

# PAUL THIEBAUD GALLERY

## ROBERT ARNESON

**Born** 1930 Benicia, CA

**Died** 1992 Benicia, CA

## EDUCATION

1958 MFA, Mills College, Oakland CA

1954 BA, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA

## TEACHING

1962-1991 Faculty, University of California, Davis

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Robert Arneson: Guardians of the Secret II*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco
- 2012 *Self-Portraits in Bronze*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco
- 2008 *From the 60's*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco
- 2004 *Political Drawings*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
*Arneson and the Object*, Palmer Museum of Art, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC; George Adams Gallery, NY
- 2000 *"This Head is Mine,"* The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, HI
- 1999 *Robert Arneson: Double Portraits*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA (catalogue)  
*Robert Arneson: Bronze Self-Portraits and Drawings*, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA (catalogue)
- 1998 *Robert Arneson: Guardians of the Secret II*, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 *Robert Arneson: Self-Reflections*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA (catalogue)
- 1996 *Robert Arneson: Drawing*, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY (catalogue)
- 1995 *Robert Arneson: The Late Bronzes*, Frumkin/Adams Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 *Arneson and Politics: A Commemorative Exhibition*, M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, CA (catalogue)  
*Robert Arneson: The Last Works*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA (catalogue)
- 1992 *Robert Arneson: Guardians of the Secret II*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 1991 *Robert Arneson: The Jackson Pollock Series*, List Visual Arts Center, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 1988 *Robert Arneson: Art and Artists*, Fuller Gross Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1987 *Robert Arneson: Portrait Sculpture*, Cleveland Museum of Art, OH (catalogue)

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- 1986 *Robert Arneson: A Retrospective*, Des Moines Art Center, IA; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC; Portland Art Museum, OR; The Oakland Museum, CA (catalogue)
- 1979 *Robert Arneson: Self-Portraits*, Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, PA (catalogue)
- 1974 *Robert Arneson*, (retrospective exhibition), Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA (catalogue)

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *TWENTY-FIVE TREASURES SUMMER 2023*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco, CA (exhibition catalogue)
- 2022 *FRAMED 2: Works by Peter Alexander, Robert Arneson, Andrew Belschner, Roy De Forest, Adam Fowler, and Paul Sarkisian*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
*FRAMED: Works by Peter Alexander, Robert Arneson, Andrew Belschner, Roy De Forest, Adam Fowler, Dana Hart-Stone, Robert Hudson, Ed Moses, Ruth Pastine, Paul Sarkisian and Andrea Way*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 *30th Anniversary Exhibition*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA; (exhibition catalog)
- 2019 *Landscape Without Boundaries: Selections from the Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art*, University of California, Davis  
*About Face: Contemporary Ceramic Sculpture*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, Montgomery, AL
- 2018–19 *HINDSIGHT/INSIGHT: Reflecting on the Collection*, University of New Mexico Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM  
*The Incongruous Body*, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA
- 2018 *30 Years: Frumkin/Adams – George Adams Gallery*, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY  
*40 by 40*, Sonoma State University Art Gallery, Rohnert Park, CA, 2018.
- 2017–18 *Figuratively Speaking*, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY  
*Rise Up! Social Justice in Art from the Collection of J. Michael Bewley*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
- 2017 *Bay Area Clay: A Legacy of Social Consciousness*, Arts Benicia, Benicia CA  
*Piss and Vinegar*, New York Academy of Art, New York, New York
- 2016–17 *Out Our Way*, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis
- 2016 *Over the Golden Gate: 1960-1990* Tajan ArtStudio, Paris, FR, 2016.  
*Mustard Road*, The Battery SF, San Francisco, CA  
*The Butterfly Effect: Art in 1970s California*, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA
- 2015 *The Ceramic Presence in Modern Art*, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT  
*What Nerve! Alternative Figures in American Art, 1960 to the Present*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *What Nerve! Alternative Figures in American Art, 1960 to the Present*, RISD Museum, Providence, RI
- 2007 *Jackson*, Contemporary Art Galleries, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut  
*Dialogues: The Enigmatic Object*, George Adams Gallery, New York, New York  
*Inside/Outside*, George Adams Gallery, New York, New York  
*CCA at di Rosa Preserve: Art & Nature*, Gatehouse Gallery, Napa, California

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- 2006 *2006 Collector's Show & Sale*, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas  
*The Artful Jester*, The Painting Center, New York, New York; Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Vermont
- 2005-06 *Art of Engagement: Paintings, Drawings, Prints, and Sculpture*, Jack Rutberg Fine Arts, Los Angeles, California
- 2005 *Fired at Davis: Figurative Ceramic Sculpture from the Paula and Ross Turk Collection*, Cantor Arts Center, Stanford, California  
*Body Language*, George Adams Gallery, New York, New York  
*Paint on Metal: Modern and Contemporary Explorations and Discoveries*, Tuscon Museum of Art, Arizona
- 2004-05 *The True Artist is an Amazing Luminous Fountain: Selections from The di Rosa Preserve — Art and Nature*, The Kreeger Museum, Washington, DC; di Rosa Preserve, Napa, CA; Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA; Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2004 *"Bush-Whack!"*, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 *Poetics of Clay: An International Perspective*, Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- 1999 *The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works from the Saxe Collection*, M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1998 *Leonardo Lives: The Codex Leicester and Leonardo Da Vinci's Legacy of Art and Science*, Seattle Art Museum, WA
- 1995 *Facing Eden: 100 Years of Landscape Art in the Bay Area*, M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA  
*Inside Out: Psychological Self-Portraiture*, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT
- 1994 *Black Male: Representations of Masculinity*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*Elvis + Marilyn: 2 X Immortal*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA; travelled
- 1992 *Arneson, De Forest, Hudson, Wiley*, San Jose Museum of Art, CA
- 1986 *California Figurative Sculpture*, Palm Springs Desert Museum, CA
- 1984 *The Human Condition: Biennial III*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
- 1981 *Ceramic Sculpture: Six Artists*, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY
- 1980 *Sculpture in California 1975-1980*, San Diego Museum of Art, CA
- 1979 *West Coast Ceramics*, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam  
*A Century of Ceramics in the United States, 1878-1978*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY; travelled
- 1977 *Sculpture: American Directions 1945-75*, National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- 1970 *Annual Exhibition: Contemporary American Sculpture*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1969 *The Spirit of Comics*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 1968 *Dada, Surrealism, & Their Heritage*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 1967 *Funk Art*, University Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, CA  
*Arts of San Francisco*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA

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Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum, Aichi, Japan  
Akron Art Museum, OH  
Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, OH  
Anderson Collection at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ  
Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock  
Art Institute of Chicago, IL  
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA  
Birmingham Museum of Art, AL  
Boise Art Museum, ID  
Cleveland Museum of Art, OH  
Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL  
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
The de Groot Foundation, Chicago, IL  
Denver Art Museum, CO  
Des Moines Art Center, IA  
di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA  
Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY  
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA  
The Guggenheim Museum and Foundation, New York, NY  
Hammer Museum at University of California Los Angeles  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.  
Honolulu Museum of Art, HI  
Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum, University of California at Davis  
Jewish Museum, New York, NY  
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana  
Lannan Foundation, Santa Fe, NM  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA  
Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL  
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN  
Mildura Arts Center, Mildura, Australia  
Milwaukee Art Museum, WI  
Minnesota Museum of American Art, Saint Paul  
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary  
Museum of Modern Art, Shiga, Japan  
Richard Nelson Gallery and Fine Arts Collection, University of California, Davis  
National Gallery of Australia, Parkes Australia  
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC  
National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan  
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, KS

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Neuberger Museum, State University of New York, Purchase, NY  
Oakland Museum of California, CA  
Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA  
Palm Springs Art Museum, CA  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, PN  
Phoenix Art Museum, AZ  
Pollock-Krasner Study Center, East Hampton, New York, NY  
RISD Museum, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA  
San Jose Museum of Art, CA  
Santa Barbara Museum of Modern Art, CA  
Seattle Art Museum, WA  
Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan  
Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, IL  
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC  
Saint Louis Art Museum, MO  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Stedelijk Museum, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
Toledo Museum of Art, OH  
University of California, Davis  
University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City  
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
Utah Museum of Fine Arts, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA  
Virlane Foundation, New Orleans, LA  
Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT  
Frederick R. Weisman Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT