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Ben Murray

American b.1977 lives and works in Gary, Indiana.

Education

- 2013 MFA University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2011 BFA Herron School of Art and Design, Indianapolis, IN

Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

- 2019 *Noisy Ghost* (alongside Jeremy Bolen)- Exgirlfriend, Berlin, GE
Moving Image - Christopher West Presents, Indianapolis, IN
- 2018 *Annex* - Sidecar, Hammond, IN
- 2017 *In Life Review* - Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *The Armory Show* – (alongside Carol Jackson) Monique Meloche Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *Centerville* - Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2006 *A Moot Documentary* - Flux Space, Indianapolis, IN

Group Exhibitions

- 2019 *Not Just Another Pretty Face* - Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
POME - Seattle Freezer, Seattle, WA
- 2018 *On Anxiety* - Cleve Carney Gallery, College of Dupage, Glen Ellyn, IL No Chill -
University of Illinois at Chicago Galleries, Chicago, IL Untitled Art Fair - Monique
Meloche Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Fuse Box - Western Pole, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Art Expo* - Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
Faculty Exhibition – Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest, IL
- 2016 *Not Just Another Pretty Face* - Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Art Expo - Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
Art Expo - Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *#BemisPainters 1982-2015* - Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
Art Expo - Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
New American Paintings "Midwest Edition" - Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
- 2014 *Ground Floor* - Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Recent Paintings - Kaplan A.I.R. Exhibitions*, curated by John Neff, NWU, Evanston, IL
Revisiting Undomesticated - Design Cloud, Chicago, IL
A strange house in my voice. - UIC MFA Thesis Exhibition – Gallery 400, Chicago, IL
J'Adore - Ste. 3206, 400 S. Peoria, Chicago, IL
Winter Group Exhibition: No-Show -West Pilsen Sculpture Garden, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *MDW Fair* - UIC MFA Booth, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Bootleg Vol. 2* - Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Friends of Chautauqua - ASU Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009 *Bootleg Vol. 1* - Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 2007 *Flux Closing Exhibition* - Flux Space, Indianapolis, IN

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Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2006 *Interchange* - Indianapolis, IN
Surface Communication - Madison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Resurgence - Madison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Group Show - Eskenazi Hall, Indianapolis, IN
- 2005 *Janus Ball* - Indiana Rooftop Ballroom, Indianapolis, IN
Is, Was, Will Be - Mona Bismarck Foundation, Paris, FR
Is, Was, Will Be - Espace Melanie, Riec-sur-Belon, FR

Awards and Residencies

- 2014 Artist in Residence - Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts - Omaha, NE, USA
2012 MFA Artist in Residence - Ox-Bow - Saugatuck, MI, USA Dedalus Award Nominee -
University of Illinois at Chicago Dean's Scholar Nominee - University of Illinois at
Chicago
2011 Board of Trustees Waiver - University of Illinois at Chicago
2003 Student Artist – Pont Aven School of Contemporary Art – Pont Aven, FR Rev. A. G.
Fraser International Travel Award – Herron School of Art
2002 Joseph Vansickle Scholarship – Herron School of Art

Publications

- 2018 Pete, Joseph. "Sidecar to Showcase Work by Gary Artist", NWI Times, October 4
Hawbaker, KT. "Curator Gwendolyn Zabicki talks Kierkegaard, FOMO and the
relationship between art and anxiety", Chicago Tribune, August 29
"Ben Murray", Art-in-Buildings at 1000M blog, June 12
- 2017 Zarley, B. David. "Cinema Fatalité: Ben Murray at Monique Meloche", New American
Paintings, March 13
Mauser, Nicole. "Painting, Gone in a Flash", Newcity, March 3
"65 Things to do in Chicago", Chicago Magazine, March 2. "Art Top 5: March 2017",
Newcity, March 2.
- 2015 "Ten reasons to get excited about the winter art season", The Chicago Tribune,
January, 2
- 2014 "Review: Ben Murray @ Monique Meloche", Newcity, May 15.
New American Paintings, No. 113 Midwestern Issue, curated by Staci Boris, Chief
Curator, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL 2013 "Ben Murray (Featured Artist)",
MakeSpace.net, May.
Gomez, Gail. "Stories From the Inside - an Interview with MFA student Ben Murray",
Gallery 400 blog, March.
- 2012 Dluzen, Robin. "Smallness and Sameness at Chicago's MDW Fair", Art F City,
November.
- 2009 Maehl, Sara. "George Benedict Murray III", Conduit Chicago, September.
- 2006 "A Moot Documentary", OntheCusp.org, February.

Teaching Experience

- 2016 Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2013 Teacher Artist, Patrick Henry Elementary, George Washington High School, CAPE,
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Summer Bridge Program, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2012-13 Instructor of Record, Drawing I, the Beginning, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL
- 2012 Graduate Assistant (Studio/Sculpture Shop Technician Assistant & Art Education
Assistant @Spiral Workshop) University of Illinois at Chicago, IL
Teaching Assistant (Assistant Professor Dianna Frid), Topics in Drawing I & Advanced

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Teaching Experience continued

2012 Topics in Drawing, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL
2011-12 Senior Preparator, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL
2007-11 Preparator/ Storage Collections Assistant, Icon Group, Chicago, IL
2006-07 Freelance Preparator, New York, NY
2005-07 Sol LeWitt Wall Painting Draftsman, Indianapolis, IN, New York, NY
2005 Teacher Artist, VSA Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
2004-05 Instructor / Coordinator, Herron School of Art (Saturday School/Honors Art), Indianapolis, IN

Ben Murray (American b. 1977, lives Chicago) received his MFA from the University of Illinois, Chicago in 2013 and his BFA from the Herron School of Art, Indianapolis in 2011. He was a 2014 Artist in Residence at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in Omaha, Nebraska and a 2012 MFA Resident at Ox-Bow in Saugatuck, Michigan. After this MFA thesis show at UIC in 2013, Murray was in the group exhibitions *Recent Paintings* at Northwestern University, Kaplan A.I.R Exhibitions, curated by John Neff and *Revisiting Undomesticated* at Design Cloud, Chicago. In 2014, Murray had his first solo show at moniquemeloche, followed by the important group exhibition *Ground Floor* at Hyde Park Art Center—a juried exhibition of the best recent MFA graduates from Chicago’s top art schools. His two person booth with Carol Jackson for moniquemeloche at The Armory Show 2015 was a standout and he was included in the group exhibition *New American Paintings: Midwest Edition* at Elmhurst Art Museum and *#BemisPainters: 1985-2015* at Bemis Center for Contemporary Art. His second solo exhibition at moniquemeloche will be in Spring 2017. Murray is Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago.