

"Somnambulists (Climate of Paradise)" 2026, Oil on Linen,, 38 x 41 cm, 15 x 16 in



"Portrait of a Young Man (iPrayer)", Oil on panel,, dia. 31 cm, 12 in



"Re-entry - A New Garden", 2025, Oil on linen, 107 x 107 cm, 42 x 42 in



"Portrait of a Young Woman (iPrayer)", Oil on panel,, dia. 31 cm, 12 in



Threshold of Assent (Primitive Man and the Invisible Hand)" 2025, Oil on linen, 92 x 112 cm, 36 x 44 in



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Born in Victoria, Texas

Lives and work in Los Angeles, California

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Education
Water St. Atelier, New York City, NY
Art Students League, New York City, NY
MFA in Painting, New York Academy of Art, New York City, NY
BFA in Illustration, Ringling School of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL
El Camino Community College, Torrance, CA.
Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025
Club Tropicana – New Art from New York and Other Places Part XVI, Gallery Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Art Herning 2025, Gallery Poulsen, Denmark

2021 Kwan Fong Gallery

2014 John Pence Gallery

2010 John Pence Gallery

2006 John Pence Gallery

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

The Last Judgement - New Art from New York and Other Places, Part XV, Gallery Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Within the Hearts of Man, Copro Gallery, LA, CA

Big Stories, New York Academy of Art, NYC, NY

2023

Big Stories, Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus, GA

Los Angeles Art Fair, Copro Gallery, LA, CA

2022

Natural Habitat, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Pandemic, Sol Art Gallery, Dublin, IE

Folly, Figure/Ground Gallery, Seattle, WA

2021

Los Angeles Art Fair, Copro Gallery, LA, CA

2019

Narrative Painting in Los Angeles, Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Black Friday, Maxwell Alexander Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2018

Movement + Narrative, Sp[a]ce Gallery, Pasadena, CA

Paint It Black, Black Anchor Collective, Los Angeles CA

Black Friday, Maxwell Alexander Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2017

New Baroque, Paul Booth Gallery, NYC, NY

Poets and Artists , Arcadia Gallery, NYC, NY

Black Friday, Maxwell Alexander Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

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Nexus, Abend Gallery, Denver, CO

2015
The Human Figure, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Still Life and Florals, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2014
Drawings, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Still Life, Florals, and Trompe l'Oeil, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2013
Recent Arrivals, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Still Life, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2012
Wil Wilson Curates, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Persons of Interest, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Still Life and Tromp l'Oeil, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2011
Recent Arrivals, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Size Matters, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2010
The Human Figure, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
4 Man, SixMoreVodka Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Eat, Drink, and Be Merry, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2009
Cityscapes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2008
Beyond the Likeness, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA
Water St. Atelier, Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Cityscapes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2007
Drawings, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Small Landscapes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Small Sill Lifes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Summer in San Francisco, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2006
Interiors, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Summer in San Francisco, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Portrait of the Artist Shooting Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2005
Paint What You Want, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Valentines, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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Food, Glorious Food, Zenith Gallery, Washington D.C.

2004
Realism, Anderson Fine Art, St. Simons ,GA
Landscapes- Varied Views, Apex Gallery, Washington D.C.
Tromp 'l oeil, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA;
New York Realists, Apex Gallery, Washington D.C.

2003
Paintings of Balleroy, Forbes Museum, New York; NY

Publications

"New Works: Within the Hearts of Man", Beautiful Bizarre Magazine 2024
"The Blind and the Tattooed", American Art Collector 2024
"New Surrealism: The Uncanny in Contemporary Painting", Robert Zeller, Monacelli Press 2033
"The Angeleno Imagination", American Art Collector 2021
"Prophet of the West", MutualArt 2020
"Narrative Painting in Los Angeles", LA Times, 2019
"Narrative Painting in Los Angeles", Art and Cake, 2019
"Lively Works in Dead Heat", Artillery, 2019
"Narrative Paintings at Craig Krull Gallery", THE ARTBLOG 2019
"Carl Dobsky's Realistic Narratives", Hi-Frictose 2018
"The Easy Guide to Post Contemporary Philosophy", Art Babel 2015
"Ship of Fools", Huffpost, 2015
"Making Connections" American Art Collector 2015
American Art Review
"Best of the West: West Coast" Southwest Art 2010

Teaching Experience

2022-Present California State University Long Beach
Fine Art Department (Foundations and Drawing and Painting)
Drawing and Painting Instructor/Lecturer

2018-2022 Laguna College of Art and Design
Fine Art Department
Painting Instructor/ Lecturer

2015-2018 Safehouse Atelier
Founder and Director
Full-time Faculty
Drawing and Painting Instructor

2014-2015 Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art
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	Full-time Faculty
	Drawing and Painting Instructor
2006-2008	Next-Gen Atelier
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	Drawing and Painting Instructor

Workshops

2022. Rome Art Workshops, Narrative Figure Painting

2020	Rome Art Workshops, Narrative Figure Painting
	Teaching Studios, Narrative Figure Composition
	Bay Area Classical Artists Atelier, Portrait Painting
	Warehouse Workshops, Linear Perspective
	Warehouse Workshops, Narrative Figure Composition
2019	Rome Art Workshops, Narrative Figure Painting
	Warehouse Workshops, Linear Perspective
	Warehouse Workshops, Narrative Figure Composition
	Warehouse Workshops, Figure Drawing
2018	Massive Black Workshops, Figure Drawing
	Massive Black Workshops, Portrait Painting
	Warehouse Workshops, Figure Drawing
	Warehouse Workshops, Linear Perspective
2014	Sadie Valeri Atelier, Figure Painting
	Atelier De Bresoles, Portrait Painting
	Golden Gate Atelier, Linear Perspective
2013	Sadie Valeri Atelier, Linear Perspective
	Massive Black, Figure Painting
	Massive Black, Linear Perspective
2010	Bay Area Classical Artists Atelier, Portrait Painting
	SixMoreVodka, Portrait Painting
2009	Bay Area Classical Artists Atelier, Figure Painting
2008	Atelier De Bresoles, Figure Painting
	Massive Black, Figure Painting
2007	Atelier De Bresoles, Figure Painting
	Massive Black Workshops, Figure Painting
	Massive Black Workshops, Portrait Painting
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