# THE COLOR OF MEMORY



## Jennifer Liston Munson

Jennifer Liston Munson buries abstract photos captured from abandoned rooms in colorized resin blocks to capture fleeting moments in time, as if to hold them in translucent amber to be rediscovered by looking through thick lenses as the images themselves look back out. Her object-like paintings and architectural sculptures draw viewers in through vivid color relationships, obscured textures, patterns, and imagery buried beneath surfaces to articulate places as silent witnesses to history suspended in time.

Jennifer Liston Munson is a Boston area artist who was born in New York and grew up in Los Angeles. She received an MFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University and a BFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Jennifer studied painting at Loughborough College of Art and Design in England. She received a Traveling Scholar fellowship culmintating with a show at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Her work is held in private and corporate collections.

Jennifer teaches at the SMFA at Tufts University and has an exhibition design practice that focuses on place-making for historic and contemporary art objects in museums and galleries.





## Alcázar Toledo, Spain

This piece is one of a series of paintings inspired by an extant room in the Alcázar of Toledo, Spain that is suspended in time. It was caught in the crossfire of the Spanish Civil War—bullet holes remain in the peeling wallpaper and the room—decaying architecture hangs upside down in the balance of then and now as a witness to history and as a metaphor for personal loss and suffering. Still, light shines through the tiny windows to allow for the possibility of renewal and change.



## Framed Light

Light, although unbuilt, plays a crucial part in defining how space is perceived. As much as light impacts architecture, architecture also impacts light. These images are rooted in Modernist architecture that allows framed light to enter interiors by carving voids from solids that create projections of abstract color.



## Color + Architecture\_Landscape

Colored wall sculptures consider space itself to be a material. Horizontal layers become narratives that reveal and conceal experience of architecture and the landscape.



What Ghosts Are
(Unknown Descendant)

This project began during the isolation of the Covid epidemic when I looked through a family photo album I had never seen. Images of faint figures clung to the paper and seemed to be caught between two worlds—simultaneously inhabiting an invisible past while communicating with me, their unknown descendant. The particulars of the individual are relinquished to look closely at long gone figures, still present.



## Color + Architecture\_Portrait

Coming up from the ground, stacked layers recall architecture, the landscape, the ancient, and the now. Simple geometries, color, and embedded photos are stacked in layers to remember moments in time.



## **Looking Through Lenses**

These little lenses frame views in color.

Combinations of color can be looked at and looked through to create moments of pause to see in new ways.

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### **MFA**

School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University

#### **BFA**

Massachusetts College of Art and Design Loughborough College of Art and Design, Leicestershire, England

#### **ART PRACTICE**

Member, Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA Represented by BK PROJECTS

#### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023 Looking In + Looking Out, Kingston Gallery) Boston, MA (upcoming)
- 2020 Inclinadas (Leaning in From Mexico City), Shelter in Place Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2020 Invisible Histories: New Work by Jennifer Liston Munson, All+One gallery, Portsmouth, NH
- 2015 Cuba Provides, BK Projects, Cutter Gallery, Arlington, MA
- 2009 Glance, Judi Rotenberg Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2000 Imagining Machines, multi-media installation, U Mass Art Gallery, Lowell
- 1999 Being Temporal Being, with Eugenie berg, multi-media installation, FPA Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1998. Mars, Christina and Me, multi-media installation, Lincoln Art Gallery, RI

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023 Dig, Duxbury Museum, Duxbury, MA (upcoming
- 2023 The Color of Memory, Piano Factory Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2023 Sweet Seasons, curated by Beth Kantrowitz, Gallery 444, Provincetown, MA
- 2022 Hopscotch, FPAC Gallery, Boston
- 2021 Hopscotch, Weidman Gallery, Lasell University, Newton, MA
- 2021 Lockets & Lace, curated by Beth Kantrowitz, Jameson & Thompson, JP, MA
- 2020 Yellow Wallpaper, One Mile Gallery, Kingston, NY
- 2020 Art in the Time of Corona: A Global Art Project, Dab Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 Structure, Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX
- 2019 Dot Conference, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018 The Line Begins to Blur, Sasaki Gallery, Watertown, MA

2017	<i>In Transit</i> , Stove Factory Gallery, Chelsea, MA
2016	Ptown Pop Up, 444 Gallery, Provincetown, MA
2015	Wheaton Biennial, Beard and Weil Gallery, Norton, MA
2015	Motion, Memory, Brickbottom Gallery, Somerville, MA
2015	<i>In Passing, FPAC Gallery</i> , Boston, MA
2014	P.O.E.M., Cushing-Martin Gallery, Stonehill College, Easton, MA
2009	Popsicle, Judi Rotenberg Gallery, Boston, MA
2007	<i>Tracks</i> , Judi Rotenberg Gallery, Boston, MA
2002	Introductions, Judi Rotenberg Gallery, Boston, MA
2001	Traveling Scholars, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
2001	Ground Zero 2001, Chinatown pop up, New York
2000	Head Over Heels, Photographic Resource Center,
1999	New England/New York, New Talent, Hampshire College
1998	Notes from the Next Life: Invisible Cities, Somerville, MA
1998	Emerging Artists, CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, NY
1998	National Print and Drawing Show, Artworks Gallery, Hartford, CT

### **GRANTS. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

2019	Cummings Foundation Grant
2019	Dadourian Foundation Grant
2001	Traveling Scholar Fellowship, School of the Museum of Fine Arts
1999	Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant, Phase I'
1998	Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grant
1996	Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant, Phase II
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1997	Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation grant, Phase II
1996	Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation grant, Phase I
1995	Ulsake Artist Award, Hartford, CT

1997 Eleven Artists, photographic Resource Gallery, Boston, MA

### **EXHIBITION DESIGNER**

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Boston Athenaeum
Trustees of the Reservations
Tufts University Art Galleries
Forbes House Museum
Scottish Rites Masonic Museum

### **Historic Preservation**

West Newbury Historical Commission

## **PRICE LIST**



1 Color of Memory #1, 2023 Oil, lucite, screws, wood \$1,600



**2** Color of Memory #2, 2023 Acrylic, lucite, wood \$1,600



**3** Color of Memory #3, 2023 Acrylic, lucite, wood \$1,600



4 Color of Memory #4, 2023
Acrylic, lucite, wood
\$1,600



5 Framed Light (Red), 2023
Archival pigment print, oil, resin, wood
14" x 9"
\$1,800



6 Framed Light (Purple), 2023
Archival pigment print, oil, resin, wood
14" x 9"
\$1,800

## **PRICE LIST**



7 What Ghosts Are (Unknown Descendants) #41
2023
Archival pigment print, acrylic, bamboo
24" x 18"
\$2,200



8 What Ghosts Are (Unknown Descendants) #42
2023
Archival pigment print, acrylic, bamboo
24" x 18"
\$2,200



9 Alacazar #1, 2019 Archival pigment print, oil, lucite, wood 14" x 10" \$1,800



10 Lenses, 2023
Colorized lucite
Small \$95 each Large \$125 each



**11** Color of Memory #4, 2023 Acrylic, lucite, wood \$1,600



12 Lenses, 2023
Colorized lucite
Small \$95 each Large \$125 each

Color of Memory #5 + #6, 2023 Acrylic, lucite, wood \$900 each



13 Color + Architecture\_Portrait, 2023
(on floor)
Granite, lucite
\$950 each

Color + Architecture\_Portrait, 2023 (on floor) Acrylic, lucite, wood \$1,200