

# CLARE ROJAS

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MFA, Painting, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2002

BFA, Printmaking, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, 1998

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## Solo Exhibitions

- 2024            Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA [forthcoming]  
                  SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC [forthcoming]  
                  *Past the Present*, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC [forthcoming]
- 2023            *Go Placidly*, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022            *The Magic of It All*, Jessica Silverman, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021            *Here We Go*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA
- 2019            *Clare Rojas: Shifted Horizons*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2018            *Egret*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL
- 2017            *Orphaned Wells*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2016            *Clare Rojas: Orphaned Wells*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC  
                  *The Inexhaustible Middle*, Alice Gallery, Brussels
- 2015            *New Work*, Anglim Gilbert Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2014            *Everyone Has Those Spaces*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL  
                  *Caerulea*, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA
- 2013            *Clare Rojas*, Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld, New York, NY  
                  *Clare Rojas*, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2012            *Spaces in Between*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL  
                  *Pith, Prism*, Los Angeles, CA  
                  *Clare Rojas: Piecemeal*, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA
- 2011            *Clare Rojas: Inside Bleak*, Prism, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010            *We They, We They*, IKON Gallery, Birmingham, England; traveled to the Museum of  
                  Craft and Folk Art, San Francisco, CA  
                  *Through the Woods*, Pinnacle Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design,  
                  Savannah, GA
- 2007            *P.S. Hurray!*, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA

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*Forget Me Not*, Museum Het Domein, Sittard, Netherlands  
*Sympathetic Magic*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, León, Spain  
*Kitty Buck*, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

- 2006      *Clare Rojas: Hope Springs Eternal*, The Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
*Moody Loner*, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA  
*Clare Rojas*, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Ulrich Project Series - Clare Rojas*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS
- 2005      *Miss Lead and Miss Guide*, Modern Art, London, UK  
*SubUrban: Clare Rojas*, Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN  
*Clare Rojas*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2004      *Table Turner*, Deitch Projects, New York, NY  
*Tournesol Award Exhibition*, McBean Project Space, SFAI, San Francisco, CA  
*Will Poor Will*, Belkin Satellite, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2002      *Doing My Day*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Maybelle Crick*, Lizabeth Oliveria, San Francisco, CA  
*Walk Like Man*, New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA

#### **Selected Two Person Shows**

- 2015      *Retrospective*, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA
- 2014      *Clare Rojas | Barry McGee*, Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rome, Italy
- 2008      *The Big Sad: Barry McGee & Clare Rojas*, Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA
- 2007      *Joy Feasley & Clare Rojas: Pow-Wows or The Long Lost Friend*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2022      *A Growing Season*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA  
*13 Women*, Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA  
*California Biennial 2022: Pacific Gold*, Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA  
*Color Code*, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*IN A DREAM YOU SAW A WAY TO SURVIVE AND YOU WERE FULL OF JOY*, The Contemporary Austin, TX  
*Shifting the Silence*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
- 2021      *We Are Here*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA
- 2018      *The House Imaginary*, San Jose Museum of Art, CA  
*Way Bay*, University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA

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- DNA of Painting*, Anglim Gilbert Gallery, Minnesota Street Projects, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 *Independent New York – 2017*, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA  
*Jump*, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 *House or Home: Architectural Form in the Print*, Paulson Fontaine Press, Berkeley, CA  
*New Geometries*, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 *Donde Esta La Playa? The Summer Show*, Galleri Nicolai Wallner
- 2014 *Art Alliance: The Provocateurs*, curated by Shepard Fairey, Block Thirty Seven, Chicago, IL  
*Initial Public Offering: New Works from SJMA's Permanent Collection*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*Folklore*, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA
- 2013 *The Illuminated Library*, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA  
*Unruly*, University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA
- 2012 *10 Revolutions Around the Sun*, Headland Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA  
*Domesticated Souls*, Alice Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
*Summer Group Hang*, Frey Norris Contemporary & Modern, San Francisco, CA  
*Flection*, Hedge Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Paule Anglim Contemporary Arts Centre, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 *In the Moment: Artists*, The Luggage Store, San Francisco, CA  
*Painting Between the Lines*, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco, CA; traveled to Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA
- 2010 *Leave It Alone & Together At Last*, Bolinas Museum, CA  
40, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Orde di segnatori*, Antonio Colombo Arte Contemporanea, Milan, Italy  
*Paper! Awesome*, Baer Ridgeway Exhibitions, San Francisco, CA  
*2TheWall*, New Image Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *Constellations: Paintings from the MCA Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL  
*Instruments*, Solway Jones, Los Angeles, CA  
*American Realities*, New Image Art Gallery, West Hollywood, CA
- 2008 *Prospect1*. New Orleans, Prospect New Orleans, LA

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- Anniversary Exhibition*, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*The Wizard of Oz*, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*Journey to the End of the Night*, Green On Red Gallery, Dublin, Ireland  
*Eureka!*, Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA  
*Harry Smith Anthology Remixed*, Centre for Contemporary Arts, Glasgow, Scotland  
*Untitled (Waves)*, Primo Marella Gallery Beijing, Beijing, China  
*Size Matters: XS- Recent Small-Scale Painting*, Knoxville Museum of Art, TN
- 2007 *Existencias*, MUSAC Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Castilla y León, León, Spain  
*Some kind of Portrait*, Marc Selwyn Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Size Matters: XS Recent Small-Scale Paintings*, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, NY  
*Silly Adults*, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Very Abstract and Hyper Figurative*, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, UK  
*Panic Room: Works from The Dakis Joannou Collection Deste Foundation*, Centre for Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece  
*SITEings*, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC  
*In The Fullness of Time: The Luggage Store 20 Year Anniversary Exhibition*, The Luggage Store, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 *Drawing is a Fine Art*, Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
*Girl on Guy*, Columbia College of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Men, I-20*, New York, NY  
*Jen Liu + Bjørn Melhus + Clare Rojas*, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 *Life and Limb*, curated by David Humphrey, Feigen Contemporary, New York, NY  
*In Search of a Continuous Present*, International Biennale of Contemporary Art, National Gallery in Prague, curated by Lynne Warren, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Art Part II: Dazzle Dogs*, Clare Rojas, Erin Rosenthal and Andrew Jeffrey Wright, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Eureka Fellowship Award Exhibition*, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA
- 2004 *Change of Address*, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Your Heart Is No Match for My Love*, The Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN  
*It's a Wonderful Life*, Spaces Gallery, Cleveland, OH  
*East of the Sun and West of the Moon*, White Columns, NY  
*Beautiful Losers: Contemporary Art, Skateboarding and Street Culture*, Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati, OH; traveled to the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA and Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA  
*6th Annual Altoids Curiously Strong Collection*, New Museum, New York, NY
- 2003 *Pocket Atlas*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*Outerspace Hillbilly*, Luggage Store, San Francisco, CA

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- 2002      *Goop*, New Image Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Scratch Off the Serial*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2001      *Widely Unknown*, Deitch Projects, New York, NY  
*East Meets West*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2000      *Fresh Blood*, Painted Bride Art Center, Philadelphia, PA  
*Biennial 2000: Art at the New Millennium*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE  
*It's a Pleasure to Serve You*, Vox Populi, Philadelphia, PA

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Vankin, Deborah. "For L.A.'s newest underground art experience, head down to the Metro Regional Connector." *Los Angeles Times*. June 17, 2023.  
Bravo, Tony. "(P)art of the city." *San Francisco Chronicle*. January 3, 2023.  
Ford, Lauren Moya. "What Can Art Do for Women?" *Hyperallergic*. January 3, 2023.
- 2022      Saul, Amelia. "IN A DREAM YOU SAW A WAY TO SURVIVE AND YOU WERE FULL OF JOY." *The Brooklyn Rail*. November 2022.  
Marcelline, Shei. "The Contemporary Austin | IN A DREAM YOU SAW A WAY TO SURVIVE AND YOU WERE FULL OF JOY." *Flaunt*. September 15, 2022.  
Rojas, Clare. "Clare Rojas: The Magic Of It All at Jessica Silverman." July 31, 2022.  
Gotthardt, Alexxa. "Clare Rojas's Mesmerizing Paintings Weave Tales of Chaos and Serenity." *Artsy*. July 25, 2022.  
Slenske, Michael. "Artist Clare Rojas' Magical Surrealism Lands In LA." *Los Angeles Magazine*. July 15, 2022.
- 2021      Quick, Genevieve. "Review: Clare Rojas' cosmologies of uncanny animal intelligence and mystery." *48hills*. May 12, 2021.  
Eckardt, Stephanie. "In the Studio With Clare Rojas, the Painter Who Won't Be Boxed In." *W Magazine*. June 8, 2021.
- 2018      Barcio, Phillip. "The Politics of Contemporary Abstraction: A Conversation with Clare Rojas and Jeffrey Gibson." *Momus*. May 31, 2018.
- 2015      Goodyear, Dana. "A Ghost in the Family." *The New Yorker*. August 10, 2015.
- 2014      Baker, Kenneth. "Maychack's objects on the verge, and a vanishing modernism." *San Francisco Chronicle*. May 24, 2014.  
Juxtapoz. "Art Alliance: The Provocateurs, July 31 - August 4, 2014." *Juxtapoz Magazine*. July 18, 2014.

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Valencia, Andrea. "Warfield Building Gets Schooled." *MissionLocal*. May 21, 2014.

2013      Bellman, Erica. "On View | Clare Rojas Gets In Touch With Her Abstract Side." *New York Times Style Magazine*. November 7, 2013.  
Frank, Priscilla. "Artist Clare Rojas Talks Abstraction, Art Market Gossip and Louie C.K." *The Huffington Post*. November 15, 2013.  
Fyars, Ilya. "Clare Rojas Folk Art Inspired Tableaus Shift Into Abstract." *Artlyst*. November 9, 2013.  
Shiffman, Allyson. "Clare Rojas x Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld." *Interview Magazine*. November, 2013.

### **Residencies and Awards**

Artadia Award  
Eureka Fellowship Award  
Tournesol Award, Headlands Center for the Arts  
Headlands Center for the Arts, Project Space  
Joan Mitchell Foundation, Painters & Sculptors Grant  
Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Grant

### **Selected Public Art Commissions**

2023      *Harmony*, LA Metro Regional Connector Little Tokyo Station, Los Angeles, CA

2021      *Wayfinder: Clare Rojas*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*Bird Song*, MarinHealth Medical Center, Kentfield, CA

2019      San Francisco Arts Commission, Central Subway Chinatown Station

2018      Art in Embassies, Laredo, TX

2014      *Hummingbirds*, UCSF Children's Hospital Amphitheater, San Francisco, CA  
*Promise*, Creative Work Fund, Warfield, Theater Wall, San Francisco, CA

2010      *Blue Deer*, San Francisco Arts Commission, Public Art Program, SFO International Terminal, San Francisco, CA

### **Selected Performances**

2003      Noise Pop, San Francisco, CA

2002      "In the Street" Festival, San Francisco, CA

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- 2001            *East Meets West*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA, opening night  
Material Clothing Company, Debut Party, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000            Hi Mom Film Festival, Chapel Hill, NC  
Fort Thunder, Providence, RI

**Public Collections**

- Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA  
Dakis Jannou Collection, Athens, Greece  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León, Spain  
Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA  
Progressive Art Collection, Cleveland, OH  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, CA  
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
Smart Museum, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL