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INKA ESSENHIGH (b. 1969 in Bellefonte, PA) received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1992 from Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, OH, and her Master of Fine Arts degree in 1994 from School of Visual Arts in New York, NY.

She recently completed a mural at The Drawing Center, New York, NY. "Inka Essenhigh: A Fine Line," a solo exhibition of her work, is currently on view at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA, through 19 August 2018.

Recent solo exhibitions include "Between Worlds," Frist Center, Nashville, TN; "Stars and Flowers," Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO; "Comet Dust & Crystal Shards," Jacob Lewis Gallery, New York, NY; Columbus College of Art & Design, Canzani Center, Columbus, OH; Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo, Japan; and Pace Prints, New York, NY.

Recent group exhibitions include "Parallel Lines," Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL (upcoming); "Le Nuove Frontiere Della Pittura." Fondazione Stelline, Milan, Italy; "Belief in Giants," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; "Dead Among The Dead!," Ellis King, Dublin, Ireland; "Imagine," Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy; "Introductions," La MaMa La Galleria, New York, NY; "Eden, éden," Galerie Torri, Paris, France, curated by Timothée Chaillou; "The Ukrainian Diaspora: Women Artists 1908-2015," The Ukrainian Museum, New York, NY; "Painters NYC," Páramo Galeria, Guadalajara, Mexico, traveled to Museo de los Pintores Oaxaqueños (MUPO), Oaxaca, Mexico; "Disturbing Innocence," The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY; "Sargent's Daughters," Sargent's Daughters, New York, NY; "The Golden Ass," Blindarte Contemporanea, Naples, Italy; "Cinematic Visions: Painting at the Edge of Reality," Victoria Miro, London, England; "Pivot Points: I5 Years & Counting," Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, North Miami, FL; "Fairy Tales, Monsters and the Genetic Imagination," Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN, traveled to Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada; Glenbow Art Museum, Calgary, Canada; and "The Sound of Painting," Palazzo Saluzzo Paesana, Turin, Italy.

Her work is included in the permanent collections of Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO; Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, North Miami, FL; Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA; Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA; Tate Modern, London, England; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY.

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1988-1992 BFA, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH
 1992-1994 MFA, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018	"Parallel Lines," Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL (upcoming)
	"Le Nuove Frontiere Della Pittura." Fondazione Stelline, Milan, Italy
	Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
	"A Fine Line," Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA
	"Manhattanhenge," The Drawing Center, New York, NY
2016	"Between Worlds," Frist Center, Nashville, TN
2015	"Stars and Flowers," Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO
2014	"Comet Dust & Crystal Shards," Jacob Lewis Gallery, New York, NY
	Columbus College of Art & Design, Canzani Center, Columbus, OH
2012	Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
2011	Pace Prints, New York, NY
2010	303 Gallery, New York, NY
2008	Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
2006	303 Gallery, New York, NY
2005	Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
	DA2 Domus Artium 2, Salamanca, Spain
2004	Sint-Lukas Galerie, Brussels, Belgium
	"Etchings," Michael Steinberg Fine Art, New York, NY
2003	Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL
	Galleria II Capricorno, Venice, Italy
	Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
2002	Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
	303 Gallery, New York, NY
2001	"Works on Paper," Victoria Miro Gallery (Project Room), London, England
	"Works on paper," Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY
2000	Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
	Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY

1999-2000	"New Paintings," Deitch Projects, New York, NY
	"American Landscapes: Recent Paintings by Inka Essenhigh," New Room of Contemporary Art, Albright-Knox Art
	Gallery, Buffalo, NY
1998	"Recent Paintings," Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY
1997	"Wallpaper Paintings," La Mama La Galleria, New York, NY

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2018	"Belief in Giants," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
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	11 March 2016 – 15 May, 2016
2014	"Disturbing Innocence," The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY
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	Visual Arts, Nashville, TN; traveled to Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada; Glenbow Art Museum, Calgary,
	Canada
	"The Sound of Painting," Palazzo Saluzzo Paesana, Turin, Italy
2011	"Inka Essenhigh & Richard Van Buren: Un/Natural Splendor," Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, ME
	"Inside the Painter's Studio," Stephen D. Paine Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
	"Creating the New Century: Contemporary Art from the Dicke Collection," Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH
	"Counterpoint," Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, ME
2010	"Between Picture and Viewer," Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
2007	"Counterparts: Contemporary Painters and Their Influences," Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia
	Beach, VA
	"The Game of Multiple Meaning: Symbolism and the Art of the Present," Von der Heydt Museum, Wuppertal,
	Germany
	"Comic Abstraction," Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
	"COMIX," Kunsthallen Brandts, Odense, Denmark
	"Imagination Becomes Reality," ZKM / Museum für Neue kunst, Karlsruhe, Germany
2006	"Painting Codes," Galleria Comunale d'Arte Contemporanea, Monfalcone, Italy
	"The Compulsive Line: Etching 1900 to Now," Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
	"USA Today," The Royal Academy of Art, London, England
	"Imagination Becomes Reality, Part III. Talking Pictures," Goetz Collection, Munich, Germany

	"Motion on Paper," Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, England
	"Art on Paper 2006," Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC
2005	"Life and Limb," Feign Contemporary, New York, NY, curated by David Humphrey
	"Neobaroque," Centro de Arte de Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain
2004	"Disparities and Deformations: Our Grotesque," SITE Santa Fe 5th International Biennial, Santa Fe, New Mexico,
	curated by Robert Storr
	26th Bienale de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
	"Funny Cuts – Cartoons and Comics in Contemporary Art," Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany
	"Perspectives at 25," Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
2003	"Painting Pictures; Painting and Media in the Digital Age," Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany
	"Comic Release: Negotiating Identity for a New Generation," Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, traveled
	to Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans, New Orleans, LA; and University of North Texas,
	Denton, TX
	"Supernova: Art of the 1990's from the Logan Collection," San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco,
	CA
	"Reverie: Works from the Collection of Douglas S. Cramer," The Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY
	"Drawing," G Gallery, Washington D.C.
	"Heaven & Hell," Barbara Mathes Gallery, New York, NY
2002	"The Galleries Show," The Royal Academy of Art, London, England
	"Pertaining to Painting," Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX and Austin Museum of Art, Austin,
	Texas
	"Jay Davis, Inka Essenhigh, Christian Schuman, Angstrom Gallery," Dallas, TX
	"La Part de l'Autre," Carré d'Art -Musée d'art contemporain de Nîmes, Nîmes, France
2001-2004	"My Reality: Contemporary Art and the Culture of Japanese Animation," Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines,
	Iowa; traveled to Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio:
	Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL; Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago , IL; Akron Art Museum, Akron,
	OH; Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington; and Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL
2001	"Hybrids: International Contemporary Painting," Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, England
	"Braille," Angstrom Gallery, Dallas, TX
	2nd Berlin Biennale, Berlin, Germany
	"Works on paper: from Acconci to Zittel," Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
	"Casino 2001, 1st Quadrennial of Contemporary Art," SMAK: Stedelijk Museum voor Actuelle Kunst, Ghent,
	Belgium
2000	"Greater New York: New Art in New York Now," MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
	"The Figure: Another State of Modernism," Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art at Snug Harbor Cultural
	Center, Staten Island, NY
	"Deitch/Steinberg New Editions," Deitch Projects, New York, NY
	"Emotional Rescue," Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA
	"To Infinity and Beyond," Brooke Alexander, New York, NY
1999	"Pleasure Dome," Jessica Fredericks Gallery, New York, NY
	"The Armory Show," Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY

	"A room with a view," Sixth @ Prince Fine Art, New York, NY
1998-1999	"Blade Runner," Caren Golden Fine Art, New York, NY
1998	"The New Surrealism," Pamela Auchincloss Project Space, New York, NY
	"Wild," Exit Art/The First World, New York, NY
	"Pop Surrealism," The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT
	"Summer Review, 98," Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY
	"Celebrating Diversity: Contemporary Women Painters," Hillwood Art Museum, Long Island University,
	Brookville, NY
	"ANATOMY/INTELLECT," Stefanelli Exhibition Space, New York, NY
1997	"Sex/Industry," Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY
	"The Art Exchange Fair," Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY
	"Girls! Girls! Girls!," Tricia Collins Grand Salon, New York, NY
1996	"Set Off: Inaugural Group Show," View Room Exhibitions, New York, NY
	"Underexposed; Nine Young American Painters," André Zarre Gallery, New York, NY
	"Set Off: Inaugural Group Show," View Room Exhibitions, New York, NY
	"Anatomy Intellect," Stefanelli Exhibition Space, New York, NY
	Featured Web Page Artist for December, Artists' Space, New York, NY
	"Night of 1000 Drawings," Artists' Space, New York, NY
1994	"Juried Group Show," School of Visual Arts, FirstFloor Gallery, New York, NY
1993	"Young Ukrainian American Painters Group Show," Ukrainian Museum, New York, NY
	"Work-Play; Picture Thinking and the Analogical Imagination," Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
	"Group Show: Inka Essenhigh, Stephen Mumford and Leemour Pelli: Paintings," School of Visual Arts, Wooster
	Street Gallery, New York, NY

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2015	Diehl, Carol, "Inka Essenhigh," ARTnews, February 2015
2014	Plagens, Peter, "Art Review: Inka Essenhigh, Comet Dust & Crystal Shards," The Wall Street Journal, 24 October
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2011	Goldsworthy, Rupert, "The Magic of Twilight: Inka Essenheigh on Working Fast and Being Timeless," artcritical,
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2010	Johnson, Ken, "Art in Review: The Old New Age," The New York Times, 4 February 2010

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2004	Luyckx, Filip, Inka Essenhigh, Sint-Lukas Galerij Brussel, June – August 2004
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2002	Denny, Ned, "Cartoon Death," New Statesman, 25 November 2002
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	Mullins, Charlotte, Painting People, Distributed Art Publishers Inc.
2005	Hoptman, Laura, Inka Essenhigh, DA2 Domus Artium 2, Salamanca, Spain
	The Triumph of Painting, Saatchi Gallery, London
2004	Bienal De São Paulo
2003	Clearwater, Bonnie, Inka Essenhigh, Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami
	Reverie: Works from the Collection of Douglas S. Cramer, The Speed Museum, Louisville, Kentucky
2002	Comic Release!: Negotiating Identity for a New Generation, Distributed Art Publishers Inc.
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1999	Dreishpoon, Douglas, American Landscapes: Recent Paintings by Inka Essenhigh, New Room of Contemporary
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	Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut

COLLECTIONS

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