



MELISSA MASON

Born 1964, American

Artist Statement

Creating beauty and order out of chaos, I find it endlessly challenging and fulfilling to start with randomness and then follow it to see where it leads me. Chance happenings are both catalyst and guide. Alternating between calculated drawing and gestural mark-making; focused exploration and spontaneous experimentation; thoughtful color placement and impulsive splashes of paint, I explore the balance between extremes. These paintings, a record of that dialogue, meld my innate need to create with a desire to evoke a visceral response in the viewer.

SELECTED EXHIBITONS/AWARDS

2017

Line & Form, Melissa Mason & John Barandon. TEW Galleries, Atlanta, GA

2016

Ormond Museum of Art, *Four Women; Audrey Phillips, Melissa Mason, Karlene McConnell & Pat Zalisko*, Ormond Beach, FL

2015

MAC Fine Art, *Melissa Mason, Alex Nunez & Paul Tamanian*, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Roan & Black Gallery, *Group Show*, Saugatuck, MI

2014

TEW Galleries, *Contemporary Abstraction*, Group Show: Melissa Mason, Jean Glenn, Maxey Andress, Kimo Minton, Richard Olsen, Petro Lebedynets, Whitney Wood.
Roan & Black Gallery, *Melissa Mason, Audrey Phillips, Pat Zalisko, Karlene McConnell*, Saugatuck, MI

2013

Roan & Black Gallery, *Group Show*, Saugatuck, MI

2012

Melissa Mason and David Wertz, *Equus Revisited*, TEW Galleries, Atlanta, GA
TEW Galleries, Group Show with works by Otto Neumann, Richard Olsen, Yasharel Manzy and Kim Minton

2011

THROUGH THE COLLECTORS EYE-group show at the Florida Museum of Women Artist, Deland, FL
NEO EXPRESSIONS: Three person show-Hollingsworth Gallery, Palm Coast, FL

2010

ART LEAGUE MEMBERS SHOW-Achievement Award, Daytona Beach. FL

2009

COLOR MY WORLD 2 person show- Art League of Daytona Beach, FL
ART LEAGUE MEMBERS SHOW-1st Place, Daytona Beach, FL

2008

PICTURING FLORIDA-group show, Fogle Fine Art, Jacksonville, FL
FLORIDA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' & OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ART SHOW-group show, Ocala, FL
HORSES & HEALING BENEFIT ART EXHIBIT: Casselberry City Hall, FL
ARTIST WORKSHOP 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS SHOW-Best of Show, New Smyrna Beach, FL

2007

EQUUS: THE ART OF THE HORSE-group show, Museum of Florida Art-Deland FL
EQUINE ART-group show, Emerald Downs, Auburn, WA
EQUIFEST-Featured Artist, Deland Museum of Art, FL
WASHINGTON THOROUGHBRED FOUNDATION EQUINE ART-2nd place and peoples' choice awards, Auburn, WA

2006

EQUIFEST-Award of Merit, Museum of Florida Art, Deland, FL

PRESS/PUBLICATIONS

Picturing Florida-from the 1st Coast to the Space Coast, a book featuring 38 Florida artists

Horse Sayings-wit & wisdom straight from the horse's mouth

HITS-2008 Winter Circuit cover artist

Arbus-N. Florida's Arts & Business Magazine Sept/Oct 2008

Backstage Pass, Feb 2008

Orlando Arts Magazine May/June 2008

MUSEUM AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Museum of Art and Sciences, Daytona Beach, FL

Museum of Florida Art, Deland FL

Emerald Down, Auburn, WA

