

# KATE WERBLE

## MARILYN LERNER

Born 1942, Milwaukee, WI  
Lives and works in New York, NY

## EDUCATION

**1966** MFA Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
**1964** BS University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2024** *The Journey's The Thing*, Sprüth Magers Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
**2023** *Memory is a Fickle Thing*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2021** *Walking Backward Running Forward Again*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2018** *Walking Backward Running Forward*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2016** *Hardmonies*, CUE Art Foundation, New York, NY  
**2014** *Circle in the Square*, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny, Ireland  
**1992** Robert Morrison Gallery, New York, NY  
**1989** John Good Gallery, New York, NY  
**1987** John Good Gallery, New York, NY  
**1976** Kornblee Gallery, New York, NY  
**1969** Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2026** *Line / Form*, Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY  
**2025** *The Happiness Project Episode One: Acquaintance*, organized by José Freire, Lubov New York, NY  
*Side Lined*, PPOW Gallery, New York, NY  
*Tyger Tyger, burning bright*, co-organized by Thalassa Balanis and Kate Werble, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2023** Abdolreza Aminlari | Polly Apfelbaum | Marilyn Lerner | Fanny Sanín | Alan Shields, Van Doren Waxter, New York, NY  
*Pizza*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2022** *Tangible Form*, Dickinson Gallery, New York, NY  
*COSMIC GEOMETRIES*, EFA Project Space, New York, NY  
**2021** *For the Record: Celebrating Art by Women*, curated by J. Rachel Gustafson, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL  
**2019** *CONSTRUCTED*, Contemporary Art Galleries, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
*Warm, Cool, Round, Square*, 20|20 Gallery, Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY  
**2018** *Michelle Benoit, Marilyn Lerner, and Pete Schulte*, McKenzie Fine Art Inc., New York, NY  
*ROYGBIV*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2017** *Paisley*, curated by Peter Hristoff, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY  
American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
*EDGE*, Philip Stein Gallery, St. Louis, MO

**2016** *Voyage of the Beagle*, curated by Peggy Cyphers, RADIATOR Gallery, New York, NY

**2015** *Full Tilt*, curated by John Yau, Novella Gallery, New York, NY

**2014** *The Thing Itself*, curated by John Yau, Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster, NJ

**2012** *Vivid Painting*, curated by Christian Haub, Terrazzo Art Projects, New York, NY

**2012** *Susan Hartnett / Ralph Humphrey / Marilyn Lerner / Dona Nelson*, curated by Klaus Kertess, Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY

**2009** *Octet: Selected Works from the School of Visual Arts*, Suna and Inac Kirac Foundation, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

**2006** *To Shanghai and Back*, Bertha and Karl Leubsdorf Art Gallery, Hunter College, New York, NY

**2001** *Expanding Tradition: Contemporary Works Influenced by Indian Miniatures*, curated by Susan Leopold, Deutsch Bank Lobby Gallery, New York, NY

**1997** *After the Fall: Aspects of Abstract Painting Since 1970*, curated by Lilly Wei, Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, New York, NY

**1993** *Possessions*, curated by Milton Glaser, School of Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY

**1993** *Summer Salon Show*, Robert Morrison Gallery, New York, NY

**1993** *Object Bodies*, curated by Terry R. Myers, William Weston Clark Emison Art Center, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

**1989** *Invitational with Gallery Artists*, Fiction/Nonfiction Gallery, New York, NY

**1989** *Painting Between Paradigms*, curated by Saul Ostrow, Rhamel Gallery, Cologne, Germany, traveling to University Galleries, Spain, and Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York, NY

**1989** *Real Abstract*, John Good Gallery, New York, NY

**1989** *3Nature in Art: Paintings by 44 Women Artists*, curated by Ronny Cohen and Carola Van Den Houten, One Penn Plaza, New York, NY

**1987** *Art Against AIDS*, John Good Gallery, New York, NY

**1986** *Art from the City* University of New York: Approaches to Abstraction, Shanghai, China

**1986** *New American Abstraction*, John Good Gallery, New York, NY

**1982** *Group Show*, Feminist Art Institute, New York, NY

**1982** *Group Show*, Brainard Art Gallery, State University, Potsdam, NY

**1981** *The Shaped Field: Eccentric Formats*, curated by Horace Brockington, PS1, New York, NY

**1973** *Second Annual Contemporary Reflections*, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT

**1972** *Marilyn Lerner/Bill Schwedler*, Gertrude Kasle Gallery, Detroit, MI

**1972** *American Woman Artist Show*, Gedok Gemeinschaft Der Künstlerinnen Und Kunstfriunde, Hamburg, Germany

**1970** *Whitney Sculpture Annual*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

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**2023** Artforum artguide, *Must See: The Happiness Project: Episode 1: Acquaintance*  
Jones, Mary, *Marilyn Lerner: Memory is a Fickle Thing*, [The Brooklyn Rail](#), December 16, 2023.

**2022** Steinhauer, Jillian, *Cosmic Geometries*, [New York Times](#), Review, Illustration  
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**2021** Yau, John, *Marilyn Lerner Shifts Gears, Again*, [Hyperallergic](#), April 9, 2021.

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**2020**  
Cyphers, Peggy, [Valentine](#), [New Observations Magazine](#), February 1, 2020.

**2019**  
Maine, Stephen, *The Abstract Zeitgeist in Storrs*, [Two Coats of Paint](#), November 16, 2019.

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**2018**  
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**2017**  
*Harmonies: Marilyn Lerner*, exhibition catalogue, CUE Art Foundation, New York, NY

Yau, John, *A Singular Enterprise*, [The Wild Children of William Blake: Essays On Art and Poetry](#), p. 219, November 2017.

**2016**  
Yau, John, *A Singular Enterprise*, [Hyperallergic](#), September 11, 2016.

*Marilyn Lerner, Romanov Grave*, September 7, 2016.

**2014**  
*Marilyn Lerner, Circle in the Square*, [Kilkenny Arts Festival Magazine](#), August 2014.

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**2010**  
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**2009**  
*Octet: Selected Works From the School of the Visual Arts*, exhibition catalogue, edited by Suzanne Anker and Peter Hristoff, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

**2006**  
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**2001**  
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**1991** Jones, Mary, *Marilyn Lerner/Jill Levine at Fiction/Non Fiction*, *Arts Magazine*

**1990** Frank, Peter, *Reconstructivist Painting: New Modern Abstraction in the United States*, *Artspace*  
Frank, Peter, *Rekonstruktivismus - Neo Modern Abstraktion in Den Vereinigten Staaten*, *Kunstforum International*, No. 105

**1989** Myers, Terry R., *Controlled Substance, Marilyn Lerner's Recent Paintings*, *Arts Magazine*  
Wei, Lilly, *Peripathic Artists: 14 Statements*, *Art in America*  
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**1988** Gilbert-Rolfe, Jeremy, *Solid Abstraction at Saxon Lee*  
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**1986** *Approaches to Abstraction*, exhibition catalogue, edited by Sanford Wurmfeld, City University of New York, Art from CUNY, New York, NY  
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**1977** Ellenzweig, Allen, *Marilyn Lerner at Jill Kornblee*, *Arts Magazine*  
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**1972** *Second Annual Contemporary Reflections*, 1972-1973, exhibition catalogue, Ridgefield, CT  
*Gedok American Woman Artist Show / Gedok Gemeinschalt Dur Kunstlerinnen Und Kunstfreunde*, exhibition catalogue, Hamburg, Germany

**1970** *Whitney Museum Sculpture Annual*, exhibition catalogue, the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

**2017** American Academy of Arts and Letters Purchase Prize, New York, NY

**1994** Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Individual Support Grant

**1991** Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Indo-American Fellowship  
Fulbright Scholarship, 1991-1992

**1990** New York Foundation for the Arts, Drawing Fellowship

**1989** New York State Council on the Arts, Individual Artist Program  
MacDowell Colony Fellowship, Peterborough, NH

<b>1987</b>	National Endowment for the Arts, Painting
<b>1981</b>	Caps Fellowship, Painting
<b>1976</b>	Caps Fellowship, Painting
<b>1965</b>	LeRoy Neiman Foundation, Ox-Bow School of Art, Fellowship
<b>1964</b>	LeRoy Neiman Foundation, Ox-Bow School of Art, Fellowship

## **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, NY  
The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
The Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL  
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN  
The Office of Public Works for the State Art Collection, Ireland  
McCrory Corporation, New York, NY  
Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, NY  
IBM Corporation, Endicott, New York, NY  
Prudential Life Insurance, New York, NY  
Progressive Corporation, Cleveland OH  
Best Products, New York, New York, NY  
Commerce Bankshares, Kansas City, MO  
United Yarn Products, New York, NY  
Davis Polk and Wardell, New York, NY  
Arthur Anderson & Company, New York, NY  
Merrill Lynch, New York, NY  
Bell Telephone, New York, NY  
Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH