

SHAWNE MAJOR

Born: 1968, New Iberia, Louisiana

EDUCATION

MFA: Sculpture, 1995, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

BFA: Painting, 1991, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA

SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Crown Shyness*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2023 *Shawne Major: Force Majeure*, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
Shawne Major: Sew What?, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX
- 2022 *Schema*, Hilliard Museum of Art, Lafayette, LA
- 2021 *Misdirection*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2020 *Shawne Major*, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
Folie à Deux, Lawndale Arts Center, Houston, TX
- 2018 *Shawne Major: Pareidolia*, Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 *Side Eye: Recent Work by Shawne Major*, Isaac Delgado Fine Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Spotlight on Shawne Major, Hilliard Museum of Art, Lafayette, LA
- 2015 *Collective Memory: Works by Shawne Major*, Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, LA
Surface Tension: Shawne Major, Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 *Shawne Major: Monkey Mind*, Moreau Art Gallery, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
Shawne Major: Ravens and Crows, Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs, MS, Aug-Sep
- 2012 *Rhyme and Reason: The Art of Shawne Major*, Hilliard Museum of Art, Lafayette, LA,
Shawne Major: On a Darkling Plain, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Shawne Major: Fetish, Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 *Tickle: New Works by Shawne Major*, Heriard-Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2009 *Shawne Major: Love Calls Us to the Things of This World*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC
- 2008 *The Sacred Space of Shawne Major*, Opelousas Museum of Art, Opelousas, LA
- 2007 *Recent Fiber Works by Shawne Major & Christine Tedesco*, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans
- 2006 *Apogee*, Heriard-Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Intrinsic Value: Works by Shawne Major, Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA,
- 2005 *Coffee Milk*, Fine Arts Gallery, University of New Orleans Lakefront, New Orleans, LA
- 2004 *Portal to Portal*, Architects & Artists Space, Lafayette, LA
- 2003 *Hegemony Pajamas*, Galerie Lafayette, Lafayette, LA
Bricolage/Montage: Shawne Major/Linda Frese, NOCCA Riverfront, New Orleans

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Object Permanence*, Hilliard Museum of Art, Lafayette, LA
It's All in the Details, The Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX

- 2024
21 Women, Texas Art Gallery, Houston, TX
Mining for Wonder in the Humdrum, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, LA
EXPO Chicago, Arthur Roger Gallery, Chicago, IL
Louisiana Contemporary, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
- 2023
45 Years, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2021
She Persisted: Louisiana Women in Art, Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA
- 2020
Allan Jones, Painter-Mentor, Fletcher Hall Art Gallery, Lafayette, LA
Art in the Time of Empathy, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2018
The Whole Drum Will Sound: Women in Southern Abstraction, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
B18: Wiregrass Biennial, Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL
Shelf Life, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
- 2017
Intersections of Gender and Place, MS Univ. for Women Galleries, Columbus, MS
- 2016
20th Century Louisiana Artists, LSU Museum of Art at the Shaw Center, Baton Rouge, LA
Art in Embassies, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
Conjurers: Artists Imbue the Ordinary, Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA
Louisiana Contemporary, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
Gallery Walk at Terminus, Terminus, Atlanta, GA
- 2015
Scope Art Fair, Callan Contemporary, Miami, FL
Objects of Interest: Recent Acquisitions for the Permanent Collection, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
- 2014
Scope Art Fair, Callan Contemporary, Miami, FL
Trivial Pursuits: Obsessional Allure, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
- 2013
Front & Center: Group Show, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL
Sputnik 1, Boyd Satellite Gallery, New Orleans, LA
One Thousand Words, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
Dazzling Dancing Beads, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
Her Infinite Variety, Barristers Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Fresh Fruit for Rotten Vegetables, Barristers Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2012
V, Homespace Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Reflections, Heriard/Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Luxuriant Refuse, Pearl Fincher Museum, Spring, TX
Today's Visual Language: Southern Abstraction, A Fresh Look, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL
RAW, Homespace Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2011
Texas Contemporary Art Fair, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
Old Methods, New Visions: Three Louisiana Artists, LA Art & Science Museum, Baton Rouge, LA
Artists Tribute I, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC
Fresh, Heriard-Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Visiting Artist Exhibition, On the Edge Gallery, NOCCA Institute, New Orleans, LA
- 2010
Here, There, and Everywhere, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, TX
Tradition/Innovation, Louisiana Art & Science Museum, Baton Rouge, LA
40, Texas Gallery, Houston TX
- 2009
Scope Art Fair, Irvine Contemporary, Miami, FL
Aspect:Ratio2, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC
Muses, Heriard-Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2008
Scope Art Fair, Irvine Contemporary, Miami, FL
Futurity, Heriard-Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA

- Louisiana Women*, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA
40 days & 40 Nights, Louisiana State Archive, Baton Rouge, LA
Prospect 1. New Orleans Biennial, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
Innovation/Tradition, NEA/Southern Arts Federation traveling exhibition beginning at the Atlanta History Center, 08-12
- 2007 *Southern Open*, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
National Association of Women Artists: New Members Exhibition, NAWA Gallery, NYC
MarSelections, Jack the Pelican Presents, Brooklyn, NY
- 2006 *Grendel Miami* (during Miami Basel), Jack the Pelican Presents, Miami, FL
Louisiana Gallery Artists Group Exhibition, Heriard-Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, DecContact/ Gulf Coast Exhibit—Art League of Long Island, Dix Hills, NY
Sustained Winds: Before-During-After, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
Exit 101, Abercrombie Gallery, Lake Charles, LA
- 2005 *Legacy: Recent Acquisitions*, Paul & Lulu Hilliard Museum, Lafayette, LA
Recent Acquisitions: Paintings and Sculpture, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans
Spirit of Place: Art of Acadiana, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans
Art With a Southern Drawl, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL,
Nouveaux Artiste d'Acadiana, Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans
- 2004 *The Governor's Mansion 2005 Art Exhibition*, Baton Rouge, LA
Spirit of Place: Art of Acadiana, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
Threaded Notions, Galerie Lafayette, Lafayette, LA
- 2003 *Domestic Rituals*, Kirkland Art Center, Clinton, NY
FestForAll Visual Arts Invitational, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA
Fresh Spaces - Fresh Faces, Architects & Artists Space, Lafayette, LA
- 2002 *Many Happy Returns*, Artists Alliance, Lafayette, LA
Herstory, ManhattanArts.com (online exhibition)
Workspace Exhibition, Dieu Donne Papermill, NYC
- 2001 *Artists Talk on Art, Curator's Choice*, Denise Bibro Fine Art, NYC
Abstraction 2001, New Century Artists, NYC
Über Quilts, Longwood Arts Gallery, Bronx, NY
Window on Jamaica, Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, Jamaica, NY
- 2000 *3rd Inaugural Exhibit*, Millennium Arts Center, Washington, DC
Cross Currents, Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Ocean Springs, MS
In the Hands of an Artist, Wilmer Jennings Gallery, NYC
Celebrating Yaddo Artists, Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY
St. Mark's 2000, St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery, NYC

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 Introductory Guide to Qualitative Research in Museums, Ann Rowson Love and Deborah Randolph, New York: Routledge
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- 2023 Glasstire (Sep 4,) "Stop, Pause, and Look: It's All in the Details" at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Caitin Duerler Chavez
- 2023 Glasstire (May) "Fishing in Multiples: Recent Exhibitions at the Galveston Arts Center," William Sarradet
- 2018 Beaumont Enterprise (Nov) "Art Museum's exhibition explores compulsion through collage," Andy Coughlan
- 2018 New Orleans Art Insider (Aug 12) "Shawne Major at Callan Contemporary" Eric Bookhardt
- 2018 Dothan Eagle (Aug 9) "B18 exhibit has it all- abstract paintings, gospel hymns and Diet Mountain Dew," Peggy Ussery
- 2018 The New Orleans Advocate (Mar 27) "Ogden show explores a range of abstract art by Southern women," John d'Addario
- 2018 Art & Antiques (Mar 27) "Deeper into the South," Sarah E. Fensom
- 2018 Pelican Bomb (May 30) "Thunderous Noise: The Whole Drum Will Sound" at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art," Taylor Murrow
- 2017 The New Orleans Art Review (Spring) " Women and Southern Abstraction," Terrington Calas
- 2017 The Acadiana Advocate (Apr 15) " Artist Shawne Major weaves, sews, binds and patches her way to sophisticated artwork," Patricia Gannon
- 2017 The Independent (Mar 2), "Collection Affection"
- 2017 Spiritual Journeys: Homemade Art from the Becky and Wyatt Collins collection, Edited by Laura Blereau. Lafayette, LA: Hilliard University Art Museum
- 2016 Richmond Times Dispatch (Aug 31), "Arts Preview: Visual arts range from haute coture to recycled everyday objects," Joan Tupponce
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- 2016 Burnaway (Nov 29), "Conjuring Art from Castoffs at Visual Arts Center of Richmond," Kimberly Jacobs
- 2015 Pelican Bomb (Sep 14) "Exhibition Pick: Louisiana Contemporary," Jacob Kiernan
- 2015 Arts Atlanta (Aug 26), Review: Math is beautiful in quirky 'August Geometry' at Marcia Wood Gallery, Jerry Cullum
- 2015 Burnaway (Jul 20) "Painting with Objects: Shawne Major at Marcia Wood," Matthew Terrell
- 2015 Gambit (Jan 2) "An Interview with Mixed Media Artist Shawne Major," Missy Wilkinson
- 2015 New Orleans Insider (Jan 11) "Shawne Major at Callan Contemporary," Eric Bookhardt
- 2015 New Orleans Advocate (Jan 14) "Shawne Major's Mixed Media Works are Thick with Meaning," John d'Addario
- 2014 New Orleans Art Review (Winter 14-15) "Gallery Walk" Marian S McLellan
- 2014 Country Roads Magazine, (Nov), Kristy Christiansen
- 2014 The Advocate (Nov 22), "I'm Not a Feminist [...]" Patricia Gannon
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- 2013 Gambit, Blog of New Orleans, (Aug. 6,) "Review of 'Home' and 'Sputnik'," Eric Bookhardt
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 New York: PictureboxStudio Visit Magazine, No. 1, Open Studios Press, Boston, MA
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SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2016 Joan Mitchell Center Artist in Residence-New Orleans, LA
 Hermitage Artist Retreat Artist in Residence-Englewood, FL
 2015 Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Residency Fellowship-Captiva Island, FL
 2014 Percent for Art Acquisition—City of New Orleans, LA
 Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Residency Fellowship-Captiva Island, FL
 2012 Career Development Grant—Louisiana Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA
 2009 Art Omi International Artists' Residency—Omi, New York
 2008 Joan Mitchell Foundation Career Opportunity Grant Canal TransArt—Public Art Bus Shelter Project,
 New Orleans Pollock-Krasner Foundation Artist Grant
 2006 Artist Fellowship—Louisiana Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA
 1997 Artist in Residence—Sculpture Space, Utica, NY
 1996 Workspace Fellowship—Dieu Donne Papermill, NYC
 1995 Artist in Residence—Corporation of Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
 1992 Artist in Residence—Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- City of New Orleans Permanent Collection, New Orleans, LA
 Francis Greenburger Collection, New York, NY
 Hilliard Museum of Art, Lafayette, LA
 Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
 US Art in Embassies, Brazzaville, Congo
 New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
 Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
 The Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX