

WOLF KAHN BIOGRAPHY

Wolf Kahn was born to Jewish parents in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1927. His family sent Wolf to the United States via England in 1940. He graduated from the High School of Music & Art in New York in 1945.

He studied with renowned teacher and Abstract Expressionist painter Hans Hofmann, later becoming Hofmann's studio assistant. In 1950, he enrolled in the University of Chicago. He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, completing his degree in only one year.

After his graduation, Kahn decided to return to being a full-time artist. He and other former Hans Hofmann students established the Hansa Gallery, a cooperative gallery where Kahn had his first solo exhibition. In 1956, he joined the Grace Borgenicht Gallery, where he exhibited regularly until 1995. During the course of his life, Kahn won many prestigious awards and served on numerous art related boards.

Kahn was passionate about traveling and spoke many languages fluently. He always travelled with his paper and pastels. He has painted landscapes in Egypt, Greece, Hawaii, Italy, Kenya, Maine, Mexico, and New Mexico. He spent his summers and autumns in Vermont on a hillside farm, which he and his wife, the painter Emily Mason, purchased in 1968, but his primary residence was in New York City.

Kahn's painting has been described as, "The unique blend of Realism and formal discipline of Color Field painting sets the work of Wolf Kahn apart. Kahn is an artist who embodies a synthesis of artistic traits - the modern abstract training of Hans Hofmann, the palette of Matisse, Rothko's sweeping bands of color, the atmospheric qualities of American Impressionism. The fusion of color, spontaneity and representation has produced a rich and expressive body of work."

WOLF KAHN CV

1927 Born in Stuttgart, Germany.
2020 Died in New York, NY, USA.

EDUCATION

1947 Hans Hofmann School of Fine Art
1951 University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, Bachelor of Arts

EXHIBITION HISTORY

2019

Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY

2018

"Wolf Kahn: A 50 Year Survey," Jerarld Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY

"Wolf Kahn: Celebrating 90!," Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington D.C.

"Wolf Kahn: Density and Transparency in Monotypes," Gallery Neptune & Brown, Washington D.C.

2017

Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Paintings and Drawings," David Lusk Gallery, Nashville, TN

2016

"Wolf Kahn: Early Work," ACME Fine Art, Boston, MA

Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY

Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada

2015

Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Paintings and Pastels," Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington D.C.

2014

"Six Decades," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Recent Works," Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington D.C.

2013

Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Fields Woods Hills," Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY

2012

"The City as Landscape," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

2011

"Color & Consequence," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: A 20th Anniversary Exhibition," Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL

"Wolf Kahn: Brattleboro Pastels," Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT

2010

"Wolf Kahn: The Early Years," Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

"Refractions of Light," Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY

"Wolf Kahn Pastels," Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA

"Wolf Kahn: Pastels," Spartanburg Art Museum, Spartanburg, SC

2009

"Wolf Kahn: Toward the Larger View: A Painter's Process," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Sizing Up: Part II Pastels," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Celebrating 80 Years," Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

"Wolf Kahn: Early Drawings," Jill Newhouse, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn, Pastels," Morrison Gallery, Kent, CT

"Wolf Kahn: Paintings and Pastels," Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington, D.C.

2008

"Wolf Kahn," Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, FL

"Wolf Kahn, Paintings and Pastels," Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD

"Wolf Kahn, Recent Works," Morrison Gallery, Kent, CT

2007

"Wolf Kahn: Sizing Up: Part I Paintings," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Color & Light," Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL

"Wolf Kahn & Thomas Segal Gallery: Three Decades Together," Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD

2006

"Wolf Kahn's Barns," Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC

"Wolf Kahn," Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn: Summertime Pastels," Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2005

"Wolf Kahn: Large Format Pastels," Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY

2004

"Wolf Kahn: Recent Paintings," Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn's America An Artists Travels," Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2003

"Wolf Kahn: Continuity & Change, Paintings and Works on Paper, 1958 - 66 / 2000 - 03,"

Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY

"Paintings and Pastels by Wolf Kahn," at Art Palm Beach, booth #360, Palm Beach, FL

2002

Ameringer/Howard/Yohe Fine Art, Boca Raton, FL

Beadleston Gallery, New York, NY

"Wolf Kahn at Seventy-Five," Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2001

Galerie Brockstedt, Hamburg, Germany
Connecticut Graphic Arts Center, Norwalk, CT
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Museum fur Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV

2000

Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Beadleston Gallery, New York, NY
Kunsthaus Buhler, Stuttgart, Germany
“Fifty Years of Pastels,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC,
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, NC,
Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts/Catherine J. Smith Gallery, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

1999

Suzanna Allan Fine Art, London, England
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA

1998

Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Beadleston Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Diane Nelson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA

1997

Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Etherington Fine Art, North Tisbury, MA
Gallery 30, Burlingame, CA
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Diane Nelson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Spheris Gallery of Fine Art, Walpole, NH

Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY

1996

Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Thomas Babeor Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Boca Raton Museum, Boca Raton, FL
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KA
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Gallery 30, Burlingame, CA
Jaffe Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Mangel Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Nardin Gallery, Somers, New York, NY
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MA
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1995

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Gallery 30, Burlingame, CA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA (Navy Pier, Chicago)
Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1994

Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C. J
John Ames Fine Art, Belfast, ME
Thomas Babeor Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA
Cove Gallery, Wellfleet, MA
Gallery 68, Belfast, ME
Marshall University, Huntington, WV
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA

Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Skidmore College, Schick Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY University of Louisville, Allen R. Hite Art
Institute, Louisville, KN
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY

1993

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Gallery 30 Burlingame, CA
Grinnell College, Grinnell, IO
LymanAllyn Art Museum, New London, CT
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples, FL
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY

1992

Associated American Artists, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

1992

Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1991

Associated American Artists, New York, NY
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Nan Miller Gallery, Rochester, NY
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1990

Associiated American Artists, NY, NY
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, NY, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D C
Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
1989 Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D C

Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1988

Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA

1987

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D.C.
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1986

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1985

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1984

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1983 Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1982

Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
Schenectady Museum, Schenectady, NY
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1981

The Arts Club of Chicago, IL
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Cheekwood Fine Arts Center, Nashville, TN
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1980

Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Leslie Waddington Gallery, London, England

1979

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Rhode Island School of Design, Museum of Art, Providence, RI

1979

Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1978

Fontana Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

1977

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1976

Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

1975

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Princeton Gallery of Fine Art, Princeton, NJ

1974

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

1973

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, NY, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

1972

David Barnett Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, NY, NY
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
Princeton Gallery of Fine Art, Princeton, NJ
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

1971

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

1969

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1967

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1966

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

Saversky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1965

Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

Carlton Gallery, New York, NY

1963: Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

1962: Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1961: Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1958: Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

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1955: Hansa Gallery, New York, NY

1953: Hansa Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, North Carolina

Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Cheekwood Museum of Art and Gardens, Nashville, Tennessee

Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio

Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas

Dartmouth College, Hood Museum, Hanover, New Hampshire

El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, Texas

Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Fort Worth, Texas

Heckscher Museum, Huntington, New York

Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, North Carolina

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

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Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, Michigan
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, Minnesota
Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, Minnesota
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, North Carolina
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
National Academy of Design, New York, New York
National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C.
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York, Purchase, New York
New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, New Jersey
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana
Palmer Museum of Art, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania
Robert Hull Fleming Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
The Rose Art Museum of Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, California
Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska Art Association, Lincoln, Nebraska
Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, Massachusetts
State University of New York, Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, New York
The University of California, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, California
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts

NUMEROUS AWARDS

Fullbright Scholarship to Italy, 1962
John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 1966-1967
Award in Art from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, 1979
Elected to membership National Board of the College Art Association, 1980
Elected to the board, National Academy of Design, 1982
Elected to membership, American Academy and Institute of Arts & Letters, 1984
Lifetime Achievement Award from the Vermont Council on the Arts, 1998
Medal of Arts from the State Department, 2017