

George Schneeman

Born March 11, 1934, St. Paul, MN
Died January 27, 2009, New York City

U.S. Army 1958–60
Residences: Tuscany 1958–66, New York City 1966–2009, Tuscany 2000–2008
Married Kathryn Pratt, 1959; three sons, Paul, Elio, and Emilio

Education

BA, Philosophy and Literature, St. Mary's College, Winona, MN
Graduate work, English Literature, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Solo Exhibitions

1970 Star Turtle Gallery, NYC
1970 "Portraits," Swarthmore College
1971 98 Greene Street Loft, NYC
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1973 "Collages," Fischbach Gallery, NYC
1976 "Nude Portraits," Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
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1979 "Fresco Portraits," Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
1980 "Recent Work," Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
1981 "New Works," Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
1983 "Homeplate," a storefront environment, NYC
1984 "New Work," The Red Studio, NYC
1986 "New Collages and Ceramics," Homeplate, NYC
1991 "New Frescoes and Ceramics," Homeplate, NYC
1993 "Drawings, Frescoes, and Ceramics," Homeplate, NYC
1995 "Landscapes and Ceramics," Homeplate, NYC
2000 "New Paintings," Donahue/Sosinski Gallery, NYC
2002 "Collage Paintings," Donahue/Sosinski, NYC
2003 "Landscapes," CUE Art Foundation, NYC
2004 "Painter among Poets," Tibor de Nagy Gallery, NYC
2006 "Retrospective," First Floor Gallery, NYC
2008 "Then Our Why: Poems and Paintings," Douglas Dunn Studio, NYC
2011 "George Schneeman in Italy," Italian Cultural Institute, San Francisco
2014 "Zig Zag Jag: George Schneeman," Pavel Zoubok Gallery, NYC
2014 "A Painter and His Poets: The Art of George Schneeman," Poets House, NYC

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1968 Star Turtle Gallery, NYC
1975 Fischbach Gallery, NYC
1975 Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
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1979 "Poets and Painters," Denver Art Museum
1981 "Alternatives in Retrospect, 1969–1975," The New Museum, NYC
1981 Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
1982 "Intoxication," Monique Knowlton Gallery, NYC
1983 Holly Solomon Gallery, NYC
1983 "New York Artists," Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
1983 "New York Now," Kestner-Gesellschaft, Hanover, Germany
1991 "Poets and Painters Collaborations," Brooke Alexander Gallery, NYC
1993–94 "Fresco: A Contemporary Perspective," Snug Harbor, Staten Island, NY; Parsons School of Design, NYC; Boston College, Boston, MA
1995 Jacklight Gallery, NYC
1998 "A Secret Location on the Lower East Side," Berg Collection, New York Public Library
1999 "Invitational Exhibit of Painting and Sculpture," American Academy of Arts and Letters, NYC
2000 "175th Annual Exhibition," National Academy of Design, NYC
2000 Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
2000 "Remembering Rudy," Tibor de Nagy Gallery, NYC
2001 Banner exhibition, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
2004 "Poetry and Its Arts," California Historical Society, San Francisco
2010 "Portraits of Poets," National Arts Club, NYC
2010 "Poems & Pictures: A Renaissance in the Art of the Book (1946-1981)," Center for Book Arts, NYC; Museum of Printing History, Houston, Texas
2011 "Painters & Poets," Tibor de Nagy Gallery, NYC

Books

- Painter among Poets: The Collaborative Art of George Schneeman* (New York: Granary Books, 2004), Ron Padgett, ed.
George Schneeman (New York: CUE Foundation, 2003), essay by Bill Berkson
George Schneeman in Italy (San Francisco: Italian Cultural Institute, 2011), essays by George Schneeman, Stefano Tesi, and Bill Berkson
A Painter and His Poets: The Art of George Schneeman (New York: Poets House, 2014), essays by Peter Schjeldahl and Bill Berkson, interview excerpt by Alice Notley

Collaborative Works with Poets

Collaborative books, book covers, poetry reading flyers, silkscreens, paintings on illustration board, and mixed media works for and with Ron Padgett, Ted Berrigan, Bill Berkson, Peter Schjeldahl, Tom Clark, Dick Gallup, Harris Schiff, Michael Brownstein, Larry Fagin, Lewis MacAdams, Alice Notley, Elio Schneeman, Anne Waldman, Lewis MacAdams, Lewis Warsh, Maureen Owen, Tom Veitch, and others.

Teaching Experience

1963–65 Italian language and literature, SUNY Buffalo Program Abroad, Siena, Italy

1979–81 Fresco painting, Skowhegan School, Skowhegan, ME

1983 Fresco painting, Tyler College, Philadelphia, PA

1985 Fresco painting, Parsons School of Design, NYC

Public Collections

National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

The Museum of Modern Art, New York

The American Academy of Arts and Letters

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts

Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery, Reed College

Colby College Gallery of Art

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, University of California, Berkeley

Private Collections

John Ashbery

Donald Hall

Frank Gehry

Yvonne Jacquette

Bill Berkson

Peter Schjeldahl

John Moore

Betty Woodman

Estate of Holly Solomon

Anne Waldman

Ron Padgett

Kenward Elmslie

and many others.

