



# Dean Dempsey

## Artist Bio

Dean Dempsey's work has been exhibited in national and international venues in North America, Europe and Asia, including the Crocker Art Museum (CA), Aperture Gallery (NY), Pasinger-Fabrik (Munich), MC2Gallery (Milan), and Museum of the Americas (D.C.) He is in the permanent collections of several institutions, including the Kinsey Institute, En Foco, and the Crocker Art Museum. Dean is also an award-winning filmmaker with two feature films, Candy Apple (2015, available on iTunes and Amazon) and Deadman's Barstool (2018, awaiting distribution). Dean's work plays on whimsy, shock and comedy. Dempsey's paintings start as colourful forms of geometric abstraction, and are then advanced through the addition of textural materials or subtle details. Much like his painting Dempsey's drawing is dominated by colour and dynamism, but he inserts his own twisted comedy and sardonic view of the world.

## Exhibition History

2021

"Studio Selections", Group Exhibition, Palo Gallery, New York, NY. May-June

2020

"Memories Manifest", Group Exhibition, Palo Gallery, New York, NY.

September- August

2019

"Paper View", group exhibition, The Hole, New York, NY. July - August

"Cue the Music", solo exhibition, PALO Gallery, New York, NY. April- May

2018

Georges Berges Gallery, New York, NY.

2017

Georges Berges Gallery, New York, NY.

2016

"Black", Two-person exhibit, Spring/Break Art Show, New York, NY, curated by Kara Brooks. March

Georges Berges Gallery, New York, NY. January - December

2015

Georges Berges Gallery, New York, NY.

2014

"5 Year Anniversary Show", Evergold Gallery, San Francisco, CA. January

2013

Dean Dempsey, solo-exhibition, BOSI Contemporary, New York, NY. October - November

"And We Carry On", group exhibition, Krowwork Gallery, Oakland, CA. August  
 "En Foco: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection", Venice Arts, Venice, CA. April - May  
*Vital Signs Pelham Art Center*, Pelham, NY. February - March  
 "En Foco: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection", The Arts at CIIS, San Francisco, CA. February - March  
 Morph, *Fowler Arts Collective Gallery*, New York, NY. February 2012  
 "Next Generation: Contemporary American Photography", Pasinger Fabrik & Amerika Haus, Munich, Germany. October- December  
 "Art Stays 2012 - 10th Festival of Contemporary Art, with MC2 Gallery", Ptuj, Slovenia July - Sept.  
 "En Foco: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection", Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ. June - August  
 Juried Exhibition, The Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN. May - June  
 DEAN DEMPSEY, a Solo-Exhibition, MC2Gallery, Milan, Italy. May  
 "En Foco: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection", Art Museum of the Americas, Washington, D.C. March - May  
 MUTATIO, 2-person Exhibition, BOSI Contemporary, New York, NY. March - April 2011  
 "En Foco: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection", Light Work, Syracuse, NY. Sept - Jan 2012  
*In the Dark*, a Solo Exhibition, Heliopolis, Brooklyn, NY. September  
 Crocker Art Museum, auction, Sacramento, CA. June  
 ArtPadSF, Art Fair, San Francisco, CA. May  
 "Selected Works, a Solo Exhibition", Togonon Gallery, San Francisco, CA. April 2010  
 "Mexico+Afuera: Contemporary Mexican/Mexican-American Voices" Aperture Gallery, New York, NY. Sept-Oct  
 "Counterpoint 2010" Togonon Gallery, San Francisco, CA. July-August  
 "Borders" Root Division, San Francisco, CA. July  
 "En Foco | New Works" Calumet HP Gallery, New York, NY. June-July  
 "Hospitality House Auction" Andrea Schwartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA. April  
 "Annual Art Sale and Auction" The Lab, San Francisco, CA. March  
 "Altered" National Juried Experimental Photography Exhibition, The Art Gallery of UWF, Pensacola, FL. January 2009  
 "What About Me? New Faces of Contemporary Self-Portraiture," Peanut Gallery, San Francisco, CA. November  
 "Kitsch Exhibitions" Kitsch Gallery, San Francisco, CA. September and November  
 "Spring Show" Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco, CA. May  
 "Dislocation, Exploration and Meaning" Gallery 39K, Lahore, Pakistan. April  
 "The Local" Mission Art Space, San Francisco, CA. April  
 "Re-Think" Matisonn Burgin: Shoreditch Space, London, UK. March

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2016

Winner of the Winter Film Awards, "New York Perspectives" for Candy Apple

2011

En Foco honorarium, courtesy of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, the Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation, the Bronx Council on the Arts and Canson Infinity.

2010

Puffin Foundation Artist Grant

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art SECA Award nominee

En Foco's New Works Photography Awards #13 Fellowship, New York City

2009

The International Photography Award

The San Francisco Art Institute Spring Show Award, selected by Julian Myers of SFMOMA

The San Francisco Art Institute Dean's Award, 2005-2009

### **RESIDENCIES**

2012

Villa Waldberta, Munich, Germany. October - November

2010

Matisonn Burgin: Shoreditch Space, London, England. January

### **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA.

Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN.

En Foco, New York, NY.