

Gary Edward Blum

EDUCATION

M.F.A., University of California, Berkeley, California 2002
B.A., California State University Chico, Chico, California 1993

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2010** Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2008** Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2006** Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2005** Addison Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA
Allene Lapidis Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
gescheidle, Chicago, IL
- 2004** Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2003** gescheidle, Chicago, IL
- 2000** Olga Dollar Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1999** Olga Dollar Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1998** Olga Dollar Gallery, San Francisco, CA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2009** *The Art of Play*, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, CA
White, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Here, Now, Edith Caldwell Gallery, Rockport, ME
- 2008** *Summer Group Exhibition*, Addison Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2006** *Summer Group Exhibition*, Addison Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2004** *20th Anniversary Group Exhibition*, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Winter Group Exhibition, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2003** *Winter Group Exhibition*, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
The Heritage Fine Arts 9th Anniversary Exhibition, Heritage Bank, San Jose, CA
5th Annual Print Show, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA
- 2002** *New Knowledge*, M.F.A. Exhibition, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA
Cream, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA
- 2000** *Trust*, Worth Ryder Gallery, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- 1999** *Northern California Contemporary Paintings*, Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey, CA
Art and Artists at the Millennium, Olga Dollar Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1998** *Context*, Olga Dollar Gallery, San Francisco, CA

SELECTED CORPORATE AND PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, CA
Niebaum-Coppola Winery, Napa, CA
Salt Communications, Chicago, IL
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
Solage Hotel, Auberge Resorts, Calistoga, CA
Wellington Management Company, Chicago, IL

PUBLICATIONS

2010 *Art in America*, October
2010 *San Francisco Chronicle*, July 24
2010 *New American Paintings*, 15th Anniversary Issue
2009 *Studio Visit Magazine*, Spring
2008 *LA Weekly*, May 28
Art Scene, May
2004 *New American Paintings*, December 2004
2000 *Artweek*, February

Statement

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The Long Year, New Paintings

July 1, 2010 – August 28, 2010

Dolby Chadwick Gallery is pleased to announce *The Long Year*, an exhibition of new paintings by Gary Edward Blum. With their tiers of horizontal stripes and extended fields of color, Blum's compositions can be seen as emerging out of the legacies of Minimalism and Abstract Expressionism. Indeed, Agnes Martin's emphasis on lines and grids and aspects of Richard Diebenkorn's later color field paintings can be observed in Blum's work. But the exercise Blum has in mind extends far beyond a mere reworking of established styles.

Intrigued by dualities and the phenomena of coexistence, Blum introduces aspects of realism into certain sections – typically the upper register – of his compositions as a means of creating stylistic opposition. His use of *trompe l'oeil* to realistically render swatches of paper held up by strips of cellophane tape challenges the distinction between art and life and sheds light on the way in which representation is translated from experience. Like miniature paintings, these tangible bits of paper mimic the abstract renderings often found in the bottom half of the composition. By employing divergent styles to create a picture within a picture, the viewer comes away from Blum's work with the understanding that oppositions can exist harmoniously in the same space.

Gary Edward Blum was born in Montara, California and currently lives in Oakland, California. He received a B.A. from California State University, Chico, and an M.F.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2002. His work can be found in prestigious corporate and public collections throughout the country. This will be Blum's second show at Dolby Chadwick Gallery.