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# **Sandra Binion**

## **Selected Works**

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**2025**

**RD**, multimedia installation in collaboration with Lou Mallozzi, LdM Gallery, Florence, Italy, Curated by Špela Zidar, 12 June – 11 July 2025.

**Dans la lumière d'Harriet Backer** (In the Light of Harriet Backer) Artist Talk and Screenings, The International Library of Fashion Research, Oslo, February 18; KODE Museum, Bergen, (Feb 22 and 23 as part of the exhibition *Harriet Backer. Every Atom is Colour*, 20 February– August 23, 2025); Stasjonskafeen, Spydeberg, February 25.

**2024**

**Dans la lumière d'Harriet Backer**, single channel video, as part of the exhibition *Harriet Backer (1845–1932) La musique des couleurs*, 24 september 2024–12 janvier 2025, Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France and « Norvégiennes en scène » festival au Musée d'Orsay, 23 & 24 November 2024.

**2024**

**Sandra Binion: Autobiography of Looking**  
A retrospective exhibition and performance series, April 12 – June 9, 2024. Curated by Mariana Mejía. Audible Gallery at Experimental Sound Studio, Chicago. Live events presented at Experimental Sound Studio, AIRMW, Galerie Fledermaus, and Roman Susan. Open archive sessions at Hyde Park Art Center.

**2023**

**Waiting for Small Mysteries**, single-channel video installation, "Miroirs de la Seine : chez Flaubert et au-delà", Curated by Jean-Baptiste Chantoiseau. Musée Flaubert et d'histoire de la médecine, Rouen, France. Novembre 16, 2023–June 2, 2024.

**Streetscapes –Vers l'incree**, photography, drawings, and maquettes (with bi-lingual French-English catalog). In collaboration with architect Marc Dilet. La Loge, Paris, France, 1–4 June, 2023.

**2022**

**the beauty of something ripped**, an exhibition of the series of fourteen photographs (with bi-lingual French-English catalog), Alliance Française de Chicago, 11 May–18 June, 2022.

**2021**

**Fleeting**, multi-media installation and **Aftermath**, series of watercolors, double exhibition at Durand Art Institute, Lake Forest College, Illinois, 2–26 September 2021.  
**Distillé**, multi-media installation and **Searching for Emma**, photographic series, double exhibition at Centre d'art contemporain de la Matmut– Daniel Havis, Saint-Pierre-de-Varengeville, France, as part of Flaubert 21. 22 May–19 September 2021.

**2019**

**Distillé**, multi-media installation, Kyoto City University of the Arts Art Museum, Kyoto, Japan, 27 July–18 August 2019.

**2017**

**Distillé**, multi-media installation, Maison de George Sand, Nohant, France, 7 October – 26 November 2017.

**Distillé: Une sélection de photographies**, Palais Jacques Coeur, Bourges, France, 6 October –26 November 2017.

**Dark Water**, multi-media installation with video, photography, painting, and sculpture (bronze and marble). Curated by Silvana Vassallo. Passaggi Art Contemporanea, Pisa, Italy, 18 March – 20 May 2017.

**Distillé, Preamble: Une sélection de photographies**, Exhibition of photographs in dialogue with sketches by Albert Fourié from 1885. Part of "La Ronde," 9 Musées de la Métropole, Curated by Sylvain Amic. Porte 10 – Espace culturel du CHU-Hopitaux de Rouen, Rouen, France, 19 January – 28 April 2017.

**2016**

**Distillé**, multi-media installation with video, sound, photographs, scents, objects; Abbaye de Noirlac – Centre culturel de rencontre, Bruère-Allichamps, France, 20 March - 16 May 2016.

**A Feast of Astonishments: Charlotte Moorman and the Avant-Garde, 1960s–1980s**, Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 16 January–17 July 2016; inclusion of early performance documents related to participation in Charlotte Moorman's *Annual Avant-Garde Festival of New York* 1974, 1975, 1978.

**2014**

**Distillé, A Seelection of Photographs**, solo exhibition of 16 photographs, University Club of Chicago.

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**2014**

**Round Trip**, diptych video installation, Dallas Biennial (DB14), Dallas, Texas. *Pae/saggio* group exhibit, Montevarchi, Italy, curated by Carles Marco.

**Random Lines in Tereglio**, 40-foot wall installation with 35 paintings and video installation *LUMACA*. Group exhibition, *The Art of Description*, Curated by Douglas Stapleton; Illinois State Museum, Chicago Gallery; exhibition travels to four Illinois museums over two years.

**2013**

**Waiting for Small Mysteries**, single-channel video installation, *ACQUA* group exhibition, curated by Carles Marco. Associazione Montevarchi Arte, Montevarchi, Italy. May 26–June 9, 2013.

**Subtropics Festival of Experimental Music**, Miami, Florida. Curated by Gustavo Matamoros. Exhibition of video installation *LUMACA*. March 16–17, 2013.

**StreamLines: ephemeral presence in contemporary art**, group exhibition, Curated by Lise McKean at the 13th Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women in Vaishali, Bihar, India. January 5–12, 2013.

**2012**

**Diminuendo**, sound installation. *Home: Public or Private?* A group exhibition of installations and performances at 6018NORTH, October 6–28, 2012, curated by Tricia van Eck.

**Vinosonic**, a wine tasting music event at Experimental Sound Studio, Chicago. Exhibition of **Vino** four-channel video installation.

**Rough Beauty**, multi-media installation with paintings, photographs, sound installation *DIMINUENDO* and video installation *LUMACA*, La Fagiana, Tereglio, Italy.

One person show **Dialoghi Imprevisti II**, Montevarchi Arte Festival, May 30, 2012.

**2011**

**Botanica**, multi-media installation with paintings, photographs, and four-channel video *Vino*, *Il Borgo degli Agrumi* festival, Buggiano Castello, Italy.

**Dialoghi Imprevisti**, Palazzo Costa, Mantova, Italy. 2-hour exhibit of watercolor works, curated by Lucio Pozzi for MAT/tam, 26 June 2011, 5:30-7:30.

**2008–10**

**Ennesbo**, multi-media installation with four channel video, House of Sweden, Washington, DC, Swedish American Museum Center, Chicago, American Swedish Historical Museum, Philadelphia, Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle; Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. (2008–2010: Two year five-venue tour)

**2009**

**Northern (L)attitudes**, group exhibition, Scandinavia House, New York City.

**2007**

**Seasons**, five-channel video façade installation, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago.

**2006**

**Samba Corporal**, multi-media installation, A + D Gallery, Columbia College, Chicago; Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, Illinois. Group exhibition, Curated by Corey Postiglione.

**2005**

**Mirage**, multi-media installation, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Illinois; PAC/edge Performance Festival, Athenaeum Theatre, Chicago; and Tarble Art Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

**2004**

**watercloset(s)** diptych video installation. PAC/edge Performance Festival, Athenaeum Theatre, Chicago; LIPA Gallery; NOVA Young Art Fair, Chicago (2005).

**2003**

**Thirteen Nights**, intermedia performance in collaboration with Lou Mallozzi, PAC/edge Performance Festival, Athenaeum Theatre, Chicago; and at The Rhinoceros Theater Festival, Chicago.

**Bianco Veneziano**, video installation. PAC/edge Performance Festival, Chicago, and Noyes Cultural Art Center, Evanston, Illinois.

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**2002**

**Hollywood Blvd** video. Subtropics Festival of Experimental Music, Miami, Florida, and at the Outer Ear Festival of Sound, Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago.

**Only Sleeping**, video installation, Stone Chapel at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago; Center for Peace and Human Security Media Festival, New York; and LIPA Gallery, Chicago (2003) and "summer summit," Poetovio, Slovenia (2004).

**2001**

**First/Last** performance for reader, projected video, page-turner, and musician. Woodland Pattern, Milwaukee, The Candlestick Maker, Chicago with Leroy Jenkins on violin; Galerie Nuova Icona at the Oratorio San Ludovico, Venice, Italy, with Filippo Monico on percussion; No Exit, Sunday Contemporary Music Series with Janice Misurell-Mitchell on flute (2000); Gallery 2, with Michael Zerang, percussion (1999).

**1998**

**Duras Piece** performance for reader, musician, projected video, and sleeper. Studio For, Oakland, California and Hans Fahden Vineyards, Calistoga, California, with Matt Ingalls on clarinet; Fassbender Gallery and Hothouse, Chicago with Vincent Chancey on French horn; Studio D(etroit) with Spencer Barefield on guitar. With Eponine Cuervo Moll as the Sleeper for all venues.

**1997**

**Scrubbing the Floors**, a meditation of the art of maintenance for scrubwoman, video and string quartet. (1996–97) Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; University of California, Berkeley; Studio For, Oakland; Venue 9, San Francisco.

**1996**

**Frame of Reference**, Solo exhibition of 16mm film-based photographs and video installation at Space Gallery, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

**1995**

**No Moon**, A photographic portfolio in collaboration with Dirk Bakker. Exhibited at the Fassbender Gallery, Chicago; and in the exhibition *Meta/Physics: Crossing Boundaries in Contemporary Photography*, Hope College, Holland, Michigan. Curated by Steve Nelson. Invitational.

**1990**

**MMEDEAA**, a chamber opera with fire installation. McNulty Bros. Factory, Chicago, with Jim O'Rourke and Angelika Hoffman.

**La (Vera) Dolce Vita**, per televisione e pasta. Club Lower Links, Chicago, with Douglas Grew.

**1989**

**Opera Barcelona**, for cello, saxophone, laundress, and video. Link's Hall, Chicago, Fareed Haque, Naomi Millender, and Ari Brown.

**1987**

**Could Have Just Thrown the Ball...** for silhouette figure, film, and musician. Link's Hall, Chicago; Kunstlerinnen-Symposiums '87 at the Kunstraum, Stuttgart, Germany.

**1985**

**The Result of the Search for Something Simple and Uncomplicated**, an action for four characters and film. Institut Unzeit, Berlin, Germany; Link's Hall, Chicago, with Lawrence "Butch" Morris on cornet.

**1984**

**Dada Race**, a turtle race performance event. International Dada Festival at Club Generic, San Francisco, with Jim Guzetta on accordion and the Rova Saxophone Quartet.

**Steam Symphony**, sound performance for twenty ironers. Miami Waves Experimental Film and Video Forum, Miami, Florida.

**1983**

**Mixed Grill**, group show, Grommet Gallery, New York City. Curated by Jean Dupuy. January 14, 1983.

**Figure, Painting**, storefront window performances at the Storefront, San Francisco; and at the Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York City, with Lawrence "Butch" Morris on cornet.

**1983**

***Suite for Bass and Ironing Bored*** for ironer, contrabass and video. (1981–84) Art Expo, Navy Pier, Chicago, with Tyler Mitchell; Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago, Powerhouse Gallery, Montreal, and Spaces, Cleveland, with Harrison Bankhead; Detroit Artists Market, and C.A.G.E., Cincinnati, with Jaribu Shahid; Kunstraum, Stuttgart, with Thomas Stabenow; LaMamelle, San Francisco with Mel Graves; Lhasa Club, Hollywood, and Sushi, San Diego with Bert Turetzky; Miami Waves Forum, Miami, with Arzinia Richardson; Manhattan Healing Arts Center, NY with Brian Smith.

**1982**

***Negative Act***, solo performance Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago and at the Franklin Furnace, New York City.

***Silver Square***, an outdoor installation. Sponsored by Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago.

**1982**

***Red, Red, All Red***, a six day solo storefront performance. Stanley Korshak's storefront, North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

**1981**

***Alone or Not Alone***, solo performance. Artemisia Gallery, Chicago. April 14, 1982.

**1980**

***Clock:Watch***, a twenty four hour solo performance. First Los Angeles Performance Festival, Los Angeles, California.

***The Green Dress, A Chicago Story***, a photo collaboration with Dirk Bakker. Artemisia Gallery, Chicago; The Goodman Theatre, Chicago; Powerhouse Gallery, Montreal (1983).

**1979**

***Homage À Odilon Redon***, solo performance at the Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, California.

**1978**

***All Tied Up***, performance at the Mudd Club, New York City.

***Egyptian Frieze Walk***, solo performance 15th Annual Avant Garde Art Festival, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Curated by Charlotte Moorman.

**Education**

University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio, B. F. A., Dance, 1975.

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, M.F.A., Filmmaking, 1992.

**Selected Awards and Honors**

Walter and Karla Goldschmidt Foundation, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; DEW Foundation Grant, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; D. Elizabeth Price and Lou Yecies Grant, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; Emily Harvey Foundation Residency with Lou Mallozzi, Venice, Italy, 2018; Reale Mutua Assicurazioni Grant, Italy, 2011; Pro Suecia Foundation Grant, 2010, 2009, 2007; American Scandinavian Foundation Grant, 2007; Genline Grant, 2007; SWEA Chicago Grant, 2007; Excellence in Visual Exhibition Award from Performing Arts Chicago for "Mirage," 2005; Excellence in Visual Exhibition Award from Performing Arts Chicago for "watercloset(s)," 2004; Hugh M. Hefner Foundation Grant, 2004, 2005; Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Grant, 2003; Project Completion Grants, Illinois Arts Council, 2014, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 1999, 1989, 1987, 1980; Ragdale Foundation Residency, 2007, 2004, 2000; Djerassi Resident Arts Program, 1997; Goethe-Institute Grant, 1990; Art Matters, Inc. Grant, 1990; Goethe-Institut Scholarship, Berlin, Germany, 1984.

**Selected Collections**

University Art Museum of Kyoto City University of Arts, Kyoto, Japan; Rouen nouvelles bibliotheques: Bibliotheque patrimoniale Villon, Rouen, France; Musée Flaubert, Rouen, France; Museo della Grafica di Pisa, Italy; The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Historical Society, Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, International Center of Photography, New York, Kominiarek Bresler Harvick & Gudmundson, Chicago; Monasterio de San Lazzaro degli Armeni, Venice, Italy; Gilbert and Lila Silverman Collection in the Museum of Modern Art, New York; David C. and Sarajeon Ruttenberg Collection; and private collections in India, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Japan and the United States.

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