

Philip Martin Gallery

Brian Bress

Born 1975 in Norfolk, VA

Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

EDUCATION

- 2007 Skowhegan School of Painting and Drawing, Skowhegan, ME
- 2006 MFA, Painting & Drawing, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 BFA, Film/Animation/Video, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Brian Bress: Pictures Become You*, Fred and Laura Ruth Bidwell Gallery, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
Another Fine Mess, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Sidewalk Cinema Art Blocks presented by Aurora Picture Show*, Main Street Square 1111 Main Street, Houston, TX
In Lieu of Flowers Send Memes, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA
Imperfect Tense, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD (Public Commission)
- 2016 *The Desmond Six*, Time Equities, Inc. Art-in-Buildings, New York, NY
In the Box: Brian Bress, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA
Brian Bress: Make Your Own Friends, Orange County Museum of Art, Orange County, CA
Brian Bress: Make Your Own Friends, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO (catalogue)
Brian Bress, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 *Brian Bress: A Toyota's a Toyota*, Los Angeles Nomadic Division, Los Angeles, CA
Brian Bress: Make Your Own Friends, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2014 *You Can't Sleep on a Door*, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 *Idiom (Brian, Raffi, Britt)*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Brian Bress, Museo d'arte contemporanea Roma, Rome, Italy
Brian Bress, Galería Marta Cevera, Madrid, Spain
- 2012 *Interventions: Brian Bress*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
Brian Bress: Status Report, New Museum, New York, NY
Under Performing, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 *Creative Ideas for Every Season*, Salt Lake Art Center, Salt Lake City, UT
Creative Ideas for Every Season, Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 2009 *The Royal Box*, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 *Project Room*, Zach Feuer Gallery, New York, NY
Pardon Me, Angstrom Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 *Sometimes You Are Just A Hat*, RC Art Gallery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2003 *Brian Bress: New Drawings*, Open-End Gallery, Chicago, IL

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Digital Witness: Revolutions in Design, Photography, and Film*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA (Upcoming)
Message from Our Planet, Chazen Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (Upcoming)
- 2023 *Pocket Universe*, Philip Martin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Message from Our Planet, Pensacola Museum of Art, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL (Upcoming)
Message from Our Planet, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI (Upcoming)
Message from Our Planet, Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (Upcoming)
- 2022 *Message from Our Planet*, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, IA
- 2019 *IN PRODUCTION*, Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2018 *Paradox: The Body in the Age of AI*, The Miller Gallery, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
Do Something To It. Do Something Else To It., Cherry and Martin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Shoulder to Shoulder: Depicting the Figure, Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, CA
- 2017 *Brian Press and Nathan Mabry: Totems*, Cherry and Martin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Multiple Modernisms, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
Screens: Virtual Material, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Boston, MA
Biennale of Moving Images 2016, FAENA ART, Miami, FL; traveled to Faena Art Center Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina; originated Centre d'Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland
Commercial Break, Public Art Fund, 40th Anniversary exhibition, Times Square, New York, NY
- 2016 *Mark Leckey: Containers and Their Drivers*, MOMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
INDECISIVE MOMENT, Suwon Photography Festival, Suwon, South Korea
Painting², Espacio 1414, Puerto Rico
Hydroponic Forms, Galerie Ampersand, Cologne, Germany
Moving Image Biennial, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2015 *Dopplegänger*, Work | Release, Norfolk, VA
SECOND WAVE: Aesthetics of 80s in Today's Contemporary Art, Culver Center of the Arts/Sweeney Art Gallery, Riverside, CA
San Diego Collects, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
PLAY: Process, Activism, Subversion, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
Mark Leckey: UniAddDumThis, Kunsthalle Basel, Switzerland
Personalities: Fantasy and Identity in Photography and New Media, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Desert, CA
- 2014 *Mark Leckey: Lending Enchantment to Vulgar Materials*, WIELS Centre d'Art Contemporain, Brussels, Belgium
Sniff the Space Flat on Your Face, Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University, Orange, CA
Another Cats Show, 356 Mission, Los Angeles, CA
OK Great THANKS this is SO RIDICULOUS, ACME., Los Angeles, CA *UniAddDumThs*, Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, NY
Left Coast: Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2013 *Pop Culture: Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation*, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ

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- Brian Bress, Matt Connors, Mari Eastman, Nathan Mabry, T. Kelly Mason, Cherry and Martin*, Los Angeles, CA
The Scandalized Mask, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, UK
The Universal Addressability of Dumb Things, curated by Mark Leckey, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, United Kingdom. Traveled to De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-sea, East Sussex, United Kingdom
- 2012 *Raze; Revert; Repeat*, Pepin Moore, Los Angeles, CA
This Was Funny Yesterday, College of Creative Studies at UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA
Photography is Magic!, Daegu Photo Biennial 2012, Daegu, Korea
Four by Four: Collector Series, University of Denver, Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2011 *Future Present: Five Artists, Five Weeks*, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin, TX
Stagecraft, curated by David Norr, University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
Object Orientation: Bodies and/as Things, Cerritos College Art Gallery, Norwalk, CA
Staff Curated Video Show, LA><Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Underground Pop*, Parrish Art Museum, South Hampton, NY (catalog)
cut/PASTE: Collage as Methodology in Contemporary Video, POST, Los Angeles, CA
do I know you, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
The Mystic's Circle, Human Resources, Los Angeles, CA
Portugal Arte, Lisbon, Portugal
In The Eyes of Lions, 533 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Video Art: Replay, Part 3: Ludicrous, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 *"Now that I'm by myself," she says, "I'm not by myself, which is good,"* DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
COMMUNE, Black and White Gallery, New York, NY
FIRST SHOW, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA
LA Woman, Hanes Art Gallery, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC
- 2008 *Young Curators, New Ideas*, Bond Street Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Free Love Gods, Pulliam Deffenbaugh Gallery, Portland, OR
Party Favors, Bonelli Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
Against The Grain, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA
California Video: Artists and Histories, Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA (catalog)
Living Room Paintings, Bucket Rider Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2007 *Rear/View*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY
Stalemate, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University School of Arts, New York, NY
Brian Bress & Ruby Stiler, Sunday L.E.S. Gallery, New York, NY
Trudi, Rental Gallery, New York, NY
Machine Imaginaire, Lisa Boyle Gallery, Chicago, IL
Distinctive Messengers, House of Campari, Los Angeles, CA
Big Secret Cache, Angstrom Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Beyond Image, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA
Kairos!, Kantor / Feuer Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 *Landslide: Works by Emerging California Artists*, Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington, DC
Naïve Set Theory, Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
i know you, but you don't know me, Fette's Gallery, Culver City, CA
Greater LA MFA Exhibition and Screening, California State University, Long Beach, CA
One Shot 100x100, LA><ART, Culver City, CA

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- Chain Letter*, High Energy Constructs, Los Angeles, CA
Supersonic 2006, L.A. Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Ecolux: Art in the Light of Ecology, Lightbox, Los Angeles, CA
Just My Funny Way of Laughing, South La Brea Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Soft-Boiled Wonderland, I-5 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Boat Show, High Energy Constructs, Los Angeles, CA
Rough Trade, Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
The Latest Fiction, Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
State of Emergence, LA Weekly Biennial, Track 16, Santa Monica, CA
2005 *Untitled Play About Gravity* by Krysten Cunningham, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, offsite performance, Los Angeles, CA
Character Traits, I-5 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Exhibition #9 - Some Romantic Landscape, Champion Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA
2003 *Anti-Spacesuit: The Dirty Future*, G1 Gallery, Chicago, IL
2001 *Fellows' Invitational*, Hudson D. Walker Gallery, Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA
1999 *Young Guns NYC Biennial*, The Art Directors Club of New York, New York, NY

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