

# GAGOSIAN

## Blair Thurman Biography

Born in 1961 in New Orleans, LA.  
Lives and works in New York, NY.

### **Education:**

1988 MFA, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MA.  
1984 BFA, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Canada.

### **Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions:**

2022 *Blair Thurman: Grenadine Dreams*. Galerie Xippas, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*SPOOK ROCK ROAD/KASINO CUT*. Frac Normandie Caen, Caen, France.

2020 *Blair Thurman*. Frank Elbaz, Paris, France.

2019 *Blair Thurman*. Galeria Mascota, Mexico City, Mexico.  
*Blair Thurman*. The Journal, New York, NY.

2018 *Justin Adian & Blair Thurman*. Galerie Lange & Pult, Zurich, Switzerland.  
*Exquisite Course*. Peres Projects, Berlin, Germany.  
*Blair Thurman: Nell'Acqua Azzurra*, Garage Italia, Milan, Italy.

2017 Gagosian Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Alpine Stereo*. Galerie Andrea Caratsch, Zurich, Switzerland.

2016 Galerie Frank Elbaz, Dallas, TX.  
*Mature Blonde*. Almine Rech, London, England.

2015 *Honeybadgers*. Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK.  
Peres Projects, Berlin, Germany.

2014 Gagosian Gallery, Madison Ave. New York, NY.  
Galerie Frank Elbaz, Paris, France.  
Lange + Pult, Zürich, Switzerland.  
Magasin – Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Grenoble, France.

2013 Klemens Gasser & Tanja Grunert, New York, NY.  
KARMA. Amagansett, NY.

2012 Galerie Frank Elbaz, Paris, France.

2011 Triple V, Paris, France.

2010 *Aus Unseren Kellern / From Our Cellars*. Klemens Gasser & Tanja Grunert, Inc., New York, NY.

2009 *Color Me Gone!* Evergreene, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Vieux-Grenadiers*. Hard Hat, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Never Bet the Devil Your Head*. Alexia Goethe Gallery, London, England.

2008 *Blair Thurman — Supermodel*. Triple V, Dijon, France.  
*Krumms Along the Mohawk*. Galerie Frank Elbaz, Paris, France.

2007 *The Best Tan in Town!* Galerie Hubert Bächler, Zürich, Switzerland.

2004 *They're Always After My Lucky Charms*. Galerie Hubert Bächler, Zürich, Switzerland.

2003 Arte e Ricambi, Verona. Italy.

2001 *Blair Thurman et le Freistilmuseum*. Circuit, Lausanne, Switzerland.

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- 1999 Écart, Art 30'99 Basel, Statements section, Basel, Switzerland.  
1998 T.Z. Art, New York, NY.  
1996 Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY.  
1994 Christophe Gossweiler, Zofingen, Switzerland.

### **Group Exhibitions:**

- 2024 *Abstract*. Galerie Lange + Pult, Milvignes, Switzerland.  
*Humain Autonome: Déroutes*. Musée d'art contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine, France.
- 2023–2024 *Rough*. Presented by The Pierre Lorinet Collection, Gillman Barracks, Singapore.  
2023 *Naturaleza Abstracta*. Xippas, Punta del Este, Uruguay.  
*Proximities*. Pazo Fine Art, Kensington, MD.  
*Humain Autonome: Fossiles Mécaniques*. Place Faidherbe, Roubaix, France.  
*Interstellar*. Fondation Opale, Lens, Switzerland.  
*Slick & Rough*. Xippas, Paris, France.  
*Mixology*. Lee Eugean Gallery, Seoul, South Korea.  
*Elemental Perception*. Galloire, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.  
*Ümwelt*. Starkwhite, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2022 *Shaped*. Galerie Lange & Pult, Zurich, Switzerland & Mamco Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Abstract Painting*, QG Gallery, Knokke, Belgium.  
*An eeriness on the Plain*. 1301SW, Melbourne, Australia.
- 2021 *L'éducation sentimentale*. Lemme Art Contemporain, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
*x\_minimal*. Cassina Projects, Milan, Italy.  
*Blair Thurman, Sylvain Croci-Torti and Steven Parrino*. Galerie Joy de Rouvre, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2020–2021 *We Aim to Live: Contemporary Art from the Zuzans Collection*. Zuszem Art Centre, Riga, Latvia.
- 2020 *All of the Above, 2011-2020*. Kanal - Centre Pompidou, Brussels, Belgium.  
*None of the Above, 2004-2020*. Kanal - Centre Pompidou, Brussels, Belgium.  
*The Crowning Show*. Galerie Lange & Pult, Zurich, Switzerland.  
*All of a Sudden*. Galeria Mascota, Aspen, CO.  
*pre sent tense: William Leavitt, Ari Marcopoulos, Stefan Rinck, Mungo Thomson & Blair Thurman*. Galerie Frank Elbaz, Dallas, TX.  
*SITE: TURKEL HOUSE*. Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI.  
*Are You Familiar With Our Concept?* CF Hill, Stockholm, Sweden.  
*Pink Noise: John M. Armleder/Peter Schuyff/Blair Thurman*. Almine Rech, curated by Bill Powers, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2019 *Ecart at Art Basel (1980-2019)*. MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Reflections: Matt Black x Gana Art*. Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea.  
*Stephane Dafflon, Vincent Szarek, Blair Thurman*. Galerie Ruzicka, Salzburg, Austria.  
*The Abstract Cabinet*. Eduardo Secci Contemporary, Florence, Italy.  
*Exhibition for Notre Dame*. Gagosian, Paris, France.  
*Kunsthämmer I*. Lange & Pult, Auvornier, Switzerland.  
*Alentour: A Project by John Armleder*. Fondation CAB, Brussels, Belgium.  
Galerie Lange + Pult, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2018 *Letain Thurman Wadden*. McNamara Art Projects (in collaboration with Peres Projects, Berlin), Hong Kong.

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- Shaping the Canvas: Lucio Fontana, Blair Thurman, Nicholas Hlobo, Dianna Molzen.* McCabe Fine Art, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2017 *Varia.* Galerie Laurent Strouk, Paris, France.
- RGB, NSP: David Malek, Mathieu Mercier, Olivier Mosset, Hugo Pernet, Delphine Reist, Sylvian Rousseau et Blair Thurman.* Triple V, Paris, France.
- Sylvie Fleury, Olivier Mosset, Blair Thurman.* Galerie Lange & Pult, Auvernier, Switzerland.
- Paris Texas: Francis Alÿs, Davide Balula, Julie Cook, Christian Marclay, Robert Rauschenberg, Ed Ruscha, Blair Thurman.* Galerie Frank Elbaz, Dallas, TX.
- Color Block.* Galerie Triple V, Paris, France.
- Erica Baum, Francis Baudevin, Stephane Dafflon, Philippe Decrauzat, Blair Thurman.* Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria.
- Modern Sculpture.* Galería Casado Santapau, Madrid, Spain.
- Flatland : abstractions narratives.* Musée régional d'art contemporain, Languedoc-Roussillon, Sérignan, France.
- Carte blanche a Richard Fauguet.* FRAC—Artothèque du Limousin, Limoges, France.
- Zehn Jahre Zurich.* Galerie Lange & Pult, Zurich, Switzerland.
- Feedback,* curated by Leo Fitzpatrick. Marlborough Contemporary, New York, NY.
- Summer Sun.* The Journal, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2016 *Shapes.* Halsey Mckay, East Hampton, NY.
- NON FIGURATIF: un regain d'intérêt?* Centre d'art contemporain de Meymac, Meymac, France.
- SHRINES TO SPEED: Art and the Automobile: From the Minimal to the Postmodern.* Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY.
- Monstres et Madones: Melissa Boucher, Victor Man, Blair Thurman, & Céline Vaché-Olivieri.* Triple V, Paris, France.
- Dark Star: David Malek/Blair Thurman.* Ribordy Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland.
- GVA <-> JFK.* MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Blair Thurman/Philippe Decrauzat/Stephane Dafflon.* Honolulu, Zürich, Switzerland.
- Nice Weather.* Skarstedt Gallery, New York, NY.
- Inauguration au 5 rue du Mail.* Triple V, Paris, France.
- In Different Ways.* Almine Rech Gallery, London, England.
- 2015 *Space is the Place.* Triple V, Paris, France.
- Sprayed: Works from 1929–2015.* Gagosian Gallery, Britannia Street, London, England.
- Space Between.* Flag Art Foundation, New York, NY.
- I am a passenger.* avoncampolin, Pordenone, Italy.
- An Imperious Desire of Space.* Palette Terre, Paris, France.
- John Armleder, Stéphane Kropf, John Tremblay, and guests Mai-Thu Perret & Blair Thurman.* David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- The Living Room.* Art Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Chromophobia.* Gagosian Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland.
- ABSTRACTION EXCENTRIQUE ET GEOMETRIE COMIQUE: Oeuvres des collections du FRAC-ARTOTHÈQUE du Limousin.* Le Garage, Brive, France.
- Rascal House.* Half Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2014 *That was Ken, This is Now.* Evergreene Studio, Malibu, FL.
- Circuit 2: Blair Thurman, John Armleder, Steven Parrino, Philippe Decrauzat, Didier Rittener, Luc Aubort.* Artericambi, Verona, Italy.
- QUIZ.* Ensemble Poirel, Nancy, France.
- Heart-Shaped Box.* Galerie Frank Elbaz, Paris, France.

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- 2013 *Spectres*. Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil.  
*POST-OP Perceptual Gone Painterly. 1958–2014*. Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France.  
*THE SHOW IS OVER*. Gagosian Gallery, London, England.  
*Sculpture after Artschwager*. David Nolan Gallery, New York, NY.  
*Mr I / John M Armleder*. Graff Mourgue d'Algue, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Spook Rock Road*. galerie frank elbaz, Paris, France.  
*Le Grand Tout*. FRAC Limousin, Limoges, France.  
Gagosian Gallery, Hong-Kong, HKG.  
*Steven Parrino/Blair Thurman/Justin Adian*. Half Gallery, New York, NY.  
*A Passion for Jean Prouvé from Furniture to Architecture: The Collection of Laurence and Patrick Seguin*. Pinacoteca Giovanni e Marella Agnelli, Turin, Italy.
- 2012 *Read Into It*. Dorfman Projects, New York, NY.  
*Mr I*. Graff Mourgue d'Algue, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Science Fiction #3*. Galerie Triple V, Paris, France.  
Circuit at Liste 17, Basel, Switzerland.  
*Micro Mania*. Gagosian Gallery, Paris, France.  
*THE OLD, THE NEW, THE DIFFERENT*. The Kunsthalle Bern Fondation, Bern, Switzerland.
- 2011 *Art Basel Miami Beach*. Miami Beach, FL.  
*American Exuberance*. Rubell Family Collection / Contemporary Arts Foundation, Miami, FL.  
*Dystopia*. CAPC Museum of Contemporary Art, Bordeaux, France.  
*Arabesque*. Galerie Hubert Bächler, Zürich, Switzerland.  
*Nel Frattempo/Meanwhile*. Ex Mercata della Frutta, Valeggio sul Mincio, Verona, Italy.  
*Carte Blanche à John M. Armleder: All of the Above*. Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France.
- 2010 *Radical Postures*. Galerie Les filles du calvaire, Brussels, Belgium.  
*NEO, GEO et CIE, L'image de l'abstraction à la fine du XXme siècle*. FRAC Limousin, Limoges, France.
- 2009 *OFF THE WALL*. Van de Weghe Fine Art, New York, NY.  
*Born to Be Wild*. Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, Switzerland.  
*Portrait de l'artiste en motocycliste / Portrait of the artist as a biker*. Musée des beaux-arts de La Chaux-de-Fonds, Neuchâtel, France.  
*Top 10 Allegories*. Curated by Hard Hat, Geneva, for Galerie Francesca Pia, Zürich, Switzerland.  
*Les David 2009*. Exposition des Artistes Nomines, Espace Pierre Cardin, Paris, France.  
*Une exposition de peinture*. Zoo Galerie, Nantes, France.
- 2008 *The Best is Yet to Come*. Galerie Hubert Bächler, Zürich, Switzerland.  
*Next: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*. Galerie Hans Mayer, Cologne, Germany.  
*La Chute d'eau. Circuit*, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
*The Freak Show*. Musée de la Monnaie, Paris, France.  
*Marque Noire: Black Noise. Un hommage à Steven Parrino*. CNEAI, Chatou, France.  
*Déformalismes*. Galerie Praz-Delavallade, Paris, France.  
*NOS 2008*. Non-Objectif Sud, Tulette, France.
- 2007 *Black Noise: A tribute to Steven Parrino*. MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland.  
*Bastard Creatures*. Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France.  
*Half Square, Half Crazy*. Villa Arson, Nice, France.  
*Monster M.C.* Sign sculpture for Circuit, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
*Op-Ed World*. galerie frank elbaz, Paris, France.  
*The Freak Show*. MAC, Lyon, France.  
*Group show*. Sagan Gallery, Seoul, Korea.

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- At Home in The Universe.* Mongin Art Center, Seoul, Korea.  
*Introvert/Extrovert: Makes No Difference.* Galerie Catherine Issert, St. Paul de Vence, France.  
*Lux.* Magazzini del Sale e giardini di Villa Ottelio-Savorgnan, Ariis di Rivignano, Venice, Italy.  
*Hard Hat at Dispatch.* Dispatch for Bureau, New York, NY.  
2006 Ecart, Basel, Switzerland.  
*SuperNova.* Domaine Pommery, Reims, France.  
Art Crating, Brooklyn, New York, NY.  
*Dezember.* Galerie Hubert Bächler, Zürich, Switzerland.  
2005 *For Steven Parrino.* Ecart, Basel, Switzerland.  
2004 *None of Above.* Swiss institute, New York, NY.  
*Home Alone.* Stiftung Starke, Berlin, Germany.  
2003 *Return of the Creature.* Künstlerhaus. Palais Thurn & Taxis, Bregenz.  
*Uncrated.* Spike Gallery, New York, NY.  
*Dezember.* Galerie Hubert Bächler, Zürich, Switzerland.  
2002 *BOMB.* Brooklyn Front Gallery, Brooklyn, NY.  
*Model Shop.* Front Gallery, Brooklyn, NY.  
2001 Show World Center, New York, NY.  
2000 *Art Basel 31.* Hyundai Gallery (Seoul), Basel, Switzerland.  
*Silver and Hi-Tech.* Norsk Bergverksmuseum/Kongsberg Kunstforening, Kongsberg, Norway.  
1999 *Bastard Kids of Drella.* Le Consortium, Dijon, France.  
*Last Chance Texaco.* Jean Deaux, Brooklyn, NY.  
*Drive In.* Ville Arson, Nice, France.  
1996 Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY.  
1995 *Incidental Alterations: P.S. 1 Studio Artists 1994–95.* The Angel Orensanz Foundation, New York, NY.  
1994 *Sculpture Art Miami.* Art Miami, Miami, FL.  
1992 *Two-person show with Steven Parrino.* Speedway Gallery, New York, NY.  
1991 The Gallery, New York, NY.

### **Public Collections:**

Centre national des arts plastique, Paris, France.  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France.  
Circuit, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
Le Consortium, Dijon, France.  
Fonds municipal d'art contemporain, Paris, France.  
Fonds régional d'art contemporain Limousin, France.  
Frac Normandie Caen, France.  
Künstlerhaus Palais Thurn und Taxis, Bregenz, Austria.  
Syz Collection, Switzerland.  
Musée d'art moderne et contemporain (MAMCO), Geneva, Switzerland.