

MICHAEL REAFSNYDER (b. 1969 in Orange, CA) received his Master of Fine Arts degree at the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, CA in 1996 and his Bachelor of Arts degree at Chapman University in Orange, CA in 1992.

Reafsnyder has been the subject of solo exhibitions at Artissima, Turin, Italy; Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV; Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; Uplands Gallery, Melbourne, Australia; W.C.C.A., Singapore; Western Project, Culver City, CA, and elsewhere.

His work has been included in group exhibitions at the Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA; Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Houston, TX; Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University, Orange, CA; The Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Austin, TX; Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA; and the Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR.

Reafsnyder's work may be found in the collections of the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH; Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA; Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR; UC Irvine Langson Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA and elsewhere.

In 2022, Reafsnyder was awarded a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant.

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EDUCATION

1996 MFA, ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
- 2025 "Summer Jam," Scott Richards Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2024 Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 Weber Fine Art, Greenwich, CT
- 2022 Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
- 2016 "In Bloom," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- 2015 Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
- 2014 "Sunday Best," Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 "We Ate The House," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
- 2012 "Gleam," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- 2011 "Feast," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
- "Delight," Marty Walker Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2010 "Sweetness," Rebecca Ibel Gallery, Columbus, OH
- "Put it There: New Paintings and Ceramics," Western Project, Culver City, CA
- 2009 "Undone," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- Western Project, Culver City, CA
- 2007 "Aqualala," Western Project, Culver City, CA
- "Fresh," W.C.C.A., Singapore
- "Whirl," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- 2005 "More: Paintings and Sculpture from 2002-2005" (curated by Libby Lumpkin), Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV
- 2004 "Yum-Yum," Uplands Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2003 "Paintings," Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- 2002 "Paintings," Galería Marta Cervera, Madrid, Spain
- "Paintings," Finesilver, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 "Paintings," Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- "Present/Future," Artissima, Turin, Italy
- 1999 "Paintings," Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- "Monotypes/Paintings," Cheryl Pelavin Fine Art, New York, NY

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- 1997 "Paintings," Blum & Poe, Santa Monica, CA
 1996 "Paintings," ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 "Excite," Peter Mendenhall Gallery, Pasadena, CA
 2025 "Summer Hang," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
 "Michael Reafsnnyder and Patrick Wilson," Weber Fine Art, Greenwich, CT
 "California Dreaming," Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, OH
 2024 "All Bangers, All The Time: 25th Anniversary Exhibition," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
 "Summer Selections," Weber Fine Art, Greenwich, CT
 2023 "Two of Us: Dion Johnson and Michael Reafsnnyder," Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, OH
 2022 "Summer Drift," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
 2021 "Flying Colors," Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, OH
 "Return of the Dragons," Blossom Market, Los Angeles, CA
 2020 "Do You Think it Needs a Cloud?," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
 "Little Gems," Telluride Gallery of Fine Art, Telluride, CO
 2019 "Combo Platter: Collaborative Works by Michael Reafsnnyder and David Kiddie," Harris Art Gallery,
 University of La Verne, La Verne, CA
 2018 "Abstract Thinking," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
 "Michael Reafsnnyder & Patrick Wilson," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
 "Belief in Giants," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
 2017 "Non-Objective" (curated by James Hayward), Telluride Fine Art, Telluride, CO
 "Painters Room," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
 2015 "Works of Paper II," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
 "Recent Acquisitions," Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
 "Paths and Edges," Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University, Orange, CA
 2014 "Floor Flowers," East and Peggy Phelps Gallery, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
 2012 "Into the Light," Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
 2011 "Los Angeles Museum of Ceramic Art," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
 "Summer Selections," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
 2010 "Forever Now: A Group Exhibition," East and Peggy Phelps Gallery, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
 "Just Enough," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
 "Keramik," Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
 2009 "Good Ship Lollipop," CTRL Gallery, Houston, TX
 "Selected Works from Pilliod Records," Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, NY
 "Way Out West," Donna Beam Art Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV
 "Collecting California," Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
 "The First Six Years," Western Project, Culver City, CA
 "Well Tempered," R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
 "Electric Mud" (curated by David Pagel), Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Houston, TX
 2008 "Like Lifelike" (curated by Brad Spence), Sweeney Art Gallery, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA

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- “iCandy: Current Abstraction in Southern California,” Cypress College Art Gallery, Cypress College, Cypress, CA
- “Splash,” Rebecca Ibel Gallery, Columbus, OH
- “Luscious Abstraction,” Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA
- “Black Dragon Society,” Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 “Summer Selections,” Rebecca Ibel Gallery, Columbus, OH
- “Abstract,” R.B. Stevenson Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- 2006 “Too Many Tear Drops,” David Reed Studio, New York, NY
- “A Little So Cal Abstraction,” Mandarin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- “Discovery,” West Coast Contemporary Art, Singapore
- 2005 “Step Into Liquid” (curated by Dave Hickey), Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA
- “In Bloom,” Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 “Fresh Paint,” Glerie Eugen Lendl, Graz, Austria
- “Painting and Sculpture,” Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- “Funny Business: Humor in Art from the Permanent Collection,” Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
- “The O Scene,” Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
- “Now and Then Some,” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- 2003 “LA TAP,” Uplands Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- “Not the Usual Suspects” (curated by James Hayward), Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- “Pfat and Sassy,” Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
- “Extreme Paint,” Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2002 “Five Times Four,” Modernism, San Francisco, CA
- “Trade Show,” Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University, Orange, CA
- “New in Town” (curated by Bruce Guenther), Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
- “Western States,” Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- 2001 “Cal’s Art, Sampling California Painting,” University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- “One Minute of Your Time: A Brief Survey of Southern California Art from 1835 to 2001” (curated by Tyler Stallings), Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
- “The Stuff Dreams are Made From,” Art Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2000 “New Work: Abstract Painting,” Todd Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- “New American Paintings 15” (curated by David Pagel), The Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Austin, TX
- “Paint, American Style,” Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA
- “Radar Love (with Gajin Fujita, Andrea Bowers and Linda Stark),” Galleria Marabini, Bologna, Italy
- 1999 “Under 500: Intimate Abstract Paintings,” Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
- “LA/New York Abstract,” Cheryl Pelavin Fine Art, New York, NY
- 1996 “Risk,” The Loft, Laguna Beach, CA
- 1995 “Gander Mountain High, Ride ‘Um Hunter” (curated by Daniel Mendel-Black), Pasadena, CA

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AWARDS

2022 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, New York, NY

SELECT COLLECTIONS

Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH
 Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
 Laguna Art Museum, Laguna, CA
 Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
 Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
 Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA
 North Dakota Museum of Art, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
 Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
 Progressive Corporation, Mayfield Village, OH
 UC Irvine Langson Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

2024 Hoeber, Julian, "About Reafsnyder" in *Michael Reafsnyder*, New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.
 2022 Palermo, Charles, "Losing Voice/Taking Form" in *Michael Reafsnyder*, New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.
 2020 Schreyach, Michael, "What Painting Can Do" in *Michael Reafsnyder*, New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.
 2018 Dambrot, Shana Nys, *Michael Reafsnyder & Patrick Wilson*, New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.
 2017 Grabner, Michelle and David Pagel, *Michael Reafsnyder*, New York: Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe.
 2015 Hickey, Dave, *Michael Reafsnyder*, New York: Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe.
Paths and Edges, Orange, CA: Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University.
 2010 *Collecting California: Selections from Laguna Art Museum*, Laguna Beach, CA: Laguna Art Museum.
 2009 Pagel, David and Sara Cochran, *Electric Mud*, Houston: Blaffer Gallery, The Art Museum of the University of Houston.
 2008 Spence, Brad, *Like LifeLike*, Riverside, CA: University of California, Riverside.
 Lumpkin, Libby, *Las Vegas Collects Contemporary*, Las Vegas: Las Vegas Art Museum.
 2007 White, Wayne and Cliff Benjamin, *Michael Reafsnyder: Aqua LaLa*, Culver City, CA: Western Project.
 Dambrot, Shana Nys, *Combo Platter: Collaborative Works by Michael Reafsnyder and David Kiddie*, La Verne, CA:
 University of La Verne.
 2006 *A Little So Cal Abstraction*, Los Angeles: Mandarin Gallery.
 2001 *Present/Future*, Turin, Italy: Artissima.
 2000 *Art Out of School*, Beverly Hills: Creative Artists Agency.
New American Talent: 15, Austin, TX: Jones Center for Contemporary Art.

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- 2014 Pagel, David, "Floor Flowers," Galerie Magazine, no. 191, October.
- 2011 McClemon, Doug, "Michael Reafsnyder at Ameringer | McEnergy | Yohe," ARTnews, March.
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- 2010 Knight, Christopher, "Michael Reafsnyder at Western Project," Los Angeles Times, 12 March.
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- 2008 Dambrot, Shana Nys, "Sculpture Part Two at Western Project," Artweek, October.
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- 2007 Knight, Christopher, "45 Painters Under 45," Los Angeles Times, 2 December.
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