

**BEN WILLIS**

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**EDUCATION**

2013 M.F.A. with Distinction, Painting, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
2005 B.F.A. with Distinction, Sculpture, Miami University Oxford, OH

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2022-Present Lead Preparator, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
2013-Present Adjunct Faculty, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ  
2021-22 Lead Preparator, Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ  
2020-21 Art Handler and Installer. Art Solutions and Installations, Scottsdale, AZ  
2015-20 Preparator, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
2011-15 Faculty Associate, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

**AWARDS/ GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

2019 Residency, Mr. Cooper Home Loans, Chandler, AZ  
2014 Contemporary Forum Artist Grant. Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
2012-13 Benjamin Wong Fie Scholarship. Martin Wong Foundation, San Francisco, CA  
2010-13 School of Art Special Talent Award/ Scholarship. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
2012 Residency. Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ  
2009 Residency. Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
2009 VSC Grant. Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2021 Wavy, Stephanie Chefas Projects, Portland, OR  
2020 Doses, Stephanie Chefas Projects, Portland, OR  
2017 Candy Man, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX  
2016 #groundrules. Rhetorical Galleries, PHICA Shipping Containers. Phoenix, AZ  
2013 About Face. R. Pela Contemporary Art. Phoenix, AZ  
2013 SIZE matters. MFA Thesis Exhibition: ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2024 A Little Vacation. Gallery ERGO, Seattle, WA  
2023 Outside / In. Embrace Creatives, Detroit, MI  
2023 Experience Line, Shape, Depth. Modified Arts, Phoenix, AZ  
2023 Chroma, Paradigm Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
2023 Visual Syntax, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ  
2023 Again and Again, Gallery ERGO, Seattle, WA  
2023 Family Affair, Chefas Projects, Portland, OR  
2022 Rainbows are Visions, Gallery ERGO, Seattle, WA  
2022 Green Around the Gills, Gallery ERGO, Seattle, WA  
2021 Art Faculty & Alumni Exhibition, Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, OH  
2020 Abstract Elegance, Found:RE Contemporary, Phoenix, AZ  
2019 Summer Collective, Stephanie Chefas Projects, Portland, OR  
2019 Emerging to Established, Krause Gallery, New York, NY  
2018 Through a Scope, Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Fort Worth, TX  
2017 Scope Art Show, Art Basel, Miami, FL  
2017 Duets 2.0, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX  
2017 Senses, New City Studio, Phoenix, AZ

- 2017 Art Faculty & Alumni Exhibition, Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, OH
- 2017 28 Grams, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX
- 2016 9 Grams, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX
- 2016 Parables of the Virtual, Fine Art Complex 1101, Tempe, AZ
- 2016 Fifth Annual Five15 to the Fifth, Five15 Arts, Phoenix, AZ
- 2015 2014 Contemporary Forum Artist Grant Winners Exhibition, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
- 2014 Face First, Manifest, Cincinnati, OH
- 2014 The Arts Speak. Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
- 2014 Perceived Reality: The Art of the Self Portrait. New City Studio, Phoenix, AZ
- 2013 Master Pieces 7. Manifest, Cincinnati, OH
- 2013 All Art Arizona. Art Intersection, Gilbert, AZ
- 2013 Figurative Art Now. Shemer Art Center, Phoenix, AZ
- 2013 Plein-Air Revival, Step Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 National Wet Paint Exhibition. Zhou B Art Center. Chicago, IL

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 Practical Art Anniversary Show, Practical Art, Phoenix, AZ
- 2024 We Make Art Too, Faculty Show. Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ
- 2023 Practical Art Anniversary Show, Practical Art, Phoenix, AZ
- 2022 Practical Art Anniversary Show, Practical Art, Phoenix, AZ
- 2022 Chaos Theory 22, Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2021 Chaos Theory 21, Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2021 Practical Art Anniversary Show, Practical Art, Phoenix, AZ
- 2020 Products of the '80s, Eric Fischl Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2019 Chaos Theory 20, Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2018 Chaos Theory 19, Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2017 Chaos Theory 18, Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2016 Snow, The Coe House, Phoenix, AZ
- 2016 Chaos Theory 17, Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2016 Artists in Residence, ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2016 Re|Collections, Miami University: Hiestand Galleries, Oxford, OH
- 2015 Chaos Theory 16. Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2014 Chaos Theory 15. Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012 Two Person Exhibition, Brawl at the Mall: Works by Ben Willis + Eddie Mitchell. Night Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 Nathan Cummings Travel Grant Exhibition. Gallery 100, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

### **EXHIBITIONS CURATED**

- 2017 Candy Castle, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX

### **VISITING ARTIST**

- 2018 University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
<https://youtu.be/DzyK0nX3d-4>

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- 2020 Juxtapoz Art + Culture. Doses and the Supernatural at Stephanie Chefas Projects  
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- 2017 Stacia Yepanis, OPP Interviews Ben Willis  
<http://blog.otherpeoplespixels.com/otherpeoplespixels-interviews-ben-willis>
- 2017 Issue 2: Art Maze Magazine. Curated by Art Maze Magazine  
<http://artmazemag.com/issue-2/>
- 2016 Issue 1: November. Create! Magazine. Curated by Hannah Stouffer  
<http://www.create-magazine.com/2016/10/issue-i-selected-artists/>
- 2016 Issue 18: Superstition Review. Arizona State University. Mesa, AZ  
<https://superstitionreview.asu.edu/issue18/art/benwillis>