

MEL COOK

EDUCATION

- 2016 Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2012 Masters of Fine Arts, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bowling Green State University
- 2008 Studio Art Centers International (SACI), Florence, Italy

SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *TORRENTIAL HAG*, Mel Cook + Kelly Reaves, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *I NEED A VOICE NOT A BODY*, Vital Signs MKE, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 *Mother of The Clown*, Mel Cook + Molly Colleen O'Connell, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *We Have a Back Room With Other Things: Mel Cook + Megan Stroeck*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Things Will Be Fine*, Jan Brandt Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2014 *Between The Void*, Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL
- 2013 *Still Life Revisited*, Morton College, Cicero, IL
- Mel Cook: Recent Monotypes*, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 *Sincerely, With Love*, Illinois State University Galleries, Normal, IL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Somebody Told Me You People Were Crazy*, Hathaway Gallery, Atlanta, GA
With a Capital P: Selections by Six Painters, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Painting The Figure Now, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI
Some Kind of (M)Other, 31, Yeah Maybe, Minneapolis, MN
Living for Love, Oklahoma, Chicago, IL
Manneken Press, EXPO, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Lumpen Drawing Rally*, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
Local Comfort, LVL3, Chicago, IL
LtdWear3, LVL3 and Tusk, Chicago, IL
Women Painting Men, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
The Chicago Show, 56 Downing St., Brooklyn, New York
Continental Breakfast, Condo Association, Chicago, IL
Winter Romance, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL
Nothing Is Ours But Time, Ukrainian Modern Institute of Art, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Eyes, Nose, Lips, Etc.*, Left Field Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
El Sol Sale Para Todxs, Chicago, IL
Milestones, The Fine Arts Center Galleries, BGSU, Bowling Green, OH
Unfurnished, Demo Projects, Springfield, IL
Close To Me, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *New American Paintings*, curated by Steven Zevitas, stARTup Art Fair, Chicago, IL
New Business, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
For Sale By Owner, Hilltop Antiques, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015 *US*, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL
Time Share, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2014 *2014 Faculty Biennial*, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2013 *Prime*, Heavy Brow Gallery, Bloomington, IL
Faculty Biennial, ICC Art Gallery, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
- 2012 *In Your Neighborhood*, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
Spookeh, Jan Brandt Gallery, Bloomington, IL
2012 Student Annual, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
The Eye That Sees The Possible, Transpace Gallery, Normal, IL

RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Lazuli Residency, Corinth, VT
Artist in Residence, Ace Hotel, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Artist in Residence, Illinois Sate University, Normal, IL
- 2017 ACRE, Steuben, WI
- 2016 Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2016 The Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

2013 Visiting Artist, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-20 Lecturer, Art, Theory, Practice, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2016-20 Teaching Artist, Marwen, Chicago, IL
2016-17 Lab Teaching Artist, Marwen, Chicago, IL
2016-17 Studio Facilitator, Marwen, Chicago, IL
2013-14 Instructional Assistant Professor, Illinois Central College, Peoria, IL
2013 Instructional Assistant Professor, Lincoln Community College, Normal, IL
2012-13 Instructional Assistant Professor, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
2007-08 Teaching Artist, Sofia Quintero Cultural Center, Toledo, OH

GUEST LECTURES

2019 Visiting Artist, Contemporary Practices, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
2019 Visiting Artist, Art, Theory, Practice, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2018 Visiting Artist, Contemporary Practices, School of the Art Institute Chicago, IL
2018 Visiting Artist, Art, Theory, Practice, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2017 Visiting Artist, Contemporary Practices, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
2017 Visiting Artist, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
2017 Visiting Artist, Harper College, Palatine, IL
2016 Visiting Artist, Arts Administration, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

AWARDS

2013 Studio Break MFA Competition Winner
2012 Irving S. Tick Award in Painting, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
2009 Full Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
2008 Undergraduate Research Grant, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

PRESS

2020 "Torrential Hag" at Cleaner Gallery Projects, Sixty Inches From Center, 11-26-2020
2019 *Artist Lends Irreverent Touch to Hathaway Group Show*, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7-11-2019
Cullum's July Notebook: Disparate Parts Make a Whole at Hathaway, ARTS ATL, 7-03-2019
Cult Classics: A Conversation with Craig Drennen, Burnaway, 6-4-2019
2018 *Conversations With The Inspiring Mel Cook*, Voyage Chicago, 7-24-18
Artist of The Week: Mel Cook, LVL3, 6-5-2018
Crushing The Patriarchy With One Look; Molly Colleen O'Connell and Mel Cook Clown Around With The Femme Abject, Chicago Tribune, 5-25-2018
1960s Chicago Gave Birth to a Colorful, Frenetic Art Scene
That Is Still Gathering Steam, Artsy, 5-17-2018
Plunge Into the Madcap Delirium of Chicago Imagists at a Brooklyn Brownstone with These Photos, Artnet News, 5-16-2018
2017 *Artist Spotlight: Mel Cook*, Chicago Woman, 12-18-2017
2016 *Nicole Lane Interviews Mel Cook*, Vagabond City Lit, Nov 3, 2016
2015 *Mel Cook/Erin Hayden*, Studio Break, Podcast Interview, Episode 147, 8-14-2015
2014 *Mel Cook*, Studio Break, Podcast interview, Episode 103, 3-20-2014

PUBLICATIONS

2016 *New American Paintings*, No. 125, Midwest Issue
2013 *Studio Visit*, Volume 24, Page 35
2013 *Art In Print*, Volume 3, Number 1, Page 43

COLLECTIONS

The Joan Flasch Artist Book Collection, School of The Art Institute Chicago, Chicago, IL
Permanent Collection, Spoke Apartments, Chicago, IL
The Polsinelli Art Collection, New York, NY
Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA
David Beitzel, David Beitzel, Fine Arts