

TORY FAIR

Tory Fair lives and works in the Boston area. Recent solo exhibitions and projects include presentations at Odd-Kin Gallery in East Providence, RI; A.D. Gallery in NY; ICA at MECA, Portland, ME; Drive-By Projects, Watertown; gallery VERY, Boston; Proof Gallery, Boston; LaMontagne Gallery, Boston, and The LeRoy Neiman Gallery at Columbia University, NY. Fair's work has been included in several group exhibitions, including *Paper Town*, Fitchburg Art Museum, *You are Here*, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA; *The Intuitionists*, The Drawing Center, NY; and Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City. Her work has been reviewed in publications including *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Sculpture Magazine*, and *Boston Art Review*, among others. She was a recent artist in residence at RAIR, (Recycled Artist In Residency, Philadelphia, PA), and has been the recipient of prestigious awards from the Joan Mitchell Foundation, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, LEF Foundation, and the Mass Cultural Council. She received her B.A. from Harvard University, Cambridge, MA and M.F.A. from the Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA. Fair is Professor of Sculpture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

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Solo Exhibitions and Projects

- 2025 Selected artist for permanent public sculpture at Copley Plaza, Boston, MA (forthcoming)
- 2025 Protest Flowers, Odd-Kin Gallery, Providence RI (forthcoming)
- 2024 Wild Knoll Gardens at Surf Point Residency, York, ME
- 2024 A.D. Gallery, New York City, NY
- 2021 Clearsky Boston, on site installation, Fenway, Boston, MA
- 2020/21 Portable Window, ICA at MECA, Portland, Maine.
- 2020 Area Code Art Fair, Special Projects, Portable Window. Month of August.
- 2019 RAIR Philly, sculptures developed on site, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 Portable Archive, Drive-By Projects, Watertown, MA
- 2016 Paperweight, gallery VERY, Boston, MA
- 2015 Heap, Proof Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2015 Fortitude and Fragility, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, NY
- 2013 New Work, Tory Fair, LaMontagne Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2011 Blossoming: Works By Tory Fair, Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk, VA
- 2011 Testing A World View, Again, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA
- 2010 Tory Fair, In The Wall, LaMontagne Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2008 Tory Fair, Block Bloom, LaMontagne Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2007 Ready, Set, Bloom I and II, Cambridge Arts Council Gallery, Cambridge, MA
- 2005 Hopscotch, Cambridge Public Art Commission, Cambridge, MA
- 2004 Gametime Series, Mills Gallery, Project Room, Boston, MA

2004 Tetherball, Art Space, Project Room Installation, New Haven, CT
 2002 Skyball, Fosdick Nelson Gallery at ArtSite, Wellesville, NY
 1994 Tory Fair, Art Trek, Flagstaff, AZ

Group Exhibitions (selected)

2025 (Re) Visited, University Hall Gallery at UMass Boston, curated by Sam Toabe
 2024 Unfixed Concrete Ideal, 3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH
 2023 Play, Drive-By Projects, Watertown, MA
 Paper Town, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
 Death Show, Gallery VERY, Boston, MA
 Artists and Materials 2, Suffolk University Gallery, Boston, MA
 2019 Middle Of Nowhere II, A Pine Barrens art, film, and music in nature event,
 Whitesbog Village, Brown Mills, NJ
 2019 You Must Not Stand In One Place, Distillery Gallery, Boston, MA
 2019 Body and Soul, gallery VERY, Boston, MA
 2017 DRAW/Boston, Massachusetts College of Art and Design's Bakalar and Paine Galleries, January
 2017, curated by Tomas Vu, Boston, MA
 2016 Walden: Window and Mirror, Concord Visual Art Center, Concord, MA
 2015 Plant People, Galveston Artist Residency Gallery, Galveston, Texas
 2015 WonderLAND, Lawn on D, outdoor commission curated by Kate Gilbert, Boston.
 2014 The Intuitionists, The Drawing Center, New York, NY
 2014 You Are Here, Worcester Museum of Art, Worcester, MA, curated by Susan Stoops.
 2013 Boston-Como, Como, Italy. Curated by James Hull and Carolina Lio.
 2012 I-90, Prole Drift Gallery, Seattle, WA
 2012 Lake Effect/Nor'easter: Part 1, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2011 Waiting Ground, Kate Werble Gallery, New York City (catalogue)
 2011 Sculpture Today: New Forces, New Forms, Frederik Meijer Sculpture Park and Gardens, Grand
 Rapids, MI
 2010 The Hide Out, Oh Nancy Collaboration, GARFO Art Center, Salt Lake City, UT
 2009 And the Fair Moon Rejoices: Contemporary Visionaries in the Wake of Blake, Mills Gallery, Boston
 Center for the Arts, Boston, MA, Curated by Randi Hopkins and Emily Isenberg
 2009 NADA Art Fair, Miami, FL
 2008 This is Boston, Not LA, LaMontagne Gallery, Boston, MA
 2009 NADA, Art Fair, Miami, FL
 2009 NEXT, Chicago, IL
 2007 Wall Flowers, Lenore Gray Gallery, Two Person Show, Providence, RI

2007	Momenta Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2007	Armory Show, New York, NY
2006	SPOT ON: CURRENT WORKS FROM THE STUDIO ART FACULTY, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis, University, Waltham, MA
2005	Sports Illustrated, Islip Art Museum, East Islip, NY
2005	Somewhere Outside It, Schroeder Romero, Brooklyn, NY, Curated by Janet Phelps
2005	Joan Mitchell Award Winners (1997), CUE Art Foundation, NY
2005	Sport, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY
2005	Forts and Ponchos, Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston, MA

Honors and Awards

2025	The Professor Mark A. Ratner Distinguished Teaching Awards
2021	Arlington Cultural Council, LCC Grant
2021	Cambridge Arts Council, The Port Neighborhood Grant
2019	VoCA Talk, with curator Jen Mergel at the BCA, Boston, MA
2018	Massachusetts Cultural Council, awarded in drawing
2018	Provost Research Award, More Than Minimal, Brandeis University
2011	Michael Laban Walzer Award for Excellence in Teaching, Brandeis University
2011	Massachusetts Cultural Council, Finalist in Sculpture
2009	Somerville Council for the Arts Grant
2007	LEF Foundation Fellowship
2006	Joan Mitchell Career Development Grant
2005	The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
2003	Artist Resource Trust Grant, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
2001	Blanche E. Coleman Award
1997	The Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant
1992	Gardner Fellowship, Harvard University

Collections

Fidelity, Boston

Fitchburg Art Museum

deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

Fotene Demoulas, Boston

Jody Saarmaa, Boston

Net Jeppson, Boston

Ann Coley, New York
Deborah Hawkins, Lincoln
Bernard Toale, Boston

Bibliography

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- 2025 Sculpture Magazine Feature, Unfolding Into the World: A Conversation with Tory Fair, July 22, 2025 by Mallory Ruymann
- 2021 Forbes: Challenge your Notions of Photography and Landscape with Two Exhibitions Exploring Decades of Process and Ideology, Natasha Gural, January.
- 2020 Boston Art Review, Issue 05: No Boundaries
- 2019 Process, Practice, Presence: Looking Back with Tory Fair, Boston Art Review interview with Jameson Johnson.
- 2019 McQuaid, Cate, "An artist's love letter to feminist forebears," The Boston Globe, July 19.
- 2019 VoCA interview, Portable Archive, discussion with Jen Mergel, recorded at BCA, Boston, June 2019 <http://www.voca.network/programs/voca-talks/>
- 2016 Interview by Stace Brandt in Big Red and Shiny, October 17.
- 2015 McQuaid, Cate, "Heap," The Boston Globe, October 20.
- 2014 Smee, Sebastian, "Worcester's 'You Are Here' Captivates with Contemporary Art," The Boston Globe, January 11, 2014.
- 2013 McQuaid, Cate, "Triggering Reverie," The Boston Globe, April 16.
- 2013 Ankori, Gannit. Frida Kahlo. London: Reaktion Books, 2013
- 2012 Harvard Review, Issue 42.
- 2011 McQuaid, Cate, "Bodies of Work," The Boston Globe, September 24. Guini, Yang, Public Art & Ecology: International Public Artist' Discourse on Ecology, No. 1, September, pgs 210-223.
- 2011 Cook, Greg, "Eva Hesse at the ICA and Tory Fair at the DeCordova," The Phoenix, July 26.
- 2010 Koslow Miller, Francine, "The Metamorphosis of Tory Fair," Sculpture Magazine, October issue, pgs 43-47.
- 2010 McQuaid, Cate, "Two artists, at the edges of Nature," The Boston Globe, May 5.

Drawing Projects and Catalogues

RAIR, Catalogue forthcoming

Heap, Catalogue with introduction by Susan Stoops

Waiting Ground, Catalogue, Kate Werble Gallery, New York City

Artist Resource Trust 10 year Anniversary Catalogue

CUE Foundation Catalogue

Artspace Flatfile, New Haven, CT

Boston Drawing Project, Bernard Toale Gallery

Education

1997 M.F.A. Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA

1991 B.A. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA