

# David Leggett

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Lives and works in Los Angeles, California

## Education

- 2010 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine.
- 2007 Masters of Fine Arts. School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
- 2003 Bachelors of Fine Arts. Savannah College of Art and Design.

## Awards and Residencies

- 2022 Bed-Stuy Art Residency. Bedford Stuyvesant Brooklyn, New York.
- 2018 Joan Mitchell Center Residency. 3Arts Fellow. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2014-15 University of Chicago, Arts and Public Life, Artist in Residence.
- 2013 Robert Rauschenberg Residency. 3Arts Fellow. Captiva, Florida.  
Maker Grant Runner-Up. Chicago Illinois.
- 2010 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.  
Fellowship Award. Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.  
The Drawing Center Viewing Program.
- 2009 3Arts. Visual Artist Award. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2005-07 Trustee Scholarship. School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
- 2005 Fellowship Award. School of the Art Institute.
- 2000-03 Merit Scholarship. Savannah College of Art and Design.

## Exhibitions

### Solo Shows

- 2023 Everyday Struggle. Steve Turner Contemporary. Los Angeles, California.  
Tuck your chain. Omni Gallery. London, England.
- 2021 Say Less. Anthony Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
We have food at home. Steve Turner Contemporary. Los Angeles, California.  
Four Door Lexus. Aspect / Ratio Projects. Chicago, Illinois.  
Works on paper. James Fuentes Online. New York, New York.
- 2020 Why you really mad? Steve Turner Contemporary. Los Angeles, California.
- 2019 David Leggett. Shane Campbell Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2017 Asking for a friend. Kimmerich Gallery. Berlin, Germany.  
Drawing Show. Shane Campbell Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
Their funeral, our dance floor. Shane Campbell Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2016 Black Drawls. Gallery 400. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 Sugar foot rain dance. Arts Incubator in Washington Park. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2014 Going to bed angry. 65 Grand Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2012 Coco River Fudge Street. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, Illinois.  
It's getting to the point where nobody respects the dead. Fresh to death. Western Exhibitions.  
Chicago, Illinois.  
David Leggett New Paintings. Hinge Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2010 Up for the Down Stroke. 65 Grand Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.

## Two-person show

- 2018 Mixed Emotions: David Leggett and Ryan Richey. Various Small Fires Gallery. Los Angeles, California.

## Group shows

- 2023 Goosebumps. Anthony Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
Hat Trick. Rusha & Co. Los Angeles, California.
- 2022 All that light. Logan Center Exhibitions. Chicago, Illinois.  
Hotline. Long Beach Museum of Art. Long Beach, California.
- 2021 Group Chat. Julius Caesar Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
This IS America. Kunstraum Potsdam. Potsdam, Germany.  
I AM NOT A CARTOON. StoveWorks. Chattanooga, Tennessee.  
Something about us. Anthony Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2020 Fever Dream. Aspect / Ratio Projects. Chicago, Illinois.  
Our World. Steve Turner Contemporary. Los Angeles, California.  
Snacks. Standard Space. Sharon, Connecticut.  
Riders of the Red Horse. The Pit. Glendale, California.  
We used to gather. Library Street Collective. Detroit, Michigan.  
Group Show. Zidoun & Bossuyt Gallery. Luxembourg.  
Blackstract. Tag Gallery. Los Angeles, California.  
Eleven Figures in Two Parts. Atkinson Gallery. Santa Barbara, California.
- 2019 Depiction, Again. Kunstverein Langenhagen. Lower Saxony, Germany.  
Island. Ramp Gallery. London, England.  
The Flat Files. The Pit. Glendale, California.  
Somebody Told Me You People Were Crazy. Hathaway Gallery. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2018 Above The Rim. Contemporary Art Museum. Raleigh, North Carolina.  
The Unseen. James Fuentes Gallery. New York, New York.  
Cosmic Traffic Jam. Zevitas Marcus Gallery. Los Angeles, California.  
Hand-Eye Coordination: Sports and Art, curated by Abraham Ritchie. Western Exhibitions. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2017 Figured Out! Andrew Rafacz Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
Council. Andrew Rafacz Gallery. Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 Alex Becerra, David Leggett, William J. O'Brien. Kimmerich. Berlin, Germany.  
Death: A Summer Show. Trestle Projects. Brooklyn, New York.  
Chicago and Vicinity. Shane Campbell Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 Three the hard way. Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts. University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2014 Ducks. Greenpoint Terminal Gallery. Brooklyn, New York.  
Now Chicago! The Hughes Gallery. Sydney Australia.  
Poems in a Room. Magic Pictures. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2013 Recess. South Side Community Art Center. Chicago, Illinois.  
Thru-Lines. 65 Grand Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
Whisper Down the Lane. Gallery 400. Chicago, Illinois.  
(I'm Your) Hoochie Coochie Man. Tracy Williams Ltd. New York, New York.  
Squirts: April Childers, David Leggett, Max Maslansky. Regina Rex. Queens, New York.
- 2012 Romancing the Tone. Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
Afterimage. DePaul Art Museum. Chicago, Illinois.  
Where My Clone At? Double Break. San Diego, California.  
Where My Clone At? 2 POEvolving Fine Art Printing Studio. Los Angeles, California.

- Blaque Lyte. ADA Gallery. Richmond, Virginia.
- 2011 Museum as Hub: Alpha's bet is not over yet! The New Museum of Contemporary Art. New York, New York.  
 Kodra 11 Contemporary Art Festival. Thessaloniki, Greece.  
 Is this thing on? Cobalt Studio. Chicago, Illinois.  
 People Don't Like to Read Art. Western Exhibitions. Chicago, Illinois.  
 The MDW Fair. The Geolofts. Chicago, Illinois.  
 West, Wester, Westest Pt. 2. Fecal Face Dot Gallery. San Francisco, California.  
 Futuro Perfecto. Zora Space. Brooklyn, New York.  
 Drop it like it's not. Murder Town Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
 Psych-a-Bobble. High Concept Laboratories. Chicago, Illinois.  
 Skowhegan Alumni Exhibition. 92Y Tribeca. New York, New York.  
 Heads on Poles. Western Exhibitions. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2010 Ah, Wilderness! Ebermoore Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
 SK10-New works from the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Class of 2010.  
 Tompkins Projects. Brooklyn, New York.
- 2008 Disinhibition: Black Art Blue Humor. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, Illinois.  
 Re:visions. Zolla Lieberman Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.

## Selected Bibliography

- 2023 Lewis, Jurrell, "In the Studio: David Leggett", *Art21.org*.
- 2021 Lordi, Emily, "The Black Recovery Stories Speaking to Individual and Collective Wellness", *The New York Times Magazine*.
- 2020 Drew, Kimberly and Worthan, Jenna, "Black Futures", *One World*.  
 Gavin, Francesca, "The Age of Collage VOL. 3", *Gestalten*.
- 2019 Brown – Moreira, Caira, "Transcendent Humor: A Review of David Leggett at Shane Campbell Gallery", *New City Art*.  
 Feaster, Felicia, "Artist lends irreverent touch to Hathaway group show", *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.
- 2018 Caldwell, C. Ellen, "Detouring Through Art, History & In Cosmic Traffic Jam", *Riot Material*.  
 Nimptsch, Emily, "David Leggett and Ryan Richey: Mixed Emotions", *Riot Material*.  
 Dambrot, NYS Shana, "Get Caught in a Cosmic Traffic Jam in Culver City", *LA Weekly*.
- 2017 New American Painting 131 midwest edition.  
 Cardoza, Kerry, "David Leggett has the last laugh", *Chicago Reader*.  
 J. Patrick Carney, Sean, "First Look", *Art in America*.  
 Cardoza, Kerry, "Tough Love with a Glint of Humor", *Newcity Art*.
- 2016 Sargent, Antwaun, "An exhibit takes aim at art history, race, and Drake", *The Creators Project, Vice*.  
 Berlant, Lauren, "Comedy is a great way to break the news: A conversation with David Leggett", *Critical Inquiry*.  
 Petty, Felix, "David Leggett is the dark, comic art star of underground Chicago", *i-D, Vice*.  
 Sierzputowski, Kate, "David Leggett's User Generated Satire", *Inside/Within*.
- 2015 Ungur, Laura, "Dry Magazine Artist Interview", *Dry Magazine*.
- 2014 Forrest, Nicholas, "Now Chicago!" at The Hughes Gallery, Sydney," *Blouin Artinfo*.
- 2013 Ise, Claudine, "A New style of art communication," *The Chicago Tribune*.  
 Eler, Alicia, "A Midsummer Group Show Dream," *Hyperallergic*.  
 Perry, Eve, "Not Taking the 1990's Very Seriously," *Hyperallergic*.  
 Scott, Andrea, "(I'm Your) Hoochie Coochie Man," *The New Yorker*.

- 2012 Langbein, Julia, "Critic's Pick: 'After Image' at DePaul University Museum," *ArtForum*.  
 Jackson, Danielle, "Cotton Candy Sweet as Gold: A Conversation with David Leggett," *Sixty Inches From Center*.  
 Yeapanis, Stacia, "Other Peoples Pixels Interviews David Leggett," *Other Peoples Pixels Blog*.  
 Bellware, Kimberly, "Coco River Fudge Street," *The Chicagoist*.  
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 Ritchie, Abraham, "Coco River Fudge Street," *Flavorpill*.  
 Ritchie, Abraham, "Rackroom Interview," *Art Slant*.  
 Glass, Claire, "Portrait of the Artist: David Leggett," *Newcity Art*.  
*Beautiful/Decay Book: 7, Class Clowns*.
- 2011 Weinberg, Lauren, "People Don't Like To Read Art' at Western Exhibitions:  
 Ritchie, Abraham, "People Don't Like to Read Art at Western Exhibitions," *Art Slant*.  
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- 2010 "Interview: David Leggett," Black Visual Archive.  
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 Schmidt, Shannon, "David Leggett at 65GRAND," *Chicago Art Magazine*.  
 "Up for the Down Stroke at 65 Grand Gallery," *Daily Serving*.  
 "Up for the Down Stroke at 65 Grand Gallery," *Beautiful Decay*.

## Artist Talks and Lectures

- 2019 Visiting artist at Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.  
 2017 Visiting artist at ACRE artist residency. Steuben, Wisconsin.  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.  
 2016 Black Drawls: In conversation with Lauren Berlant. Gallery 400. Chicago, Illinois.  
 2015 Painting and its Humors. University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.  
 2014 SAIC in Chicago artist talk at 65 Grand Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.  
 2012 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Interlink Visiting Artist Program. Chicago, Illinois.  
 Coco River Fudge Street. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, Illinois.