

Born 1966, 7lbs

Lives and works in Lawrence, Kansas

SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 **JOURNEY** // Volland Foundation, Alma, KS
- 2023 **LIVING, BEING** // Farm Projects, Wellfleet, MA
- 2021 **TEMPLATE DAYS: MAY TVEIT & AVANTIKA BAWA** // UK Art Museum, Lexington, KY
- 2020 **FIELDS, PLANES, SYSTEMS: SELF** // Farm Projects, Wellfleet, MA
- 2019 **DROP UNIT** // Greenlease Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 **UNIVERSAL BOXES** // The Nermal Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
- 2012 **PRODUCT PLACEMENT: MADISON AVE. / NOSTRAND AVE.** // Gridspace, Brooklyn, NY
- 2009 **FIELD TEST** // Farm Projects, Wellfleet, MA
- 2007 **INNER PACKAGE** // UCM Gallery, Warrensburg, MO
- INNER PACKAGE** // Studios Inc., Kansas City, MO
- 2004 **UNITED DIVIDED** // United Metal Spinning Company, Kansas City, MO
- 2002 **RETAIL THERAPY** // Epsten Gallery, Village Shalom, Kansas City, MO

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 **PROJECT PROJECT** // Farm Projects, Wellfleet, MA
- 2024 **EXPO CHICAGO** // Secrist Beach Gallery, Chicago, IL
- COSMIC GEOMETRIES: The Praries's Edge** // Secrist Beach, Chicago, IL
- 2021 **ART ON PAPER** // Weatherspoon Museum, Greensboro, NC
- RESIDENTS EXHIBITION** // Patton Mallot Gallery, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass, CO
- 2018, 2021 **KANSAS CITY FLAT FILE & DIGITAL FILE** // H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, MO
- 2015 **BROADSHEETS** // Greenlease Gallery, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO
- 2014 **FROSTED FLAKES** // Etherington Art, Marfa, TX
- 2013 **RISES ZORA** // Kansas City, MO - screened Product Placement, Black Friday
- 2012 **RAPID TRANSIT** // Mongolian National Modern Art Gallery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- BIG RED** // Art OMI, via The Fields Sculpture Park, Ghent, NY - offsite field slated for housing development
- 2011 **AMERICA HERE AND NOW** // Leedy Voulkas Gallery, Kansas City, MO, Curated by: Eric Fischl & Yosi Sergant
- 60 SECOND TAKE: The Local Face of Globalism** // H&R Block Artspace, Screened: Citizenship, Kansas City, MO
- 2010 **CONVERSATION MATTER, Dialogue By Design: Experimental Platforms for Intimate Conversations** // Grand Arts, Kansas City, MO
- SANCTIONED ARRAY** // Whitebox Gallery, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued)

- 2010 **PRODUCT PLACEMENT** // Schoolhouse Gallery, Provincetown, MA
FIT // Studios Inc, Kansas City, MO - globalspeak
- 2009 **POSTCARDS FROM THE HEARTLAND** // APF LAB, Art Production Fund, New York, NY
- 2008 **ART THE VOTE** // Billboard Project, Kansas City, MO, Saint Louis, MO
- 2006 **BETWEEN THE OBSERVER AND THE OBSERVED** // Lianzhou, China
AMERICAN DREAM IN QUESTION // Belger Art Center, Kansas City, MO
GLOBALSPEAK // Studios Inc., Kansas City, MO
- 2004 **FANTASIES AND REVIVALS: KANSAS CITY'S URBAN FUTURE** // Paragraph Gallery, Kansas City, MO
A SUPERMARKET OF FINE ART // UNI Gallery of Art, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2003 **BIG AND BEAUTIFUL** // H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, MO
RIVER MARKET REGIONAL // Kansas City Artists Coalition, Kansas City, MO
BIG WORKS // Arts Incubator, Kansas City, MO
- 2002 **THREE RING CIRCUS; A CURATORIAL SPECTACLE** // Leedy Voulkas Arts Center, Kansas City, MO
CHARLOTTE STREET FOUNDATION AWARD EXHIBITION // JCCC Gallery of Art, Overland Park, KS, Essay by: Randy Griffey
- 2001 **PIEROGI FLATFILES / KANSAS CITY FLATFILES** // H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, MO
NEWALITY // Shaw Hofstra, Kansas City, MO
AVENUE OF THE ARTS / CURTAIN WALL // Kansas City, MO
- 1999 **IN PROGRESS / CORNER** // Kansas City, MO
PAILS, BUCKETS, & CANS // Chalmers Gallery, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

COLLECTIONS

- ANDREWS MCMEEL PUBLISHING** // Kansas City, MO
- BARKLEY** // Kansas City, MO
- CAPITOL FEDERAL HALL** // Lawrence, KS
- EMPRISE ART COLLECTION** // Wichita, KS
- FISHNET SECURITY** // Kansas City, MO
- HALLMARK ART COLLECTION** // Kansas City, MO
- LAWRENCE PAPER COMPANY** // Lawrence, KS
- MDC MUSEUM OF ART & DESIGN** // Miami, FL
- NATIONAL CENTER FOR DRUG FREE SPORT** // Kansas City, MO
- UK ART MUSEUM** // Lexington, KY
- PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

RESIDENCIES

- 2021 **ANDERSON RANCH ARTS CENTER** // Snowmass, CO
HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL of CRAFTS // Deere Isle, ME
- 2020 **FARM PROJECTS** // Wellfleet, MA
- 2019 **FRANS MASEREEL CENTRUM** // Kasterlee, Belgium
- 2018 **OFFICINA STAMPERIA DEL NOTAIO** // Tusa, Sicily
- 2010 **ART OMI** // Ghent, NY

GRANTS / AWARDS (selected)

- 2018 **United States Artist Award** // Nominee
Lighton International Artist Exchange Program, Grant // Frans Masereel Residency
- 2010 **Andy Warhol Foundation / Charlotte Street Foundation: Rocket Grant** // Product Placement
Arts KC Inspiration Grant // Product Placement
- 2009 **Arts KC Inspiration Grant** // Field Test
- 2007 **AIA American Institute of Architects** // Allied Arts & Craftsmanship Award
Creative Capital Professional Development Workshop // Award
- 2006-2010 **Review Studios** // Mid-Career Studio Award
- 2002 **Charlotte Street Foundation Fellowship** // Award
Hall Center for the Humanities Creative Work Fellowship // Award

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- 2026 **KC Studio Magazine**, Cristina Albu, May Tveit: Geometries of Self, January 2026, forthcoming
- 2020 **Provincetown Arts Magazine**, Megan Hinton, All of her "Un's", July 2020, featured monoprint
- 2018 **KC Studio Magazine**, Brian Hearn, Universal Boxes, Friday, January 5, 2018
NPR / KCUR, CJ Janovy, Universal Boxes, Friday, January 5, 2018
- 2014 **Kansas City Star**, Product Placement, Rises Zora, 2014
- 2013 **Bad At Sports**, Jamilee Polson Lacy, Rights of Passage in Kansas City: through the Labyrinth, June 7, 2013
- 2012 **Art Practical**, Art Practical Editors, Loosed Limits and Imaginary Lines, February 27, 2012
Journal of Ideas, Durganand Balsavar Nandan, Rapid Transit / Product Placement, Channai, India, December 2012
National Mongolian Radio, Uyanga Ganchangaa, Rapid/Transit, Ulaanbaataar, Mongolia, July 2012
- 2011 **Kansas City Star**, Theresa Bembnister, Rocket Grants propel Artistic Innovation, January 1, 2011
- 2010 **Kansas City Star**, Alice Thorson, Rocket Grants, June 6, 2010
- 2009 **Kansas City Star**, Suzanne P. Cole, Color Field, October 25, 2009

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- 2009 **Provincetown Banner**, Reva Blau, Save the Bales. July 23, 2009
Architect Magazine, Katie Gerfen, National Center for Drug Free Sport, July 31, 2009
- 2008 **Art in America**, Stephen Maine, Report from Kansas City: Live-Work Options, Oct. 2008
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Where Art Works, February 6, 2008
- 2007 **Kansas City Star**, Steve Paul, Simply Sexy Structures, November 11, 2007
Charlotte Street Foundation: 10, May Tveit, essay by Dr. Maria Elena Buszek, October, 2007
The Pitch, Dana Self, Made In.....March 29, 2007
Kansas City Star, Teresa Bembnister, Inner Package, 2007
- 2006 **The Pitch**, Ray T. Barker, Our critics recommend these shows...American Dream: In Question, 2006
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Five Don't-Miss Exhibits, Aug. 27, 2006
Kansas City Star, Robin Trafton, FYI Thought-provoking Art, July 8, 2006
- 2004 **KCUR / NPR**, Up to Date, Steve Kraske, United/Divided interview with May Tveit, May 14, 2004
Ijworld.com, Alice Thorson, artnotes: Artist's installation explores work, identity, May 9, 2004
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Spotlight: May Tveit, May 14, 2004
Channel 6 news, Mindie Paget, Art a la carte, Friday, May 14, 2004
Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier, Melody Parker, Attention Wall-Art Shoppers, February 15, 2004
KCUR / NPR, Up to Date, Steve Kraske, Charlotte Street Fund, December 20, 2004
- 2003 **Review**, Heather Lustfeldt, Charlotte Street Celebrates Six Years, Six Artists, November 2003
Art Papers, Heather Lustfeldt, Charlotte Street Fund Exhibition, March-April, November 2003
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Avenue Achievement, October 18, 2003
Review, Kate Hackman, High Design, Middle America & the Toilet Brush, February/March 2003
- 2002 **Kansas City Star**, Alice Thorson, A Fund of Talent, December 15, 2002
Art in America, Charlotte Street Fund, November 2002
Art in America, Alice Thorson, May Tveit at Gallery at Village Shalom, November 2002
Review, Kate Hackman, An Art Necessity, November 2002
KCUR / NPR, Lara Spencer, Big And Beautiful, September 6, 2002
Kansas City Star, Elizabeth Kirsch, Beauty and Brains, September 20, 2002
MV Times, Della B. Hardman, About Town, September 2002
Art in America, Gallery Guide, Art in Kansas City, May Tveit at Gallery at Village Shalom, Retail Therapy, August 2002
Review, Tamara Haddad, Demystifying the Public Art Process, July-August 2002
Review, Kate Hackman, Money as Material, May June 2002
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Rewarding New Ideas, March 17, 2002
Review, Hesse McGraw, America After: Bargaining for Meaning, March/April 2002

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- 2002 **Kansas City Star**, Alice Thorson, Every Artwork Must Go!, February 8, 2002
Review, Kate Hackman, May Tveit: Retail Therapy, February 2002
Review, Kate Hackman, Three Ring Circus: A Curatorial Spectacle, February 2002
Kansas City Jewish Chronical, Retail Therapy, February 2002
KCUR/NPR, Lara Spencer, Retail Therapy, January 2002
The Pitch, Debra Di Blasi, Souls For Sale, January 24, 2002
Kansas City Jewish Chronical, Retail Therapy Opens Up at Gallery Village Shalom, January 2002
- 2001 **Kansas City Star**, Alice Thorson, Top 100 Moments in KC Entertainment & the Arts, Avenue of the Arts, December 2001
Greater Kansas City Business, Kate Lee, The Art of it All, September 2001
Kansas City Star, Kate Hackman, Visual Relief, July 13, 2001
Kansas City Star, Heather Lustfeld, All revved Up and Somewhere to Show, July 2001
Review, Kate Hackman, Avenue of the Arts, June 2001
119th & NO WHERE, May Tveit, The Architecture of Entertainment issue, *Review Magazine*, Art & Culture Periodical
KCUR / NPR, Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver, Under the Clock, Public Art Forum, May 2001
KMBC 9 news, Larry Moore, Public Art, Public Life, May 2001
KMBC 9 news, Larry Moore, Avenue of the Arts, May 2001
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Curtains Going Up on Art, April 5, 2001
Kansas City Star, Alice Thorson, Taking it to the Street Again, January 27, 2001

BOOK

- 1993 **MAY TVEIT / MERONE PER MERONE** // Author of a critical analysis of a cement industry's intent to site an art museum within a working factory. Progetti di Interventi Ambientali / Environmental Projects // 600 copies printed // Quaderni Aldebaran, n. 2, July 1993, Milan Italy
Text by: Sibylle Kircherer, Patrizia Scarzella, May Tveit

VISITING ARTIST

- 2024 **MAINE COLLEGE OF ART**, Portland, ME
- 2019 **UNIVERSITY NORTH TEXAS**, Denton, TX
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, Providence, RI

LECTURES (selected)

- 2025 **UNIVERSITY CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE**, Warrensburg, MO
- 2023 **PRESERVATION HALL // LIVING, BEING >>** art & industry collaboration, appropriation & human connection, Wellfleet, MA
- 2022 **PRESERVATION HALL // In the Studio**, Wellfleet, MA
- 2021 **ANDERSON RANCH ARTS CENTER // Snowmass**, CO
- HAYSTACK // Deere Island**, ME
- 2019 **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN // Providence**, RI - Printmaking Visiting Artist
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS // Denton**, TX - Printmaking Visiting Artist
- ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY // Drop Unit Round Table Discussion**, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 **NERMAN MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART // Johnson County**, KS
- 2011 **THE CHARLOTTE STREET FOUNDATION // Kansas City**, MO - Artist Keynote Speaker
- 2008 **NELSON ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART // Resting, Living, Making, Being: with Michael Cross**, Kansas City, MO
- WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY // Art the Vote**, St. Louis, MO
- 2002 **JCCC GALLERY OF ART // Overland Park**, KS - Charlotte Street Fellowship Award
- 2000 **SPENCER MUSEUM OF ART // Lawrence**, KS
- HALLMARK // Kansas City**, MO
- PARSONS NEW SCHOOL // New York**, NY - Interior Architecture Visiting Artist
- CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART // Bloomfield Hills**, MI - Architecture Visiting Artist
- 1999 **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN // Providence**, RI
- 1997 **KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE // Kansas City**, MO

TEACHING

- 1999 - Present **UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS // Lawrence**, KS - Associate Professor
- 1996 - 1999 **KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE // Kansas City**, MO - Assistant Professor
- 1995 - 1996 **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN // Providence**, RI - Special Instructor

EDUCATION

- 1991 **MID DOMUS ACADEMY // Milan**, Italy
- 1989 **BFA RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN // Providence**, RI
- 1988 **EUROPEAN HONORS PROGRAM, RISD ROME // Rome**, Italy