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Rick Lowe Biography

Born in 1961, Russell County, AL.
Lives and works in Houston.

Academic Profession:

2016 Professor of Art, University of Houston.

Education:

1979–1982 Columbus State University, Columbus, GA.
1990–1992 Texas Southern University, Houston.
2001–2002 Loeb Fellow, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA.
2013–2015 Mel King Community Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.
2015 Honorary Doctorate, Otis College of Art, Los Angeles.
2015 Honorary Doctorate Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore.

Residencies:

2024 Roy Lichtenstein Artist in Residence, American Academy in Rome.

Solo Exhibitions:

2025 *Rick Lowe: Harbour Fragments.* Gagosian, Hong Kong.
Rick Lowe. Gagosian, Burlington Arcade, London.
Rick Lowe. University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor.
2024 *Rick Lowe: In Search of Light.* Gagosian, Gstaad, Switzerland.
Rick Lowe: The Arch within the Arc. Museo di Palazzo Grimani, Venice.
2023 *Rick Lowe: Still Learning from Athens.* Gagosian, Athens.
Hic sunt dracones (Here Lay Dragons) Mapping the Unknown: A project by Rick Lowe.
Benaki Museum / Pireos 138, Athens.
2022 *Rick Lowe: Notes on the Great Migration.* Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago,
Chicago.
Rick Lowe: Meditations on Social Sculpture. Gagosian, 541 West 24th Street, New
York.
2020 *Rick Lowe: New Paintings & Drawings.* Art League Houston, Houston.
2019 *Rick Lowe: The Humility Table.* Louise Alexander / AF Projects, Los Angeles.
2018 *Rick Lowe.* Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston.
2005 *Rick Lowe: Toward Social Sculpture.* Glassell School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

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Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2025 *Art, Place, and Power: Project Row Houses in Houston's Third Ward.* Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.
- 2024 *Social Abstraction.* Gagosian, Beverly Hills.
Social Abstraction. Gagosian, Hong Kong.
Effoto Notte: Nuovo Realismo Americano. Gallerie Nazionali di Arte Antica, Palazzo Barberini, Rome.
Revolutions: Art from the Hirshhorn Collection, 1860–1960. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
- 2023 *Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage.* Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN.
- 2022 *Whitney Biennial: Quiet as It's Kept.* Whitney Museum of American Art, New York.
Tangible/Nothing. Ruby City, San Antonio.
Black Abstractionists: From then until Now. Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas.
Urban Impressions: Experiencing the Global Contemporary Metropolis. Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston.
- 2021 *Social Works, curated by Antwaun Sargent.* Gagosian, 555 West 24th Street, New York.
Social Works II, curated by Antwaun Sargent. Gagosian, Grosvenor Hill, London.
Texas Triennial. Ruby City Museum, San Antonio.
Toward Common Cause: Art, Social Change, and the MacArthur Fellows Program at 40. Smart Museum, Chicago.
- 2020 *Storage_.* Storage Projects, New York.
- 2019 *Place.* Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston.
Prizm Art Fair. Miami.
- 2018 *Polis.* Museo de Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia.
- 2017 *Documenta 14.* Victoria Square Project, Athens.
Budapest Windows, in collaboration with Maria Papadimitriou. Budapest.
- 2014 *Work in Public.* Dacard, Berlin.
- 2013 *ECONOMY.* Center for Contemporary Art, Glasgow, Scotland.
ExChange. Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas.
- 2012 *Memory Lab.* Center for Living Arts, Mobile, AL.
A Life in Common. Cittadell art/Fondazione Pistoletto, Biella, Italy.
- 2010 *2010 Anyang Public Art Program.* Anyang, South Korea.
- 2009 *Needle in a Haystack.* Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock, Los Angeles.
Into the Open: Positioning. Parsons at the New School for Design, New York.
No Zoning. Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston.
- 2008 *Into the Open: Positioning Practice.* Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice.
In Katrina's Wake. Blanton Museum of Art, Austin.
- 2005 *Toward Social Sculpture.* Glassell School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.
- 2001 *New Land Marks.* Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia.
- 2000 *OutBound.* Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston.
- 1997 *Gwangju Biennale.* Gwangju, South Korea.
Neuberger Biennial. Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY.
- 1995 *Uncommon Sense.* Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.
- 1996 *Soft Urbanism.* Kumamoto Museum of Art Kumamoto, Japan.
Projected. Project Row Houses, Space One Eleven, Birmingham, AL.

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Alternative Community Art Projects:

- 2018– *Black Wall Street Journey*. Chicago.
2018– *Greenwood Art Project*. Tulsa, OK.
2016– *Victoria Square Project*. Athens.
2013–2018 *Trans.lation: Vickery Meadow*. Dallas.
2012–2013 *Africa Town Project*. Mobile, AL.
2010 *Small Business Big Change*. APAP 2010, Anyang, South Korea.
2008–2010 *exchange/value project* (in collaboration with artist Wendy Ewald and students).
Amherst College, Amherst, MA.
2006–2010 *Transforma Projects* (in collaboration with Sam Durant, Mel Chin, Tom Finkelpearl,
Jessica Cusick et al). New Orleans.
Eatonville 2037. Eatonville, FL.
2003–2004 *Delray Beach Cultural Loop*. Delray Beach, FL.
2003 *Borough Project*. in collaboration with Suzanne Lacy and Mary Jane Jacobs, Spoleto
Festival, Charleston, SC.
2002 *Freehouse* (with Jeanne Van Heeswijk). Rotterdam, Netherlands.
1998 *May Street: A Place for Remembrance*. Fairmount Art Park Association, Philadelphia.
1996–2012 *Watts House Project*. Los Angeles.
1993–2018 *Project Row Houses*. Housto.

Awards:

- 2024 Posey Leader-In-Residence and Posey Leadership Award.
2022 Inducted into the National Academy of Design for 2022.
2020 Texas Artist of the Year, Art League of Houston.
2019 Texas 3D Artist of the Year, Texas Commission on the Arts.
2015 Texas Medal of Arts Award for Visual Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts.
2014 MacArthur Fellowship, MacArthur Foundation.
2010 Leonore Annenberg Prize for Art & Social Justice, Creative Time, New York.
2009 Skandalaris Award for Art and Architecture.
United States Artists Booth Fellowship in Design.
2006 Brandywine Lifetime Achievement Award .
2005 Osher Fellow, Exploratorium, San Francisco.
2005 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Governors Award.
2002 Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities.
2000 American Institute of Architecture Keystone Award.
1997 Rudy Bruner Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment.

Collections:

Aishti Foundation, Lebanon
ASOM Foundation, Liechtenstein, Germany
Blackstone Art Collection
Brooklyn Museum, New York

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The Columbus Museum, GA
de Young Museum, San Francisco
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
High Museum of Art, Atlanta
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Washington, DC
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Menil Collection, Houston
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
Tanoto Foundation, Singapore
Tate Modern, London
UBS Art Collection, Zurich
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York