

**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**

- 2015-Present Preparator, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
2013-Present Adjunct Faculty, School of Art, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ (courses taught: 2D Design, Color, Drawing 1 + 2, Painting 1 + 2)  
2013-15 Faculty Associate, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (Life Drawing 1)  
2013-15 Faculty, Vihel Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ (Painting Portraits)  
2013-14 Faculty, Shemer Art Center and Museum, Phoenix, AZ (courses taught: Drawing Fundamentals, Painting Fundamentals)  
2011-13 Instructor of Record, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (courses taught: Drawing 1, Color Theory)  
2012 Court Room Sketch Artist. ABC 15 News, Phoenix, AZ  
2011 Curatorial Intern, American and Western American Art. Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
2011 Preparator, Institute of Humanities and Research, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

**AWARDS/ GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018 Visiting Artist. University of North Texas, CVAD Foundations Program. Denton, TX  
2014 Contemporary Forum Artist Grant. Contemporary Forum, 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**

- 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  
2009 Are You There? Boston Public Library: South End Gallery, Boston, MA

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 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. (Juror: Jerry Schutte)
- 2013 Plein-Air Revival, Step Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
(Juror: Ehren Fritz Gerhard)
- 2012 National Wet Paint Exhibition. Zhou B Art Center. Chicago, IL. (Juror: Sergio Gomez)
- 2012 Last Call. Greenwich Gallery, Cincinnati, OH (Juror: Matthew Addison)
- 2011 Summer Graduate Show. ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ. (Juror: Sara Cochran)
- 2011 Environmental Imagination. First Prize Winner, Arizona State University: GPSA Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2010 Cacophonic, Bentley Gallery: Phoenix, AZ, (Curated by: Ryan Peter Miller)
- 2010 Modified. ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ

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- 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
- 2016 Art Detour 28. Five15 Arts, Phoenix, AZ
- 2015 Chaos Theory 16. Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2014 Chaos Theory 15. Legend City Studios, Phoenix, AZ
- 2014 Shemer Art Center Faculty Exhibition. Shemer Art Center, Phoenix, AZ
- 2013 Annual Silent Auction. Art Intersection, Gilbert, AZ
- 2012 Hollywood and Wine. Arizona Biltmore. Phoenix, AZ
- 2012 Two Person Exhibition, Brawl at the Mall: Works by Ben Willis + Eddie Mitchell.  
Night Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 Exchange 8: International Print Exchange Exhibition. Print Zero Studios. Seattle, WA
- 2012 Nathan Cummings Travel Grant Exhibition. Gallery 100, Arizona State University,  
Tempe, AZ
- 2011 Mnemosyne. The Icehouse. Phoenix, AZ
- 2011 Third Dimension. Bragg's Pie Factory. Phoenix, AZ
- 2011 Drawing Connections. Siena Art Institute, Siena, Italy
- 2011 Small Architectures. The Tempe History Museum, Tempe, AZ
- 2010 New Graduate Exhibition. ASU: Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2010 Two Person Exhibition, Unity: Works by Matthew Addison and Ben Willis. Zen Center  
Gallery, Hamilton, OH

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2017 Stacia Yeapanis, 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>
- 2016 Constance McBride. Chaos Theory 17 at Legend City. The Arts Beacon  
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- 2016 Mary Dashnaw, #groundrules at Rhetorical Galleries, The Arts Beacon.  
<http://www.theartsbeacon.com/groundrules-at-rhetorical-galleries>
- 2015 Jen Urso, Chaos Theory 16 at Legend City, The Arts Beacon.  
<http://www.theartsbeacon.com/chaos-theory-16>
- 2015 Mikey Estes, Tempe Artist Ben Willis on Portraiture and Pattern Phoenix New Times.  
<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/tempe-artist-ben-willis-on-portraiture-experimenting-with-pattern-7361153>
- 2015 International Contemporary Artists Vol. 10. ICA Publishing,  
<http://www.incoartists.com/>
- 2014 Season 2: Arizona Artist. Figure 50, National Showcase of Figurative Art.  
<http://www.figure50.com>
- 2012 Susan Felt, ASU School of Art, Arizona Biltmore turn wine barrels into moneymakers.  
June 25, 2012. [https://asunews.asu.edu/20120525\\_hollywoodandwine](https://asunews.asu.edu/20120525_hollywoodandwine)
- 2012 Sergio Gomez. 2012 Wet Paint MFA Artists. January 20, 2012  
<http://www.wetpaintmfa.com/>

## **EXHIBITIONS CURATED**

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

## **GALLERY AFFILIATIONS**

- 2016-Present Represented by Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX