

# 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 EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** *Time Machines*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
**2023** *Settler Séance*, Tinworks, Bozeman, MT  
**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

- 2024** *Grotto: Shrine* Soloway Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
**2023** *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  
**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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**2020**     Barry, Ian and Molly Channon, *Black Light Monologue: Laurel Sparks*,

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- 2019** Smith, Roberta, *New York Galleries: Elisabeth Kley and Tabboo!*, The New York Times, October 30, 2019.
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- 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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- 2012** O'Rourke, John, *Abstract Art for the 21st Century*, BU Today, September 21, 2012. (Web)  
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*Laurel Sparks, Gorky's Granddaughter*, Tuesday, July 10, 2012. (Web)  
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*Studio Visit with Laurel Sparks, Bull and Ram*, Tuesday, April, 24, 2012. (Web)  
*Every picture Tells a Story*, Minuteman News Center, January 20, 2012. (Web)
- 2011** Hirsch, Faye, *Ten Highlights From the Editions/Artists Book Fair*, Art in America. November 4, 2011.  
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## AWARDS, GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2024** Headlands Center for the Arts, Chiaro Award Residency, Sausalito, CA  
**2023** Tinworks Art, Project Grant and Residency, Bozeman, MT  
**2020** New American Painting, Northeast Edition, 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, Collegetown, PA  
 Fidelity Investments Corporate Art Collection, Boston, MA