

PAUL ECKE

Biography

Paul Ecke is a mid-career painter of contemporary non-figurative and figurative works on canvas and panel. His works are an amalgam of color, texture and movement achieved through application of oil and acrylic paints to canvas, all applied by brush, hand and even trowel. The results are magnificent, colorful, thought and emotion-provoking images that convey the inner strength, conviction, and complexity of the artist.

Paul Ecke was educated at California State University, Fullerton, receiving degrees in art with emphasis in ceramic arts and painting. His classical training taught him to represent the human form. His skill as a ceramicist affects his paintings, giving them a three-dimensional quality through the application of textural media to his works on canvas.

Regardless of the subject, Paul Ecke's work continues to evoke deep soulful responses from viewers who often find themselves mesmerized in front of Ecke's canvases. People are drawn by the expressive brushstrokes, colors and textures that have become his signature.

With his formal education complete, Ecke pursued a career teaching art in the California public school system. He headed the entire district art program for Centralia School District of Buena Park, California. Ecke enjoyed his nine years as an educator but longed to pursue a full-time career in the creation of his own art.

Paul Ecke has been a full-time contributor to the contemporary art world since 1985. His works are in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Manila, Philippines and the Daytona, Florida's Museum of Arts and Science. He has shown in galleries in New York, Chicago, San Diego, Palm Springs, Florida, the Philippines and Bali, Indonesia. His works are in many private and corporate collections including those of Universal Studios, Jimmy Z Sportswear, Taco Bell, Flojet Corporation, Carsey Warner Productions and Dionne Warwick's collection. Works by Paul Ecke are already slated to be part of endowment of contemporary paintings and graphics art to London's Museum of Contemporary Art. Paul Ecke has been the featured artist in numerous art publications.

Ecke's compositions are based on abstractions. Each painting's quality lied in is power to suggest many rich and varied analogies, however diverse they may be. The works are rich in inspired concepts that follow a stream of thought has always fascinated the artist

Education

- 1976 Graduated California State University, Fullerton: Bachelor of Arts Degree
- 1977 Graduated California State University, Fullerton: Teaching Credential
- 1977-84 Taught Art in Orange County, CA Public Schools
- 1985 Commenced Full Time Painting Career
- 1990-95 Class Work at Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles
- 2001 Class work at UCLA, Painting and Drawings Department

Periodicals

- 2005 Cover, Gallery Guide, West Coast, April Issue
- Cover, Gallery Guide, National International Collectors Edition, May Issue
- 2006 5 Page Feature Story, "Paul Ecke in Laguna", Space Magazine, April Issue
- 2007 Editorial, LUXE Magazine, Fall Issue
- Desert Living Magazine
- California Homes and Gardens, Fall
- Space Magazine, October
- 2008 Laguna Beach Coastline Pilot, October 31-November 6
- California Homes, December
- 2009 The Magazine, Los Angeles, April
- 2010 Artweek.LA, "Paul Ecke: The Human Canvas", November
- 2018 California Homes "LA Style Practical Beauty San Francisco" January/ February

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 Space Gallery, Denver, CO
- CECUT (Cultural Museum of Tijuana), Tijuana, Mexico, June

- 2015 Space Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2014 Fresh Paint Art Gallery
California Fine Art Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- 2013 Axiom Contemporary, Santa Monica
- 2012 Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC
Space Gallery, Denver, CO
William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2011 Space Gallery, Denver, CO
Holly Hunt Showroom
Art Institute, Orange County, CA
- 2010 Gebert Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 Gebert Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Gebert Contemporary, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2002 Ramsden Morrison Gallery, San Diego, CA
- 2001 Gallery Adrienne, La Jolla, CA
Adrienne Adler Contemporary Fine Art, La Jolla, CA
- 1999 Gallery Adrienne, La Jolla, CA
- 1997 ASF (AIDS Service Foundation), Orange County, CA
APLA (AIDS Project Los Angeles), Los Angeles, CA
- 1996 Quest Gallery, Taos, NM
Gallery IBah, Ubud Bali, Indonesia
- 1993 Sterling Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- 1990 Sterling Gallery, La Jolla, CA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 Coup d'Etat, San Francisco, CA

Modernism Show, "Wexler House", Palm Springs, CA
Palm Springs Art Fair, Palm Springs, CA
Baisden Gallery, Tampa, FL
Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC
Space Gallery, Denver, CO
California Fine Art Gallery, La Jolla, CA
2016 FP Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
Christine Klassen Gallery, Calgary, Canada
Fresh Paint Art Gallery, Culver City, CA
2015 LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA
Holly Hunt Showrooms, Houston
2014 California Fine Art Gallery, La Jolla, CA
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Aspen Art Fair, Aspen, CO
Hamptons Art Fair, Hamptons, NY
Gebert Contemporary, Scottsdale, AZ
Richard Demato Gallery, Sag Harbor, NY
Axiom Contemporary, Santa Monica, CA
Jennifer West Showroom, Seattle
Holly Hunt Showrooms, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York
Gina B, Laguna Niguel, CA
2013 Hamptons Art Fair, Hamptons, NY
Richard Demato Gallery, Sag Harbor NY
McNabb Martin Contemporary, San Diego
2012 Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver BC
Christine Klassen Gallery, Calgary, Canada
Fresh Paint Art Gallery, Culver City, CA

Axiom Contemporary, Santa Monica, CA
Jennifer West Showroom, Seattle
William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
Chapman University, Orange, CA
Gebert Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2011
Hamptons Art Fair, Hamptons, NY
Holly Hunt Showrooms, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York
Lurie Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
McNabb Martin Contemporary, San Diego
2010
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA
Gina B, Laguna Niguel, CA
Lurie Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2009
Gebert Contemporary, Scottsdale, AZ
2008
Gebert Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Camino Real Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Ogilvie Pertl Gallery, Chicago, IL
Chiaroscuro Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Denise Roberge Gallery, Palm Springs, CA
2007
Space Gallery, Denver, CO
Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
Chiaroscuro Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Denise Roberge Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Buschen Mowatt Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
2006
Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA
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Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA

Lowe Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Dolby-Chadwick, San Francisco, CA
2003 Ramsden Morrison Gallery, San Diego, CA
Class Garage Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2002 Ramsden Morrison Gallery, San Diego, CA
2001 Adrienne Adler Contemporary Fine Art, La Jolla, CA
Glass Garage Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2000 Emerald City Gallery, Seattle, WA
1999 Gallery Adrienne, La Jolla, CA
1998 Gallery Adrienne, San Francisco, CA
Emerald City Gallery, Seattle, WA
1997 Feast on Art, Orange County Museum of Art, CA
Gallery Adrienne, La Jolla, CA
Galeries Thierry Salvador, Paris, France
1995 Sterling Marchetti Gallery, New York, NY
Art Alive', San Diego Museum of Art, CA
1994 Elaine Sternberg Gallery, Chicago, IL
Sterling Marchetti Gallery, New York, NY
1993 Art Alive', San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
Galeries Thierry Salvador, Paris France
Royal Palm Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
Sterling Gallery, La Jolla, CA
1992 Royal Palm Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
Gallerie Arlette G'maray, Paris, France
1990 William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
Sterling Gallery, La Jolla, CA

Museums and Universities

Metropolitan Museum of Art, Manila, the Philippines

Daytona, Florida's Museum of Arts and Science, FL

University of Michigan Museum of Art, Michigan

De Saisset Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA

Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, CA

Chapman University, Orange, CA