

HEATHER GWEN MARTIN (b. 1977 in Saskatoon, Canada) studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, and the University of California, San Diego, CA.

Recent solo and two person exhibitions include “The Lyrical Moment: Modern and Contemporary Abstraction by Helen Frankenthaler and Heather Gwen Martin” (curated by Christian Viveros-Fauné), University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL; “Verse,” Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; “Nerve Lines and Fever Dreams,” L.A. Louver, Venice, CA; “Heather Gwen Martin,” Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; and “Currents,” L.A. Louver, Venice, CA.

Her work has been included in group exhibitions at the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA; Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, Claremont, CA; Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, OH; Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN; Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA; Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH; Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA; University Art Gallery, University of California, San Diego, CA, and elsewhere.

Her work may be found in the Equinor Art Collection, Houston, TX; Hallmark Art Collection, Kansas City, MO; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA; and the Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH.

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EDUCATION

- 2001 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
1999 BA, Honors, University of California, San Diego, CA

SOLO + TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 "Riding High," Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
2022 "The Lyrical Moment: Modern and Contemporary Abstraction by Helen Frankenthaler and Heather Gwen Martin"
(curated by Christian Viveros-Fauné), University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
"Verse," Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
2021 "Nerve Lines and Fever Dreams," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2019 Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
2017 "Currents," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2016 L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
"Landing," Murals of La Jolla, La Jolla, CA
2014 "Rogue Wave Projects: Heather Gwen Martin," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2013 "Pattern Math," Luis De Jesus Los Angeles, Culver City, CA
2010 "Recreational Systems," Luis De Jesus Los Angeles, Santa Monica, CA
2008 "Transpositional," Seminal Projects, San Diego, CA
2005 "Paintings," Lombardo Studios Gallery, Culver City, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 "Excite," Peter Mendenhall Gallery, Pasadena, CA
"Chlorophilia," Durden and Ray Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2025 "L.A. Louver Celebrates 50 Years: 1975 to Now," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2024 "All Bangers, All The Time: 25th Anniversary Exhibition," Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
"View from the Studio," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2023 "The Flower Show," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2022 "New Work," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
"Abstraction Not Abstraction," PRJCTLA, Los Angeles, CA
2021 "Flying Colors," Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, OH
2020 "By Way of Laughter and Trembling," Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA
"45 at 45: L.A. Louver Celebrates 45 Years with 45 Artists," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2018 "Shaping Color," L.A. Louver, Venice, CA

Miles McEnergy Gallery

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- “Intersecting at the Edge: Karl Benjamin, Heather Gwen Martin, and Eric Zammitt,” Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, Claremont, CA
- “Evolver,” L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
- “Chaos and Awe: Painting for the 21st Century” (curated by Mark Scala), Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN; traveled to the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
- “The Agency of Art,” University Art Gallery, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA
- 2017 “California Connections: Selections from the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego” (curated by Anthony Graham), California Center for the Arts, Escondido, CA
- “On the Road: American Abstraction,” David Klein Gallery, Detroit, MI
- 2015 “Atmospheric Abstraction,” Quint Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- “How Many Miles to Babylon: Recent Paintings from Los Angeles and New York,” C24 Gallery, New York, NY
- “Touch” (curated by Edward Goldman), El Segundo Museum of Art, El Segundo, CA
- “Younger Than George,” George Lawson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- “View from the Edge of the Soul,” Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 “NOW-ISM: Abstraction Today,” Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
- “Object Object!,” Helmuth Projects, San Diego, CA
- “MAS Attack 6,” Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
- 2013 “Rogue Wave 2013,” L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
- “MAS Attack,” LA Mart, Los Angeles, CA
- “Paradox Maintenance Technicians,” Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
- “Theatrical Dynamics,” Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
- 2012 “The Very Large Array: San Diego/Tijuana Artists in the Collection,” Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
- “Painting on Edge II,” d.e.n contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 “Lucky 13: Benefitting the Rice University Art Gallery,” MKG Art Management, Houston, TX
- “Welcome to Anywhere: Southern California Abstraction,” Southwestern College Art Gallery, Chula Vista, CA
- 2010 “Here Not There: San Diego Art Now” (curated by Lucía Sanromán), Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
- “Seven Person Show,” Luis De Jesus Los Angeles, Santa Monica, CA
- “New Contemporaries III,” Project X Art, Solana Beach, CA
- 2009 “Social Climbing: On the Move,” Seminal Projects, San Diego, CA
- “Homing In: An Exhibition of 50 San Diego Artists,” Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA
- 2008 “Transpositional,” Luis De Jesus Seminal Projects, San Diego, CA
- 2005 “Bare Walls,” Gallery II, Chicago, IL
- Galleria Ninapi, Ravenna, Italy
- 2004 “OMA Regional 3,” Oceanside Museum of Art, Oceanside, CA
- 2003 “Understood,” Cassius King Gallery, San Diego, CA
- “Emergent Stages,” Lyceum, San Diego, CA
- 2001 “Exhibitions and Time Arts Events,” Gallery II, Chicago, IL
- 2000 Project Cathedral, San Diego, CA

Miles McEnery Gallery

SELECT COLLECTIONS

Equinor Art Collection, Houston, TX
Hallmark Art Collection, Kansas City, MO
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA
Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH

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- 2016 Mackin, Ashley, "Prepare for 'Landing,'" LA Jolla Light, August.
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