

KATE WERBLE

LAUREL SPARKS

Born 1972, Phoenix, AZ

Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

EDUCATION

- 2004** MFA Milton Avery Graduate School of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
1995 BFA School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, Tufts University, Medford, MA

SELECTED SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** *Time Machines*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
2023 *Settler Seance*, Tinworks Art, Bozeman, MT (curated by Melissa Ragain)
2022 *Station to Station: Laurel Sparks and Shawn Hansen*, Soloway Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2020 *FiftyTwo Ft: Quad Relay*, Knockdown Center, Queens, NY
2018 *Geomantria*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
2016 *Magic Squares*, Barbara Walters Gallery, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
2015 *Rubedo*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
2012 *Iconoclasts*, Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA
Angels of Light, Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston, MA
2011 *Against Nature*, 443 PAS, New York, NY
2009 *Pleasure Dome*, Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston, MA
2007 *Christmas in July*, Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston, MA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** *Takeaway*, Kingston Editions, Saugerties, NY
2025 *Acid Bathhouse* (Curated by Jarrett Earnest) Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
(forthcoming)
On Particular Colors, Bill Arning Exhibitions, Kinderhook, NY
The Twilight World: Queer Magic at the Edge of Midnight (Curated by Scott Hug) Gallery 52, Jeffersonville, NY
Shelf Show (Curated by Nathan Carter) Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
Survey, Unda.m. 93, Chicago, IL
2024 *Christmas in July*, Andrew Rafacz + NADA East Broadway, New York, NY (Curated by Wells Chandler) (catalog)
Grotto: Shrine, Soloway Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Sword Thumbs, Real Tinsel, Milwaukee, WI
2023 *Invisible Prairie*, Tinworks, Bozeman, MT
Geotex: Geometric Abstraction in Textile Art, Jeff Lincoln Art+Design, Southmahpton, NY
Pizza, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
2022 *COSMIC GEOMETRIES*, EFA Project Space, New York, NY
Station to Station: Laurel Sparks & Shawn Hansen, Soloway Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

- 2020** *Lost and Proud*, organized by River Valley Arts Collective, Atlas Studios, Newburgh, NY
- 2019** *Polishing the Jewel Box*, curated by Underdonk, Disturb the Neighbors, New York, NY
Fractal Labyrinth, Rosenberg Gallery, New York University, NY
- 2018** *I Don't Believe in Art I Believe in Artists*, curated by Jen DeNike, LX Arts, New York, NY
Wind-Scoured Scribes, Mother Gallery, Beacon, NY
All Over the Moon, curated by Jack Pierson, Cheim & Read, New York, NY
My Vicious Throbbing Heart: Animating Desire in Abstract Painting, Franklin Street Works, Stamford, CT
Haptic Tactics, Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, New York, NY
Source: Code, Park Hyatt New York Avenue Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017** *Tie Up, Draw Down*, The Center for Craft, Creativity and Design, Asheville, NC
Witches, SEPTEMBER, Hudson, NY
Post-Election, SEPTEMBER, Hudson, NY
- 2016** XXXmASS, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
Magic, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ
Tomorrow's Man, University of Nevada, Reno's Museum, NV
- 2015** *Coal for Wine*, Fine Art Building Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Coal for Wine, Brennan and Griffin, New York, NY
Wayfarers, Berman Museum, Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA
RBPMW SIP Fellowship Show II, Elizabeth Foundation Gallery, New York, NY
Pure Paint for Now People, Mary Elizabeth Dee Shaw Gallery, Weber State University, Ogden, UT
- 2014** Esoterico Collective, Brooklyn, NY
FIAR Alumni Exhibition, Leslie Lohman Museum for Gay and Lesbian Art, New York, NY
The Last Brucennial, New York, NY
Real Estate, Ventana 244, Brooklyn, NY
Parallels: Investigation of Geometry and Gesture, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI
- 2013** *See With Fingers*, Barbara Walters Gallery, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
Queer History of Fashion: From the Closet to the Catwalk, The Museum at FIT, New York, NY
The Pink Panther Imitates Nothing, Memorial Hall Painting Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
- 2012** *Bazaar*, Soloway Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Simpatico, Boston University Art Gallery, Boston, MA
Past and Present, Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts Academy, Idyllwild, CA
Editions/Artists Books Fair, New York, NY
- 2011** *Affinities: Painting in Abstraction*, D'Amelio Terras, New York, NY
Shakedown, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY
Trans Medium, Limerick-Frazier Gallery, Austin, TX
Editions/Artists Books Fair, New York, NY
In Like a Lion, 443 PAS, New York, NY
Dependent Fair, Soloway Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010** Biennial Exhibition, Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
Dramatis Personae, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY
No Vacancy, (Curated By CLEOPATRA'S), ARTSTAR, artstar.com, New York, NY
Painting Now, Grimshaw-Gudewicz Art Gallery, Fall River, MA
- 2009** *Affinities: Painting in Abstraction*, Rhode Island School of Design, Memorial Hall Painting Gallery, Providence, RI

- 2008** Traveling Scholars Exhibition, Museum Of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Affinities: Painting in Abstraction, Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts, Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ
*The Guys We Would F*ck*, (Curated by Nayland Blake), Monya Rowe Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007** *Affinities: Painting in Abstraction*, Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Big Bang: Abstract Painting for the 21st Century, Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
Laurel Sparks and Hannah Barrett, Artunited, Vienna, Austria

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- 2024** Bishara, Hakim, *Christmas in July*, [Hyperallergic](#), July 16, 2024.
- 2023** Hergett, Rachel, *'Invisible Prairie' invites viewers on multi-sensory exploration*, [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#), June 21, 2023.
- 2022** Steinhauer, Jillian, *Cosmic Geometries*, [New York Times](#), Feb. 2, 2022.
- 2021** @Coastalpost, *Remote Visits Part VI* (organized by Nick Naber), [Instagram](#), March 8, 2021.
- 2020** Barry, Ian and Molly Channon, *Black Light Monologue: Laurel Sparks, Liz Collins Energy Field*, Tang Skidmore, 2020: pp 82-85.
- 2019** Smith, Roberta, *New York Galleries: Elisabeth Kley and Tabboo!*, [The New York Times](#), October 30, 2019.
- 2018** Dillon, Noah, *Throbbing heart: Queerness and abstract painting*, [Two Coats of Paint](#), September 1, 2018.
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 Alfred MacAdam, *Laurel Sparks, Geomantria*, [The Brooklyn Rail](#), March 5, 2018.
- 2017** Dillon, Noah, *"Witches" at September Gallery in Hudson, New York*, [ArtInfo](#), May 1, 2017.
- 2016** Duffy, Owen, *Reviews: "Coal for Wine" Brennan & Griffin, Curated by Nicholas Irzyk*, [ART PULSE](#), No. 25 Vol. 7, 2016, Print. p. 106.
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 Puleo, Risa, *Redefining Intention: Laurel Sparks and Ivan LOZANO*, [Art21 Magazine](#), January 6, 2015.
- 2014** Lotus, Greg, *Cover Editorial with Arizona Muse*, [Vogue Mexico](#), May 2014.
- 2013** Fialho, Alex, *Nuggets of Queerness: Year 3 of the Fire Island Artist Residency*, [Art F City](#), August 29, 2013.
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- 2011** Hirsch, Faye, *Ten Highlights From the Editions/Artists Book Fair*, [Art in America](#).
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- 2009** Avruch, David O., *Laurel Sparks: Pleasure Dome @ Howard Yezerski*, [Big Red and Shiny](#) 100, February 16, 2009.
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Big Bang! Abstract Painting for the 21st Century, Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Exhibition Catalog.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2026** Siena Art Institute, Artist Residency, Siena, Italy
2024 Headlands Center for the Arts, Chiaro Award Residency, Sausalito, CA

- 2022-23** Tinworks Art, Project Grant and Residency, Bozeman, MT
- 2020** New American Paintings #146, Northeast Edition (Curated by Jerry Salz), Finalist
- 2019** MacDowell Colony Fellowship, Peterborough, NH
- 2014** Elizabeth Foundation, Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, Studio Immersion Fellowship, New York, NY
- 2013** Fire Island Artist Residency, Fire Island, NY
- 2012** New American Painting, Northeast Edition, Finalist
- 2011** Residenza del Palmerino, Associazione Culturale Il Palmerino, Firenze, Italy
- 2008** New American Paintings, Northeast Edition, Finalist
- 2007** Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grant, Great Barrington, MA
- 2006** School of The Museum Of Fine Arts, Alumni Traveling Scholarship Award, Boston, MA
- 2004** Massachusetts Cultural Council, Finalist Painting Grant
- 2003** Elaine De Kooning Painting Fellowship, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
Berman Museum, Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA
Fidelity Investments Corporate Art Collection, Boston, MA