Abel Baker Gallery, Portland, ME  
*Transporter by Katie Shapiro and Sean Higgins*, Kopeikin Gallery,  
Los Angeles, CA  
2016 *The Genuine Article*, Space Gallery, Portland, ME  
*Channel Swimmers Drink Brandy*, L'Appartement, Paris, FR  
*IMAGINE*, Brand New Gallery, Milan, IT  
2015 *Art of the Matter!*, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, St. Louis, IL  
*And There Is An End 2*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*I Dropped the Lemon Tart*, Lisa Cooley, New York, NY  
*Flat Sun On A Disc Of Water*, Narwhal Contemporary, Toronto, Canada  
2014 *And There Is An End*, Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles, CA  
2013 *ABCOM*, four81, New York, NY  
2012 *MFA 2013 Thesis Show #3*, New Wight Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

- 2011 *The Holodeck*, PØST, Los Angeles, CA  
*Eventide*, Carter & Citizen, Los Angeles, CA  
*The Golden Ass*, Annie Wharton Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Defrosted: A Life of Walt Disney* by Adam Cvijanovic and David Humphrey,  
 Postmasters Gallery New York, NY  
*Ember Keepers*, Arch Collective NYC, Brooklyn, NY  
*Atlas Findings*, Narwhal Projects, Toronto, Canada
- 2008 *The World With Us, The World Without Us*, Mahan Gallery, Columbus, OH  
*Selected Artists from Art for Life*, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH
- 2007 *Art for Life*, Mahan Gallery, Columbus, OH

## PRESS

- 2023 Arango, Jorge S. "Art review: Artists explore themes of euphoria, home in two Portland shows." *Portland Herlad Press*, Mar. 19.
- 2022 Arango, Jorge S. "Art review: Space, ICA mark anniversaries with exemplary shows." *Portland Herlad Press*, Aug. 21.
- 2020 Little, Carl. "Leon Benn: Relinquishing Collective Grief." *Maine Arts Journal*, UMVA Quarterly, Fall.  
 Crowder, Jenna. "Leon Benn at Grant Wahlquist Gallery." *Boston Art Review*, June.  
 Reynolds, Pamela. "Off The Beaten Path, 6 New England Exhibits Offer Art Without The Crowds." WBUR The Artery, July.  
 Kors, Stacey. "Art Review: Leon Benn paintings capture the lushness of summer in the city." *Portland Press Herald*, August.  
 Kors, Stacey. "Q&A; His Maine debut postponed, Leon Benn talks painting process and new priorities." *Portland Press Herald*, April.  
 Pagel, David. "Review 'And There Is an End'—but no end to its goofy appeal." *LA Times*, 21 March.
- 2015 Wood, Eve. "Critic's Picks: Los Angeles. Leon Benn." *Artltdmag*, September.  
 Muller, Mario M. "Leon Benn at Carter & Citizen." *Glasstire*, 13 September.
- 2013 Spaulding, Trevor. "The Painter as Pitcher." *Painting in L.A.*, 11 October.  
 Spaulding, Trevor. "The Graduates: UCLA's MFA Painters." *New American Paintings*, 24 May.  
 "Featured Artist: Leon Benn." ART HAPS, 5 October.