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Walton Ford Biography

Born in 1960, Larchmont, NY.
Lives and works in New York, NY.

Education:

1982 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.
European Honors Program, Rhode Island School of Design, Rome, Italy.

Solo Exhibitions:

2022 *Walton Ford*. Gagosian, New York, NY.
2018 *Barbary*. Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
2017 *Calafia*. Gagosian, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, CA.
2015 *Walton Ford*. Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Paris, France.
2014 *Watercolors*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
2011 *I don't like to look at him, Jack. It makes me think of that awful day on the island*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
2010 *Walton Ford: Bestiarium*. Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark; Hamburger Bahnhof Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin, Germany; Albertina, Vienna, Austria.
2009 *Walton Ford: New Work*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
2008 *Walton Ford*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
2007 *Tigers of Wrath: Watercolors by Walton Ford*. Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL.
Walton Ford. San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX.
2006 *Tigers of Wrath: Watercolors by Walton Ford*. Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY.
Walton Ford: Works on Paper. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
2005 *Walton Ford*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
2004 *Bitter Gulfs*. Paul Kasmin Gallery at 511, New York, NY
Walton Ford. New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT.
Walton Ford. Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
2002 *Walton Ford*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
2000 *Walton Ford*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
Brutal Beauty. Bowdin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME.
1999 *Walton Ford*. University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA.
Walton Ford. Kohn-Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
1998 *Walton Ford*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
Walton Ford. Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO.
1997 *Walton Ford*. Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, NC.
Walton Ford. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.

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- 1993 *Procrustean Beds*. Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery, in collaboration with Michael Klein, Inc., New York, NY.
Walton Ford. The Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH.
Walton Ford. Virginia Beach Center for The Arts, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 1991 *Walton Ford*. Bess Cutler Gallery, Santa Monica, CA.
Walton Ford. Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY.
- 1990 *The Blood Remembers*. Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY.

Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2022 *Symbiosis*. Berkshire Botanical Garden. Stockbridge, MA.
- 2021 *An Ideal Landscape*. Gagosian, 980 Madison, New York, NY.
- 2017 *Naturalia*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2016 *On the Origin of Art*. Museum of Old And New Art, Hobart, Tasmania.
Animal on est mal: La collection du Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature revisitée par Richard Fauguet. Communauté d'agglomération de Marne et Gondoire, France.
- 2016 *The Nest*. Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY.
- 2013 *One Great Night in November*. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX.
- 2012 *The Bear Necessities*. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
Grey Full. Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2011 *Winged Shadows: Life Among Birds*. North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND.
Traum und Realität. Galerie Siegel-Springmann, Freiburg, Germany.
- 2010-11 *The Art of Giving*. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 *Wunderkammer: A Century of Curiosities*. MoMA, New York, NY.
- 2006 *Going Ape: Confronting Animals in Contemporary Art*. deCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA.
Rare Specimen. The Arsenal Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2005 *Social Realisms*. The Park School, Brooklandville, MD.
- 2004 *For the Birds*. Artspace, New Haven, CT.
Political Nature. The Whitney Museum, New York, NY.
Natural Histories: Realism Revisited. Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ.
Animals & Us: The Animal in Contemporary Art. The Galerie St. Etienne, New York, NY.
Birdspace: A Post-Audubon Artists Aviary. Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, LA; Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL; J Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY; McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown, OH; Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ.
- 2003 *Creatures That Stir, Symbol & Satire in Animals of Imagination*. Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA.
The Great Drawing Show. Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2002 *One Thousand Words*. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI.
Acquiring Taste. Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT.
Resisting Categories: Prints. The Gallery of South Orange, South Orange, NJ.
- 2001 *Natural Histories: Artists Forage in Science and Nature*. Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.
- 2000 *Deja Vu: Reworking the Past*. Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, New York, NY.
- 1999 *Collectors Gallery XXXIII*. The McNay Gallery, San Antonio, TX.

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- The Great Drawing Show 1550 – 1999*. Kohn Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
Summer Show: 1999. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
- 1998 *Wild Thing: Artists Views of the Animal World*. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 1997 *Summer*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
Animal Tales: Contemporary Bestiary and Animal Painting. Whitney Museum of American Art at Champion, Stamford, CT.
- 1996 *Landscapes*. Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY.
Heroic Painting. Curated by Susan Lubowsky, S.E.C.C.A., Winston-Salem, NC.
Classics Revisited. Winston Wachter Fine Art, New York, NY.
- 1995 *Next of Kin*. List Visual Arts Center, MIT, Cambridge, MA.
A Vital Matrix. Domestic Setting, Los Angeles, CA.
Walton Ford, Jimmie Durham. Ho Gallery, Hong Kong.
Americana. Grand Salon, New York, NY.
- 1994 *Ashley Bickerton, Jimmie Durham, Walton Ford, Jeff Wall*. Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery, New York, NY.
Points of Interest, Points of Departure. John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
American Landscape. Michael Klein, Inc., New York, NY.
History 101: The Re-Search for Family. Curated by Mel Watkin, Forum for Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO.
- 1993 *Living with Art: the collection of Ellyn & Saul Dennison*. The Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ.
Kurswechsel. Transart Exhibitions, Michael Klein, Inc., Cologne, Germany.
- 1992 *The Landscape as Stage*. Curated by Meyer Raphael Rubinstein, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1991 *Junge Amerikanische und Deutsche Malerei*. Galerie Schulze, Cologne, Germany.
Artists Books from A to B: Contemporary Artists' Books. Center for Arts Books Exhibition, Harper Collins, New York, NY.
In the Looking Glass: Contemporary Narrative Paintings. MINT Museum of ART, Charlotte, NC.
Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY.
- 1990 *A Sense of Place*. Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, Montgomery, AL.
Critical Revisions. Curated by Lois Nesbitt, Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY.
Collectors Choice of Emerging Artists – 1990. Vered Gallery, East Hampton, New York, NY.
- 1989 *Brut 90*. White Columns, New York, NY.
American Pi(e). Bess Cutler Gallery, New York, NY.
- 1988 *Un Regard Autre*. Farideh Cadot Gallery, Paris, France.

Awards:

- 1992 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Fellowship
1991 National Endowment for the Arts, Fellowship
1990 Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, Grant
1989 New York Foundation for the Arts, Fellowship
The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Grant

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1988 Art Matters, Inc., Fellowship
The Penny McCall Foundation, Grant

Public Collections:

Alturas Foundation, Boston, MA.
Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME.
Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, AR.
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NY.
DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA.
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY.
New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT.
New York Public Library, New York, NY.
Princeton Art Museum, Princeton, NJ.
San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX.
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C.
Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence, KS.
University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA.
Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT.
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY.

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Books and Catalogues:

- 2017 -----, *Calafia*. New York: Gagosian.
Lescaze, Zoë and Walton Ford. *Paleoart: Visions of the Prehistoric Past*. New York: Taschen.
- 2015 Buford, Bill and Walton Ford. *Walton Ford: Pancha Tantra*. Los Angeles: Taschen America.
Ford, Walton and Claude d'Anthenaise and Jerome Neutres. *Walton Ford*. Paris: Flammarion.
- 2002 Katz, Steven and Dodie Kazanjian. *Walton Ford: Tigers of Wrath, Horses of Instruction*. New York: Harry N. Abrams.
- 1993 Rubinstein, Meyer Raphael and Barry Schwabsk. *Walton Ford and Julie Jones*. Contemporary Arts Center.

Articles and Reviews:

- 2017 Drohojowska-Philp, Hunter. "Walton Ford and Chris Burden." *KCRW*, Dec 8.
Freeman, Nate. "California Dreamin' – Walton Ford Explores Golden State Origin Myths at Gagosian Beverly Hills." *ARTnews*, Nov 30.
Haefele, Marc. "The past strikes back in Walton Ford's watercolors." *KPCC*, Nov 14.
Miranda, Carolina A. "Datebook: California's mythical roots, layered histories of the slave trade, machines for enlightenment." *Los Angeles Times*, Nov 2.
Rosenfeld, James. "Walton Ford." *The Brooklyn Rail*, Nov.
Meier, Allison. "The Rise of Paleoart, and the Artist's Role in Our Visions of Dinosaurs." *Hyperallergic*, Sep 21.
Barrett, Katy. "Dinosaurs, dioramas, and the strange world of natural history." *Apollo*, Sep 7.
Blakemore, Erin. "Drawing a dinosaur when you've never seen one." *The Washington Post*, Sep 3.
- 2015 Blagg, Max. "Savage Beauty." *Man of the World*, Fall, no. 13.
- 2014 Giuducci, Mark. "Walton Ford is the Wes Anderson of the Art World – His New Show Opens at Paul Kasmin Gallery." *Vogue*, May 7.
- 2012 Frankel, David. "Walton Ford, Paul Kasmin Gallery, 293 Tenth Avenue." *Artforum*, Feb.
- 2011 Lala, Kisa. "Ape and Super-Ape: A Chat With Walton Ford on Unnatural Histories." *The Huffington Post*, Dec 19.
Andrews, Julie D. "Walton Ford's Massive King Kong Watercolors." *Elle*, Oct 27.
- 2009 Tomkins, Calvin. "Man and Beast." *The New Yorker*, Jan 26.
- 2005 Grant, Annette. "America the Beautifully Absurd." *The New York Times*, May 22.
Prosek, James. "A Naturalist Painter Evokes Legends of the Past." *The New York Times*, Jan 10.
- 1999 Kazanjian, Dodie. "Animal Magnetism." *Vogue*, Jul.
- 1997 Frankel, David. "Walton Ford, Paul Kasmin Gallery." *Artforum*, Oct.

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