

GARTH CLAASSEN

Born: 1953, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal

Education: 1976 B.A.F.A., University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1978 Graduate Studies in Ceramics, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1979 Higher Diploma of Education, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1985 M.A., History of Art, School of Fine Arts, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

1991 Ph.D., History of Art, School of Fine Arts, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

1993 Postgraduate Diploma in Fine Arts, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 *Unconscious Bent: A Survey of Regional Surrealism*, Yellowstone Museum of Art, Billings, Montana
Het Agterhuis, in conjunction with Langroise Trio; performances at Simplot Center for Performing Art, Boise, Idaho;
Langroise Recital Hall, C of I, Caldwell, Idaho
- 2013 *Legacy: David Walters and Friends--In Honor of Juliet Armstrong*, The William Humphreys Art Gallery,
Kimberley, South Africa
Northwest Contemporary, Art Association Gallery, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Inter/change, Gallery at the Linen Building, Boise, Idaho
- 2012 *Works on Paper*, Stewart Gallery, Boise, Idaho
Body Language, Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Museum, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho
- 2011 *Altar for Dia de los Muertos*, Idaho State Historical Museum, Boise, Idaho
- 2010 *Sustain and Expand, Idaho Triennial, 2010*. Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
Art Chicago, Stewart Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 2009 *Blunderings: Paintings and Drawings by Garth Claassen*, Stewart Gallery, Boise, Idaho
Los Angeles Art Show, Stewart Gallery, Los Angeles, California
Bloated Floaters, Snouted Sappers and the Defense of Empire, Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
- 2008 *Seven from the C. of I.*, Rosenthal Gallery, The College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
- 2007 *20/20: the 20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Stewart Gallery, Boise, Idaho
Affair @ the Jupiter Hotel, Stewart Gallery, Portland, Oregon
Winter Group Exhibition, Stewart Gallery, Boise, Idaho
- 2005 *Drawings, Paintings & Sculpture: Garth Claassen & Frances Fox*, Stewart Gallery, Boise, Idaho
- 2004 *The Contemplative and the Contested Landscape: Garth Claassen & John Taye*, Herrett Museum,
College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho
Ubu Roi set decoration & program illustration, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
- 2003 *Idaho Commission on the Arts Visual Arts Fellowship Touring Exhibition*, Boise, Idaho
- 2001 *9/11*, Group exhibition commemorating victims of the September 11, Visual Arts Center,
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
Estone Perpetua: Nameless Emperors and the Great Seal of Idaho, Rosenthal Gallery, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
Faculty/Staff Exhibition, Rosenthal Gallery, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
- 1998 *Idaho Triennial*, Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
Faculty Exhibition, Rosenthal Gallery of Art, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
Do It! Conceptual Art, Visual Arts Center, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
Hands in Clay: Exhibition of drawings at the Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
- 1996 *Drawings and Sculptures*, Takami Gallery, Treasure Valley Community College, Ontario, Oregon
Faculty Exhibition, Rosenthal Gallery of Art, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
- 1995 *Idaho Triennial*, (Drawings) Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
Faculty Exhibition, Rosenthal Gallery of Art, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
- 1993 *Joy of Making* (ceramics and drawings) Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1992 *Three Natal Artists: Juliet Armstrong, Garth Claassen, Terence King*, (ceramics and drawings) NSA Gallery,
Durban, South Africa
Contemporary Ceramics in South Africa, Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- 1991 *The Contemporary Vessel*, Karen McKerron Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1990 *Natal Art Lecturers*, Natal Technikon, Durban, South Africa
- 1989 *Natal Artists*, Buester-Skolimowski Gallery, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1983 *Ceramic Sculpture*, (solo show) Fine Arts Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
- 1978 *Graduate Exhibition* (solo show) Ceramics and Drawings, Jack Heath Gallery, University of Natal,
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- 1977 *Sculpture for the Unsighted*, South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2008 Idaho Commission on the Arts Fellowship Award, Boise, Idaho
- 2002 Idaho Commission on the Arts Fellowship Award, Boise, Idaho
- 2001 Exhibition QuickArt\$ Grant, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Boise, Idaho
- 1995 National Endowment Summer Travel Grant to Art Students League, New York, New York
- 1987 Samuel A. Kress Foundation Fellowship in Art History

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
University of Durban-Westville, Durban, South Africa
University of Natal, Law Library, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
Stewart Gallery, Boise

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 2005 *Best Gallery Exhibit: Garth Claassen at Stewart Gallery*, Boise Weekly, Best of Boise
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- 2003 *Visual Arts Fellowship Exhibition Catalogue*, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Boise, Idaho
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- 2002 *Notebook*, Big Sky Journal (Arts Issue 2002), pp. 94-5
Hoffman, Nathaniel, *Interpreting Idaho's Imagery*, Idaho Press Tribune June 20, 2002, p.1A
- 2000 Sewell, Cynthia, *Hands in Clay*, Sun Valley Art (Winter 2000), pp. 64-66
- 1998 Boise Art Museum, *1998 Idaho Triennial Exhibition* (Catalogue) Boise, 1998, p. 7
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- 1991 Cruise, W. & D. Hemp *Contemporary Ceramics in South Africa*, Cape Town, 1991, pp.110-11; 189
- 1982 Franssen, H. *Three Centuries of South African Art*, Johannesburg, 1982, p.342