

Michael Ferris Jr.

One Person Exhibitions

2014

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
Rockford University, Rockford, IL

2012

Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Lehman College, Bronx, NY

2010

Sculpture and Process Drawings, Packer Schopf Gallery, Chicago, IL
Figurative Sculpture and Drawings, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY

2009

Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI
Hope College, Holland, MI

2008

New Sculpture, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY

2007

Works on Paper, Packer Schopf Gallery, Chicago, IL

2006

As Beautiful As, ATM gallery, New York, NY

2005

Monsters and Immortals, Aron Packer Gallery, Chicago, IL

2003

The Artist's Studio, Aron Packer Gallery, Chicago, IL
Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell, NM
Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL

2002

Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago, IL
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

2001

Heads, Wood Street Gallery, Chicago, IL

Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

1999

Portraits, Wood Street Gallery, Chicago, IL

1997

New Work, Wood Street Gallery, Chicago, IL

1996

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Selected Group Exhibitions

2015

Triacontagon: A celebration of 30 Years of the Artists' Fellowship Program, Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY

2014

Woodpeckers, Glike Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Portraits, Expanded, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, VT

Face to Face, Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT

Bronx Speaks: No Boundries, Bronx Museum, Bronx, NY

2013

Eye to I...3,000 Years of Portraits, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY

Face To Face: Artists' Self-Portraits from the Collection of Jackye and Curtis Finch, Jr., Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR

Context - Miami, Packer Schopf Gallery, Miami, FL

2012

An Exhibition of YoungArts Alumni, Northern Trust Gallery, Chicago, IL

Anonymous: The Contemporary Portrait, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY

Core 77: Five Boroughs-Five Designers, New York, NY

Linked, Purdue University Art Gallery, West Lafayette, IN

Home Is Where the Bronx Is, Longwood Art Gallery, Hostos College, Bronx, NY

Form Follows Figure, Northeastern Illinois University Art Gallery, Chicago, IL

2011

In The House, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb, IL

Hand Space/Mind Space, Gallery for Contemporary Art, Indiana Univ. Northwest, Gary, IN

Inked: Tattoo Imagery in Contemporary Art, Olsen Gallery, Northern Illinois Univ., Dekalb, IL

The Uncommon Portrait, Portsmouth Museum of Art, Portsmouth, NH

Size Matters, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY

2010

Pulse Fair, Packer Schopf Gallery-Chicago, Miami, FL
stAGES of Transition, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb, IL
Beat 2 the X, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
Cover Stories: The Art of the Book Jacket, Printworks Gallery, Chicago, IL
New and Classic, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY
Art Chicago, Packer Schopf Gallery, Chicago, IL
The Figure Five Ways, Skidmore College, Schick Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY
REAL(ists), Ringling College of Art and Design, Selby Galleries, Sarasota, FL

2009

Anthem: an all-american dystopia, Longwood Gallery, Hostos College, Bronx, NY
Gallery Artists, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY
The Poetic Dialogue Project, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
The Poetic Dialogue Project, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
The Poetic Dialogue Project, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago IL
Coming Attractions, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2008

2008 Collector's Show, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
Aqua Art Fair, Miami FL, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Art Chicago 2008, George Adams Gallery, Chicago, IL

2007

Art Miami, George Adams Gallery, Miami, FL
DIALOGUES:Heads, George Adams Gallery, New York NY
Sosabeol International Art Expo, GyeongGi-do, Korea
The Besser Collection, de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
Roswell Artist-in-Residence Program 40th Anniversary, Roswell Museum & Art Center, Roswell, NM
Figure This, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Art Chicago 2007, George Adams Gallery, Chicago, IL
Bridge Art Fair 2007, Packer Schopf Gallery, Chicago, IL

2006

2006 Collector's Show, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
NADA Art Fair, ATM gallery, Miami, FL
Bridge Art Fair 06, Aron Packer Gallery, Miami, FL
Drawing Discoveries, The Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL
Tomorrow's Drawing Today, Turner Carroll Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
ATM Art Fair, Painting Group Show, ATM Gallery, New York, NY

Group Show, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY
Inner Limits, Abrons Arts Center, New York, NY
Shot in the Arm, Northern Illinois University, NIU Museum, DeKalb, IL

2005

Art Chicago, Aron Packer Gallery, Chicago, IL
"Face Paint" a portrait show, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA
American Academy of Arts and Letters, Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, New York, NY
Reconfigure, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA
Out of the Ordinary: The Collection of John Beck, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2004

Queens International, Queens Museum, Flushing, NY
Frisbee Art Fair, Aron Packer Gallery, Miami, FL
Irrational Exuberance, Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY
Only Human, Van Brunt Gallery, New York, NY
Recognize, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA
Not of Iron, Illinois State Museum - Rend Lake, IL
All About Drawing, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

2003

Not of Iron, Illinois State Museum - Springfield, IL
Not of Iron, Illinois State Museum - Lockport, IL
About Face: Contemporary Portraits, University of Southern Indiana, New Harmony, IN
Transition, Indiana University-Northwest, Gary, IN

2002

Not of Iron, Illinois State Museum - Chicago, IL
SOFA fair, Aron Packer Gallery, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
Ferris, A Family of Artists, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
1st LUC Print Biennial, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

2001

Skin Deep, The Islip Museum of Art, Islip, NY
Snow Globes Invitational, Lyonswier Gallery, Chicago, IL
Americas 2000, Minot State University, Minot, ND
Narrative Sampler, Lyonswier Packer Gallery, Chicago, IL

2000

Area 2000, Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois
Small Works 23rd National, Harper College, Palatine, IL
Mirror on the Millennium: Self-Portraits, Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL

6th Great Plains National, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS
Peck Arts Center National, Central Wyoming College, Riverton, WY
Gallery Artists, Wood Street Gallery, Chicago, IL
Plain Art 2000, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

1999

Vicinity 1999, Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
18th Annual Hoyt National, The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA
ANA 28, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT
The 49th Annual Quad-State Art Exhibition, Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL

1998

Small Packages, Wood Street Gallery, Chicago, IL
Sculptural Narrative, Suburban Fine Arts Center, Highland Park, IL

Grants / Awards

2013 Saltonstall Residency, Ithaca, NY
2012 Arts-in-Education Grant, Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY
Arts Fund Grant, Bronx Council on the Arts/ DCA, Bronx, NY
SPARC Grant, Bronx Council on the Arts/ DCA, Bronx, NY
2011 Sculpture Space Residency, Utica, NY
BRIO Grant in Sculpture, Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY
2009 New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), Fellowship in Sculpture, NYC
BRIO Grant in Sculpture, Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY
2005 George Sugarman Foundation Grant, Novato, CA
2004 Henry Street Settlement Artist-in-Residence Program, NYC
2003 Marie Walsh Sharpe Space Program, NYC
2002 Roswell Artist-in-Residence, Roswell Museum Foundation, Roswell, NM
Emerging Artist Grant, American Craft Council, NYC
1999 Illinois Arts Council Fellowship
Vicinity 1999, NCAC, St. Charles, IL
1997 CAAP Grant, Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Chicago, IL
1991 Peter T. Bowen Drawing Competition Award, KCAI
1988 Liquitex Product Scholarship Award
1987 Kansas City Art Institute Full Tuition Scholarship
YoungArts, National Foundation for the Advancements in the Arts, Miami, FL
Presidential Scholar in the Arts, Washington D.C.

Other Professional Activities

- 2012-15** Artists' Advisory Committee, New York Foundation for the Arts.(NYFA), NYC
- 2015** Panelist, Fiscal Sponsorship Panel - October, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
Panelist, Fiscal Sponsorship Panel - April, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
Panelist, Fiscal Sponsorship Panel - January, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
- 2014** Artist Lecture, Rockford University, Rockford, IL
Panel Process Observer, Drawing, Printmaking and Bookmaking Panel, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
- 2013** Artist Lecture, New York Studio Residency Program, Brooklyn, NY
Panel Process Observer, Photography Panel, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
Artist Lecture, Lehman College, Bronx, NY
Panelist, Emergency Relief Fund- March, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
- 2012** Panelist, Emergency Relief Fund- December, NYFA New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC
Artist Lecture, Bronx Museum of Art, Bronx, NY
Artist Lecture, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Visiting Artist, Bronx High School for the Visual Arts, Bronx, NY
Drawing Demo, Lehman College, Bronx, NY
Artist Lecture, Lehman College, Bronx, NY
Drawing Demo, Northeastern University, Chicago, IL
- 2011** Visiting Artist, New York Academy of Art, New York, NY
Panelist, Sculpture Fellowships, New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), , NYC
Panelist, Residencies, Columbia University, NYC
Drawing Demo, Westchester Comm. College-Center for the Arts, White Plains, NY
- 2010** Panelist, Individual Artist Grants, Ohio State Council for the Arts, Columbus, OH
Visiting Artist, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
Artist Lecture & Drawing Demo, Waubonsee Comm. College, Sugar Grove, IL
Artist Lecture, Live Skype Talk, Wexner Center for The Arts, Columbus, OH
Artist Lecture, Westchester Comm. College-Center for the Arts, White Plains, NY
- 2009** Visiting Artist, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
Visiting Artist, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Visiting Artist, Hope College, Holland, MI
Artist Lecture, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2008** Visiting Artist, South Carolina University, Columbia, SC
Panelist, Ohio State Expo, Ohio State Council for the Arts, Columbus, OH
- 2006** Artist Lecture, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

- Artist Lecture, Hunter College, New York, NY
 Panelist, CUNY Research Awards, New York, NY
- 2005** Artist Lecture, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
 Artist Lecture, The Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2004** Visiting Artist, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
 Visiting Artist, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR
 Artist Lecture, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
 Visiting Artist, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2001** Visiting Artist, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS
 Artist Lecture, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
- 1997** Visiting Artist, Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago, IL
 Visiting Artist, Centre College, Danville, KY
 Artist Lecture, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

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Education

1996 - MFA, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

1991 - BFA, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Missouri

1990 - Brighton Polytechnic, Brighton, England