

RAY KASS

American (b.1944)

EDUCATION

1969 MFA (Painting), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (Minor in 20th Century Art History and Criticism.)

1967 BA (Philosophy), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019	Riverrun: New works by Ray Kass, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, NC
2018	Silk and Water, Moss Arts Center, Perspective Gallery, Blacksburg, VA (Jan. 16 – March 3), Primary Elements: Foundational Works, Moss Arts Center, Armory Gallery, Blacksburg, VA (Jan. 18 – Feb. 16)
2015	Dog Days, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA (Jul. 23 – Sep. 11)
2012	Chroma Projects, Charlottesville, VA, Centrifugal Forces, October
	Forming Surface, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA. (Jan. 13 – Feb 25)
2011	Turn: Paintings Since 2004, Beverly Street Studio School, Staunton, VA (Aug. 12 – Sept. 18)
2010	Staniar Gallery, Since Painting In The South, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA (Oct. 4 - Nov. 11)
	ir77 Contemporary Art, 72 Madison Ave., NYC, (Feb. 16 – April 30)
2009	Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian Sate University, Boone NC, Trays and Tondos, and Recent Works, Main Gallery, Mar. 6 – June 6, 2009
2008	Olin Gallery, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia
2007	Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA, April 13-May 31
	Baumgartner Gallery, 526 W. 25 th St. NYC, Jan 13 – Feb 20
2005	ZONE, Chelsea Center for the Arts, 601 W. 26th St. NYC, Oct. 12 – Nov. 14, 2005
	Burroughs Chapin Museum, Myrtle Beach, SC April 20 – May 29
2004	Emory & Henry, University Gallery, Emory, Virginia (April 24 – July 7)
2003	Reynolds Gallery, Richmond VA, Nov. 7, 2003 – Jan 3, 2004 Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg, VA, New Silk, (SeptOct.)
2002	A.V.C. Contemporary Arts, 41 E. 57 th St. NYC (Oct.16 - Nov. 16)
	Jordan House Center for Creative Arts, Lexington, VA,
2001	Japan Art Forum (JARFO), Kyoto, May – June 2001
	Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA Dec.8 – Jan. 27, 2001
2000	Hunt Gallery, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA (March – April)
1999	Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA (May)
1998	650 Madison Avenue Exhibition Program, organized by Randolph & Tate, NYC
	Awa No Sato Cultural Pavilion, Tokushima, Shikoku, Japan (FebMarch 15, 1998).
1997	Horino Memorial Museum, "Art In Machiya: 1997," Kyoto, Japan (Dec'97)
1997	Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (April - Aug.)
	ACCOUNTS, (An ongoing series of honorary exhibitions byartists who have made a significant contribution to Southern culture). New works in oil and watercolor and beeswax, accompanied by an illustrated brochure and critical essay entitled "Drawing in Place"
	by Susan Lubowsky-Talbott, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
	Reynolds Gallery, (March 22 - April 20) 1514 W. Main St., Richmond, VA.
1995	Franz Bader Gallery, (April '95) 1500 K St. NW, Washington, D.C.
	Reynolds Gallery, (JanFeb.'95) 1514 W. Main St., Richmond, VA.
1993	Franz Bader Gallery, (March 23 - April 10) 1500 K St. NW, Washington, D.C.



	Hanes Fine Art Center, The Glass Gallery, (Oct. 1 - Oct. 24) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
	Art Museum of Western Virginia, "Images of The Winged Earth",
	A Retrospective, (Sept Dec.) Roanoke, VA.
1991	Seven Paintings at Shelby, Lexington Avenue, between 74th and 75th, New York, NY, Organized by Schmidt-Bingham Gallery, 41 West 57th St. New York, NY.
1991	Reynolds Gallery, 1514 W Main St., Richmond, VA.
1990	Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA.
1989	Hewlett Gallery, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburg, PA.
1988	Boston College, Brookline, MA.
	Osuna Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1987	Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA (May-June).
1986	Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY
1984	Osuna Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1981	Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY
1980	Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC (May).
1979	Osuna Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1977	Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY
1975	Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY
1974	Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
	Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015	In Through the Outdoors: Keiji Shinohara, Ray Kass and Alan Bray, Garvey Simon Art Access, New York, NY
2013	Fragments: J. Ivcevich, Ray Kass, Sandy Litchfield, Garvey Simon Art Access, New York, NY
2012	 Membra Disjecta for John Cage: Wanting To Say Something About John, MQ (Museum Quarier) in cooperation with TONSPUR, Vienna, Austria. Feb.17 - May 6, 2012. Traveling to: DOX Centre For Contemporary Art, Prague, Czech Republic, May 25 - Aug. 28, 2012, and GVUO OSTRAVA (The Gallery of Contemporary Arts in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Oct. 2 - Nov. 25, 2012 http://johncage.tonspur.at/?page_id=92 Leoš Janáček Memorial, Brno, Czech Republic, Scores of Chance and Rhythms of Silence, Curated by Jozef Cseres, March 10 - March 25, 2012 http://www.mhf-brno.cz/expozicenove-hudby-2012/en/program/
	Land Not Lost: Contemporary Views of the Virginia Landscape, Staniar Gallery, Washington and Lee University. Mar. 12 - Mar. 23. http://news.blogs.wlu.edu/2012/02/28/virginia-landscape-subject-of-staniar-gallery-exhibit/
2011	International Tsai Mo Annual Invitational Exhibition, Taiwan
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2009	Chi-Yun, Breath Resonance in Contemporary Art: Museum Studies Seminar Exhibition, Lora Robins Gallery, Univ. of Richmond, Richmond, VA, April 2 – July 12, 2009 (Ann Tarantion + Kate McGraw, Deborah Ellis, Heide Trepanier, Ray Kass, Ron Johnson)
2007	Fluid Fields – Watercolors, The Painting Center, 52 Greene St. NYC, curated by Susan Shatter, Feb. 27 – Mar. 1, 2007
	American Watercolor Masters, Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA, July- August Who's Afraid of Virginia Wood, Quirk Gallery, Richmond, VA, Jan 5, 2007 – Feb. 18, 2007
2006	Smoked: John Cage, Stephen Addiss & Ray Kass, University of Richmond Museums, Lora Robbins Gallery, Sept. 14 – Dec. 17, 2006
	CONSTRUCTS, Rawls Museum Arts, Courtland, VA July 28-Sept.2



2005	Mixed Bag -Group Exhibition, ZONE: Chelsea Center for the Arts, 601 W. 26 th St., NYC, December 1-17, 2005
	Cotuit Center For the Arts, Cotuit, MA, "WATERFLOW", July 15–Aug. ZC Collections, ZONE: Chelsea Center for the Arts, 601 W. 26th St. NYC, April 5 - 15, 2005 Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV – one 30 foot-long painting "Broad Channel"
2004	DFN Gallery, Franklin St., NYC Watercolor (April – June)
2003	Wabi-Sabi In The West, A.V.C. Contemporary Arts Gallery, NYC Curator's Choice, selected by Tosha Grantham, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Wash. D.C.Jan,'02 EAST-WEST: John Cage, Jiro Okura and Ray Kass, Hillwood Art Museum, Brookville, NY WATERCOLOR, New York Studio School, 8 W. 8 th St. NYC, Oct. 15 – Nov. 16, curated by David Cohen and Susan Shatter
2001	Burn: Artists Play With Fire. Including Bill Viola, Chris Burden, Yves Klein, John Cage, Willi Cole, Ana Mendieta and others. Curated by Neil Watson, Norton Museum of Art, W. Palm Beach, FL 3/31-6/3/. (traveling exhibition with catalogue) also: Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC
	Music In My Soul: John Cage, Nick Cave, Sam Gilliam, Mike Henderson, Dennis Oppenheim, Miriam Shapiro, William T. Wiley, April 19 – July 1, 2001, curated by Gayle Paul, Courthouse Galleries, Portsmouth Museums, Portsmouth, VA
2000	Water: Four Artists: John Cage, Gordon Cook, Idele Weber and Ray Kass, Schmidt Bingham
	Gallery, 41 E. 57 th St. NYC, June 7 – August 14 Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA, 200 Years of Virginia Landscape", (catalogue), July- Dec. 2000, travels to Art Museum of Western Virginia, Roanoke, VA - March 2001
1998	Reynolds Gallery, Gallery artists exhibition for the annual meeting of SECAC (Southeastern College Art Conference in Richmond), Oct Nov. 1998
1996-97	Uncommon Ground: 10 Artists in Virginia, (March 2 - May 12) Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia (color catalogue) and essay by Julia Boyd. Travelling exhibition.
1995	Re-Picturing Abstraction - 21 Artists - Sponsored by simultaneous exhibits in The Virginia Museum, Anderson Gallery of VCU, 1708 and Marsh Gallery of University of Richmond (color catalogue) essays by Arthur Danto, Chris Gregson and others.
	From These Hills: Contemporary Art in the Southern Appalachian Highlands, William King Regional Art Center, Abingdon, VA, May 20 - July 16, 1995
	Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia, Gallery Artist's Group Show.
	Mt. Lake Workshop Exhibition, Muscarelle Museum, College of William and Mary,
	Williamsburg, VA, April 3 - May 16 (John Cage, Ray Kass and Jiro Okura) Philadelphia Museum of Art, Drawing Sounds: in Honor of John Cage, curated by William Anastasi.
1992	Arts Du Monde, Spring St., NYC, <i>Watercolors</i> Peter Ydeen, Keith Crown & Ray Kass, brochure with critical essay by Dr. Howard Risatti
	Schmidt Bingham Galley, NYC, New York, For the Preservation of Nature, A travelling
	exhibition benefiting the Nature Conservancy, (May-July). Mixed-Use District, P.S. 1 and The Clocktower Gallery, New York, NY (September-November, 1992)
	Monumental Space Variations, curated by Donald B. Kuspit, One Penn Plaza, New York, NY (September 9-January 9).
1983	Painting in the South, 1680-1980, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, a survey of 300 years of painting related to a southern context; a major catalogue and text accompanied this travelling exhibition

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 Bland, Susan, "Nationally renowned Virginia artist and professor emeritus Ray Kass celebrated with exhibitions across Virginia Tech campus," Virginia Tech News, January 10, 2018
- 2015 Kedmey, Karen, "Three Landscape Painters Who Project Their Inner Lives Onto Nature," Artsy Editorial, review of the Garvey | Simon exhibition "In Through the Outdoors: Kass, Bray, Shinohara" April 17, 2015
- 2013 Schunn, Inga. "Collaboration Meditation; Captiva Works and Metempsychosis," Richmond Arts Review, November 6, 2013
 Allen, Mike. "Guest art review: Taubman Museum's "Virginia Crossroads" Roanoke Times, February 13, 2013
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 Falco, Gina Lee. "The Vision of John Cage" The Vienna Review, March 1, 2012
- 2007 Roberts-Pullen, Paulette, Free Range Palette, Ray Kass and Richard Serra at Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA. (with color cover photo on Art Section), Pg.24 Style Weekly, May 2, 2007 Nichols, Beth. "Interpretations of the James A Traveling Exhibition by Twelve Virginia Artists," The Arts Center in Orange, 2007
- 2006 Goodman, Jonathan, Art In America, pg.136, February 2006 Ray Kass at ZONE: Chelsea (exhibition review).
- 2004 Ryan, Paul, ART PAPERS, 4/'04, review of Reynolds Gallery show
- 2003 Gronlund, Melissa, ARTNews, pg. 129, Feb. 2003, (review with color illustration) of Ray Kass exhibition at A.V.C. Contemporary Art Gallery, NYC Karlins, N.F. "Oriental Breeze" review of Wabi-Sabi in the West Artnet, August, 2003
- New York Times, July 7, 2002, Pg. 10, Ll, Helen Harrison. <u>Compositions...For Seeing Not Listening</u>, Review of hillwood Art Museum Mt. Lake Workshop exhibition- "EAST- West" John Cage/, Jiro Okura & Ray Kass

 East-West: John Cage, Jiro Okura and Ray Kass at the-Mountain Lake Workshop, HillwoodArt Museum, Brookville, NEWSDAY, NY, Arts & Exhibitions section, L.I., NY, July 5, 2002
- Shingun, Japan Art Forum exhibition preview, Kyoto, Saturday, May 12, 2001, pg. 26 McLeod, Deborah, Ray Kass: Watersides Fire and Water (review of Reynolds solo-exhibition), Style Weekly, Richmond, VA Jan. 16, 2001, Pg. 33.
 Schudel, Matt, FIRE WORKS! Artists Prove They've Got Talent To Burn in Pieces On display at the Norton Museum, Sun-Sentinel, Palm Beach, FL, Encore, pg. 3D, Sunday, April 22, 2001
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- 2010 Every Day is a Good Day: The Visual Art of John Cage, editor: Jeremy Millar, essays and interviews by: Roger Malbert, Kathan Brown, Ray Kass, Laura Kuhn, Julie Lazar, Irving Sandler, Helen Luckett and Lauren A. Wright, Southbank Centre, Hayward Publishing (London)
- 2009 Kass, Ray (with Stephen Addiss) <u>John Cage: Zen Ox-Herding Pictures</u>, University of Richmond and George Braziller Co, NY (2009)



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- 1988 Kass, Ray, John Cage: New River Watercolors, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA.

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SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts.

Oaunauit Museum of Art, Oaunauit, Maine

Bridgewater Associates, Westport, Connecticut

Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston, Massachusetts.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL

Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, Virginia.

Longwood Fine Art Center, Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia.

Montgomery Museum of Art, Montgomery, S.C.

State University of New York, Potsdam, New York.

NYNEX, Purchase, New York.

Tufts University Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Kidder Peabody, New York, New York

Nomura Securities, New York, New York

Griffin Art Center, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.

Mastercharge, NYC, NY

Altria Phiilip Morris, Richmond, VA

Sun Trust, Richmond, VA

Pfizer Corporation, NYC

The Stovall House, Tampa, FL

The Ospraie Fund, NYC, NY

Crestar Bank, Richmond, VA

Ethyl Corporation, Richmond, Virginia.

Craigie Inc., Richmond, Virginia

R.R. Donelley Inc., Publishers, Chicago, Illinois



Augusta Hospital Corp., Staunton, Virginia

Proctor-Silex Corp., Richmond, Virginia

Iridium Group, NYC

Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

Hunton & Williams Law Firm, Richmond, Virginia

McGuire, Woods, Battle & Booth, Richmond, Virginia.

School of Public Health, UNC - Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Nations Bank, Roanoke, Virginia.

North Carolina National Bank, Charlotte, N.C.

Markel Inc. Richmond, VA

Commercial Union Assurance Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Gillette Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

Bocour Collection, Aquatec Color Company, New York, New York.

Health Company, (HEALTHCO) Boston, Massachusetts.

Arthur Anderson Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

Brockton Art Center, Roger Dunn Drawing Collection, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Best Products, Richmond, Virginia.

Owens-Corning Fiberglass, Toledo, Ohio.

IDS Financial Services Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota

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David Goode, Executive Suite, Norfolk and Southern, Norfolk, Virginia.

Estate of Allan Stone, New York, New York, and Bar Harbor, Maine

Estate of Leonard Bocour, New York, New York

The Morris Graves Foundation, Loleta, CA

The Estate of Merce Cunningham and John Cage, New York.

The Estate of Willem de Kooning, Springs, New York

GRANTS

1985-84 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Artist's Fellowship

1981 National Endowment for the Arts - Individual Artist's Grant

1976 - 2012 (Numerous Project and Exhibition Grants: NEA, VA Comm for The Arts, NEA)

1973 Blanche E. Coleman Award, - (Study in Europe), Boston, Mass.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – Present Adjunct Curator of Southeaster American Art and Advisor to the Permanent Collection,

Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA

2003 – Present Professor Emeritus of Art, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 2012 Artist-in-Residence, Museum Quartier, Vienna, Austria

Guest Scholar, Terra Foundation for American Art, Summer Residency Program, Giverny,

France

1977 – 2003 Professor of Art (Painting Program) Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University,

Blacksburg, VA

1980 – Present Founder and Director, Mt. Lake Symposium and Art Workshops.

1988 - Present Board of Directors (founding member), The Folk Art society of America

1980-1983 Guest Curator, The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C. (Morris Graves: Vision of the

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