

Michael Jones McKean

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Lives and works in New York City, NY and Richmond, VA

Education

2002 MFA, Alfred University, Alfred, New York
2000 BFA, Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 Galerie Escougnou-Cetraro, Paris, France
- 2016 *Rivers*, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
Michael Jones McKean: The Ground, The Contemporary Museum, Baltimore, MD
The Drift, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2015 *a hundred twenty six billion acres*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
three carbon tons, (two-person w/ Jered Sprecher) Zeitgeist Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2014 *we float above to spit and sing*, Emerson Dorsch, Miami, FL
- 2013 *The Religion*, The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Seven Sculptures, (two person show with Jackie Gendel), Horton Gallery, New York, NY
Love and Resources (two person show with Timur Si-Qin), Favorite Goods, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 *circles become spheres*, Gentili Apri, Berlin, Germany
Certain Principles of Light and Shapes Between Forms, Bernis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE
The Gilded Scab, Parisian Laundry, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Five Sculptures, Emily Davis Gallery, University of Akron, Akron, OH
- 2011 *Four Sculptures*, Art Athina, Athens, Greece
landscape in a room with twenty seven windows, Shenkar College of Engineering and Design, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2010 *rites and dust*, Horton Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Michael Jones McKean: Sculptures and Collages*, Art Verona, Verona, Italy
- 2008 *brown gold braid and field and plant life*, Threewalls, Chicago, IL
The Sunshine of Our Last Day, University of Illinois, Springfield, Springfield, IL
Michael Jones McKean, Project Gentili, Prato, Italy
- 2007 *Michael Jones McKean*, Sunday L.E.S., Nada Art Fair, Miami, Florida
The Astronomer, the Builder and The Volunteers, Inman Gallery, Houston, Texas
The Discipline of Astronomy and Wind, Sunday L.E.S, New York

- The Possibility of Men and the River Shallows*, Diverse Works, Houston, Texas
- 2006 *Riverboat Love Songs for Ghost Whale Regatta*, (September) Grand Arts, Kansas City, Missouri (solo)
Riverboat Love Songs for Ghost Whale Regatta, (November) DiverseWorks, Houston, Texas (solo)
- 2005 *The Zephyr Breeze and the Deepest Ocean Valley*, The Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2004 *A New Season and the Golden Age Solution*, Kansas City Avenue of the Arts Public Art Commission, Kansas City, Missouri
Daredevils of the Speedway!!! the flat works, Mezzanine Gallery, Wilmington, Delaware
- 2003 *The Ghost Whale Circuit*, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan
A Garden and the Golden Age Solution, Hudson D. Walker Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts
The Rainbow, Castle, Quasar Divide, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, California
- 2002 *The Summit Mountain Convoy Revival*, Fosdick Nelson Gallery, Alfred, New York
The Uniform Bridge Theory, Purchase College, Purchase, New York
- 2001 *The Outer-Space Flight of Boris Volynov*, The Robert Turner Gallery, Alfred, New York
 12.5, Afa Gallery, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 1999 *Witness to Mischief*, Studio iii, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 *Total Collapse: Clay in the Contemporary Past*, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Total Collapse: Clay in the Contemporary Past, Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX
- 2017 *I Won't Let You Say Goodbye This Time*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
Cabinet, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2016 *The Future We Remember*, South Eastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston Salem, NC
Dense Mesh, Carroll/Fletcher, London, England
The Treachery of Objects, Fine Arts Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AK
- 2015 *kijidom*, The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
Sunset Haircut, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
S/sleeping, Bb, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 *Traucum*, Parc Saint Leger Centre d'art Contemporain, Pougues-les-Eaux, France

- Paper for the Sky*, Interstate Projects, Brooklyn, NY (organized by CAVE in Detroit, MI)
Archive of Representation and Collections, Favorite Goods, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 *CISCO, SYSCO, SISQO*, La Fonda, Rockaway Beach, New York, NY
- 2012 *Under Construction*, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Wilmington, DE
Sculptors Drawing, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
Three Evidentiary Claims, CCS at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- 2011 *Possession*, The Art Foundation, Athens, Greece
Science & Exploration, Horton Gallery, New York, NY
Streams of Consciousness: The Histories, Mythologies and Ecologies of Water, The Salina Art Center, Salina, KS
Sometimes the things you put things on are more important than the things themselves, Pier 1218, Madison, WI
- 2010 *Summer Solstice*, Page Bond Gallery, Richmond, VA
Award Winners X, Biggs Museum of American Art, Dover DE
2002 FAWC Alumni Exhibition, Hudson D. Walker Gallery, Provincetown, MA
The Quebec City Biennial, Manif d'art 5, Quebec City, Canada
QVNOXW//, 86 Forsyth, Chinatown, NY
- 2009 *Objet Petit A*, Spoke Gallery, Chicago, IL
Strangers in Conversation, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
Past Arts Faculty Exhibition, Houston Community College, Houston, TX
Oculus Imaginationi, Horton & Co, New York, NY
browser, inter-actor, co-author, producer, nomad, Hudson D. Walker Gallery, The Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA
The Margins, The Ice House, Phoenix, AZ
Physical Reminders, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
Drawn, Kinkead Contemporary, Culver City, CA
- 2008 *Learning by Doing: 25 Years of the Core Program at the Museum of Fine Arts*, Houston, MFAH, Houston, TX
- 2006 *leg*, Lawndale Center for the Arts, Houston, Texas
Core Artist in Residence Exhibition, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 2005 *Core Artist in Residence Exhibition*, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 2004 *Faculty Exhibition*, Central College, Houston, Texas
The Stray Show, Chicago, Illinois, w/ Paragraph Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
Biomimicry, (catalog) University of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana
Summer Resident Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, Montana
- 2003 *Faculty Exhibition*, The University Art Gallery, Central Michigan University
New Colors, Station 29 Gallery, Newport, Rhode Island
Drawing.....Now!, The Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Massachusetts
- 2002 *FAWC Fellows Show*, Provincetown Art Museum, Provincetown, Massachusetts

Yankee Clay: Ceramic Artists of the Northeast, The Slater Museum, Norwich, Connecticut

- 2000 *Typographies*, Art Site, Wellsville, New York
- Young Artists, New Work*, Gardo Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Contemporary Views*, Kings College, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
- Exhibit One*, The Contemporary Gallery, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Grants, Awards and Commissions

- 2015 Virginia Commission for the Arts Award
- 2011 Guggenheim Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
- 2010 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship
- 2006 Artadia Award Finalist
- 2005 The Nancy Graves Foundation Award The Nancy Graves Foundation, New York, NY
- The Eliza Prize, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- Kansas Arts Commission Mini Grant
- 2004 Kansas City Avenue of the Arts Commission Grant
- Exhibition Grant, Delaware Division of the Arts
- 2003 Emerging Artist Fellowship, Delaware Division of the Arts
- 2002 The Jeanne C. Thayer Fellowship in the Arts, The State University of New York

2000-02 Alfred University Graduate Fellowship

- 2000 St. Luke's Medal, Marywood University

Residencies and Fellowships

- 2015 The Drift, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2014 Marie Walsh Sharpe Space Program, DUMBO, New York, NY
- The Mac Dowell Colony, New Hampshire
- Cannonball, Miami, FL
- 2004-2006 The Core Program, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, Texas
- 2004 The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Nebraska
- The Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, Montana
- The New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Summer Residency, Alfred, New York
- The Urban Culture Project at The Bank, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2003 The Stephen L. Barstow Fellowship, Central Michigan University
- Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, Maine
- 2002-2003 The Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Massachusetts
- 2000, 2003 Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, Maine

Visiting Artist/Lecturer & Writings

- 2017 Moby Museum of Bat Yam, Bat Yam, Israel
- Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

- 2015 Yale University, New Haven, CT
San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2013 Goldsmiths University, London, England
Columbia University, New York, NY
Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland
Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
New York University, New York, NY
- 2006 Lecture, Waterloo University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Lecture, Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri
Lecture, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Visiting Artist, University of Texas, San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
Lecture, Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania
Lecture, The University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
The Great Circuit, Global Visualization/Mapping/Expedition
The Rainbow, Large-scale rainbow project, Houston, Kansas City, New York City
- 2005 Lecture, The Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas December 8
Artist Talk, The Bemis Center of Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska, August 27
Lecture, DiverseWorks, Houston, Texas, April 16
Lecture/Seminar, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Massachusetts, April 11-13
Lecture, University of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas, September 28
- 2004 Lecture, The New York State College of Ceramics, July 14
Lecture, The Holter Museum, Helena, Montana, May 27
Lecture, The Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska, January 5
Lecture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Visiting Artist/Lecture, Feb. 3-4
- 2003 Panelist, *Biomimicry: The Art of Imitating Life*, The Herron School of Art, University of Indiana/NCECA, Mar. 19
Lecture, The Stephen L. Barstow Visiting Artist Lecture, Central Michigan University, November 13
Lecture, University of Southern California, March 8
Lecture, University of Kansas, The Hallmark Lecturer, Lawrence, Kansas, February 24-26
Lecture, San Diego State University, February 15
Lecture, Mesa College, San Diego, California, February 14
The Ghost Whale Circuit, audio CD w/ jewel case, edition 25
Panelist, *New School: Emerging Artists and Shifting Paradigms In an Expanded Field*, Mesa College/NCECA, San Diego, California, March 12
Curator, *Well.*, Well # 1 Building, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Bi-national collaboration with Dot-to-Dot, *The Rainbow, Castle, Quasar Divide*, San Diego, California
Co-Curator, *Drawing....Now!* Hudson D. Walker Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts
Co-Curator, *(Bed)Fellows*, Hudson D. Walker Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts

- 2002 Lecture, Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania, Nov. 17
Primer, Artist book, edition of 10
Skating on the Ice Beautifully, John Woods Studio, videotape, January 1-7
- 2001 *Rapid Pyro-plastic Deformation*, Collaboration with Edward V. Bongio and NYSCC Engineering, McMahon Hall, Alfred, New York, December 2-6
The Epic of Jim Hooan and the Great Time Machine Fiasco, Harder Hall, Alfred, New York, August 12-18
The Ghost of Tom and the Easter Bunny's Family Picnic, Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, Alfred, New York, May 14 – Sept 1
Pauline's Last Tape, The Robert Turner Gallery, Alfred, New York, March 19-24
Practice/Manufacture: The Sisyphus Experiment, The Daniel Rhodes Room, Alfred, New York, January 15-16
- 2000 *The Amazing Circus Tunnel*, Art Site, Wellsville, New York, November 17-30
12.5: Mapping, Collaboration with Joshua Breslow, Afa Gallery, Scranton, Pennsylvania, July 7-29
Wedding Rehearsal/Practice for a Eulogy, Paris, France, January 3-7
- 1999 *The Exploration of the Moon*, Central Station, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Dec. 31

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- 2016 Zachary Cahill, "Eye Exam: A Reflection on the Art of Threewalls and the Importance of Alternative Spaces," *New City Art*, March 31.
 Amy White, "Out of This World," *Burnaway*, March 28.
- 2015 Glentzer, Molly. *Art that's frozen in time*. *The Houston Chronicle*, June 19.
 Ryan, Dinah. *Michael Jones McKean and the Set of All Things*. Sculpture, May.
 Paddy Johnson, "We Went to Baltimore Part 1: The Art Fair that Doesn't Suck," July 20
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 Michael Antony Farley, "Highlights from the Foster Prize," *Art F City*, July 2.
 Michael Drake, Interview, "THE BLAAAH," issue 2, release June 27.
 Rainey Knudson, Christina Rees, "Top 5," *Glasstire*, June 4.
 Susie Tommaney, "Energy Transference," *Houston Press*, June 5.
 João Santos Duarte, "A incrível viagem de Donald Crowhurst," *Espresso*, July 10.
- 2013 Jones McKean, Michael, et al. *Michael Jones McKean: The Religion*. Fosdick-Nelson Gallery School of Art and Design, show catalogue.
An Evolving Turn: A Conversation with Timur Si-Qin, Michael Jones McKean and Pablo Larios. *dismagazine.com*, April.
Rainbow on Demand, interview *With Good Reason*. *virginiahumanities.org*, April.
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- Baker Hansen, Sarah. *A lot of work goes creating Bernis' rainbow*. Omaha World Herald, June 23.
- Zimmerman, Eric. *Michael Jones McKean: The Rainbow: Certain Principles of Light and Shapes Between Forms*. might be good..., issue 193, June.
- 2011 Associated Press. *Artist Produces On Demand Rainbows*. Chicago Sun Times, February 21.
- Crean una maquina que fabrica arcoiris*. Lanacion.com, January 8.
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- Azouly, Eli Armon. *Open the Window*. Haaretz, April 5.
- 2010 *Rainbows on Demand*. NPR Science Friday. December 22.
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- Kollatz, Harry Jr.. *The Hard Transparency of Things*. Richmond Magazine, June.
- Welch, Adam. *The Margins: A Theory of Resistance in Contemporary Ceramics*. Ceramics Art and Perception, Issue 79. pp42-47.
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- Alice Thurson, "Everything and the Kitchen Sink," *The Kansas City Star*, May 28
- Annie Fischer, "For the Masses," *The Pitch*, May 20-26, page 23
- Julianna E. Thibodeaux, "Sinister Beauty," *Nuvo*, March 31 - April 7, pg. 22
- Mark Pescovitz, MD, "The Alchemy of Art and Science," catalogue essay, "Biomimicry, The Art of Imitating Life"
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- Alice Thurson, "Ambitious Avenue of the Arts," *Kansas City Star*, January 11
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- 2002 "McKean at KU," *Lawrence Journal World*, February 23, pg. 4D
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"Fellows Hold Group Show," *Provincetown Banner*, Provincetown, Massachusetts, October 31, pg. 36
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Central Michigan University
Perez Art Museum Miami
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The Archie Bray Foundation
The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts
The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art
The Slater Memorial Museum
The Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts