

# CHARLES COOPER

## VISUAL ARTIST

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### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

#### 2026

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**Family Ties** — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (group exhibition)

**Cerulean Arts' 20th Anniversary Exhibition** — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (group exhibition)

**Fall Annual Juried Exhibition** — Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ (juried exhibition)

**Mercer County Community College Faculty Exhibition** — Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ

#### 2025

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**No Vessel Can Hold the River** — Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA

**Mercer County Community College Faculty Exhibition** — Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ

**Shapes of Color** — Nancy Devine Gallery, Warren, Rhode Island

#### 2024

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**Freedom of Expression** — Dupree Gallery, Lambertville, NJ

**The Figure: Portraiture and Narrative** — Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA (juried exhibition; juror: Scott Noel)

### EARLIER SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

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**2023 Two by Two** — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (group exhibition)

**2023 14th Annual Contemporary Drawing Exhibition** — Tucker Cooke Gallery, University of North Carolina Asheville, Asheville, NC

**2023 55th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show** — Joseph A. Cain Memorial Art Gallery, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

**2022 Drawn Together: School of Art Faculty Exhibition** — School of Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**2022 Art at Kings Oaks** — Newtown, PA

**2021 Familiar Faces** — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**2018 6th Annual Juried Exhibition** — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**2018 Art Alliance UArts Faculty Show** — Art Alliance at the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**2017 Time Line: Looking Forward Through the Rearview Mirror** — Painting Gallery, Anderson Hall, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**2017 The Perpetual Subject** — Hamilton/Arronson Gallery, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**2016 Beyond the Blues: African American Music and Culture** — Columbia Art Center, Columbia, MD

**2016 140 University of the Arts, Faculty at the Kimmel** — Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**2016 Faculty Exhibition at MCCC** — Fine Arts Gallery, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA

**2016 Celebration of Color** — Dupree Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**2016 4th Annual Juried Exhibition** — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**2014 Our Journey: 75 Years of African-American Art** — The Jack and Jill Exhibition and Auction, New York, NY

**2014 Passage: My Journey from Grief to Recovery** — Drawings and prints, Willingboro Public Library, Willingboro, NJ

**2010 Works on Paper** — Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ

**2009 N.C.A. Invitational: Past and Present** — Dupree Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**2009 Faculty Exhibition** — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**2007 About Face** — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**2004 Inner Space** — Arts Council of Princeton, Princeton, NJ

**2003 Esther M. Klein Art Gallery** — University City Science Center, Philadelphia, PA

**2001 Works on Paper** — Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ

**1992 Contemporary Abstractions** — Esther M. Klein Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**1992 American Drawing Biennial II** — Muscarelle Museum of Art, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

**1989 Africasmericas Festival: Spiritual Rebirth** — Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA

**1989 The Afro-American Experience** — Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

**1986 The Perspective Figure: Paintings and Mixed Media** — Penn State Berks Campus, Reading, PA

**1986 The Rights Movement: Past Dreams, Present Vision** — Lawrence Gallery, Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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- 2024 **Individual Artist Fellowship in Painting** — New Jersey State Council on the Arts (fellowship award: \$27,000)
- 2018 **Third Place Award** — 6th Annual Juried Exhibition, Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 **Third Place Award** — 4th Annual Juried Exhibition, Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 **Faculty Enrichment Grant** — University of the Arts
- 2002 **Venture Fund Grant** — University of the Arts
- 2001 **Two Purchase Awards; Work of Distinction Award** — Perkins Center for the Arts

## PUBLICATIONS & REVIEWS

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- 2024 **New American Paintings, Northeast Edition, No. 170** — February/March 2024; Editor's Pick; juror: Amy Sherald
- 2020 **Toho Journal** — Vol. 2, Issue 2; online edition, Fall/Winter
- 2003 **"Charles in Charge," Roberta Fallon** — Philadelphia Weekly
- 2001 **"Willingboro Artist Captures Prizes for 'Works on Paper,'" Gail T. Boatman** — Burlington County Times, September 30
- 2014 ***Passage: My Journey from Grief to Recovery*** — Poems and drawings, authored and published by Charles A. Cooper

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

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Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Delaware  
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ

## EDUCATION

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- 1995 **MFA, Painting and Printmaking** — Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 1988 **BFA, Illustration, with Honors** — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2025–present **Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts, Art 105: Two-Dimensional Design** — Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ

**1997–2024 Professor of Fine Arts and Foundation Studies** — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA. Roles included Assistant Professor, Senior Lecturer, Master Lecturer, and Director/Co-Director of First Year/Core Studies programs.

**1995–1996 Adjunct Professor** — Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA

**1994 Teaching Assistant, Introductory Painting** — Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**1989–1993 Publication Artist; Mechanical Artist** — Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ

**1985–1989 Graphic Designer and Assistant Exhibition Coordinator** — African American Historical and Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA

**1980–1984 United States Marine Corps** — Sergeant; Honorable Discharge