

# Jessie Homer French

## Biography

Jessie Homer French was born in New York in 1940. She currently lives and works in Oak View, California.

A self-taught artist, her paintings emerge from a continuous analysis of places surrounding her and reveal the artist's personal and profound attitude to a local and transient type of composition. Through a simplified language - only apparently naive, flat colours and calm brushstrokes - Homer French treats with delicate care existential issues related to death, nature and rural life. In her work, humanity appears a toxic intruder in a melancholic nature, and yet, even the paintings with the darkest subjects feature a formal vitality capable of giving extraordinary immediacy to her bittersweet and anti-pastoral compositions, in which creation and destruction coexist with exemplary candour.

Homer French's work is included in the collections of the Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs; the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.

### Solo exhibitions

#### 2024

2024 - Normal Landscapes, VSF, Los Angeles, USA

2024 - Jessie Homer French, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, N

#### 2023

2023 - Memento Mori, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, I

#### 2022

2022 - Roots, Various Small Fires, Dallas, USA

#### 2021

2021 - West Coast, MASSIMODECARLO, London, UK

#### 2020

2020 - Jessie Homer French, Independent New York, New York, USA

2020 - Chernobyl, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles, USA

#### 2019

2019 - Stealth Bomber/s, Mother's Tankstation, London, UK

2019 - Paintings 1978-2018, Mother's Tankstation, Dublin, IRL

#### 2018

2018 - American Pastoral, Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong, HK

#### 2017

2017 - Food Chain, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles, USA

2017 - Mapestries, Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

**2016**

2016 - Two Degrees Celsius?, Gallery 169, Santa Monica, USA  
2016 - Mapestries, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, USA

**2012**

2012 - Mapestries, Katherine Cone Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

**2009**

2009 - New Paintings, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**2006**

2006 - Jessie Homer French, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**2004**

2004 - Jessie Homer French, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**2001**

2001 - Jessie Homer French, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**1999**

1999 - Jessie Homer French, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**1989**

1989 - Jessie Homer French, Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

**1984**

1984 - Jessie Homer French, Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

**1976**

1976 - Jessie Homer French, Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

**Group exhibitions****2024**

2024 - Spin a Yarn, curated by , curated by Estrellita Brodsky, ANOTHER SPACE, New York, USA  
2024 - The Atomic Age, Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, F

**2023**

2023 - If the Sky Were Orange: Art in the Time of Climate Change, curated by Jeff Goodell, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, USA  
2023 - Thread Routes, Massimo De Carlo, Hong Kong, PRC  
2023 - Made in L.A. 2023: Acts of Living, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA

**2022**

2022 - 59. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, La Biennale di Venezia, Venezia, I. Catalogue  
2022 - The Milk of Dreams, 59. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Venezia, I. Catalogue  
2022 - The First Beijing Biennial 展览名称: 第一届北京艺术双年展, National Base for International Cultural Trade, Beijing, PRC

**2021**

2021 - The Interior, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, USA

**2020**

2020 - Life Still, CLEARING, New York, USA  
2020 - Next of Kin, Various Small Fires, Seoul, ROK  
2020 - Materia Medica, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, USA

**2018**

2018 - Eighty at Eighty: Recent Gifts to the Permanent Collection, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, USA

**2017**

2017 - Hecate, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles, USA

**2015**

2015 - Small House, Craig Krull Gallery, Palm Springs, USA

**2014**

2014 - Joan Joan Joan! One Subject, Many Artists, John Wayne Airport Arts Program, Santa Ana, USA

2014 - 20/20: A Celebratory Exhibition, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**2012**

2012 - Points of View, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**2011**

2011 - Mysterious Objects – Portraits of Joan Quinn, Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, USA

**2009**

2009 - Winter Watercolorland, Samuel Freeman Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

**2008**

2008 - Love to Party, Samuel Freeman Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

**2007**

2007 - Hornby Three, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, CDN

**2005**

2005 - Jessie Homer French, Mantra Design, Victoria, CDN

**2003**

2003 - Jessie Homer French, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, USA

**2001**

2001 - Jessie Homer French, Winchester Gallery, Victoria, USA

2001 - Eye Candy, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, USA

**2000**

2000 - Jessie Homer French, Victoria International Airport, Victoria, CDN

**1998**

1998 - Disparate Landscapes, Gensler, Los Angeles, USA

**1997**

1997 - All Blue Almost, curated by Billy Al Bengston, Gensler Gallery, Newport Beach, USA

1997 - Jessie Homer French, Westfall Art Gallery, Venice, USA

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1996 - Jessie Homer French, Westfall Art Gallery, Venice, USA

**1994**

1994 - Naturescapes, Transamerica Galleries, Los Angeles, USA

**1993**

1993 - Jessie Homer French, The McBean Library, Cate School, Carpinteria, USA

**1992**

1992 - Man & His Best Friend, Sharon Truax Fine Art, Venice, USA

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1991 - Maquettes, Sharon Truax Fine Art, Venice, USA

**1990**

1990 - Jessie Homer French, Laguna Museum Auction, Laguna Beach, USA  
1990 - Jessie Homer French, Angel Art, Los Angeles, USA  
1990 - Heal The Bay Surfboard Art Invitational, Santa Monica, USA,

**1989**

1989 - Memento Mori, Kerchoff Art Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA  
1989 - Jessie Homer French, Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

**1988**

1988 - Jessie Homer French, Laguna Museum Auction, Laguna Beach, USA

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1987 - Jessie Homer French, Ankrum Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
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**1981**

1981 - Jessie Homer French, Laguna Museum Auction, Laguna Beach, USA

**1980**

1980 - Jessie Homer French, Laguna Museum Auction, Laguna Beach, USA

**1979**

1979 - Jessie Homer French, Selected Works On Tour, Chevron, USA

**1978**

1978 - Discover America, Fowler-Mills Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
1978 - Jessie Homer French, Palm Springs Museum, Palm Springs, USA

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## 2024

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## 2020

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## 2019

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## 2017

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## 2016

Gelt, Jessica. "California's fault lines, stitched by hand: One artist's tweaking of a homespun craft", *Los Angeles Times*, January 21 2016.

## 2011

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## 2006

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**2004**

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**2002**

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**1999**

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**1996**

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**1993**

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**1988**

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**1985**

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**1984**

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**1976**

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**1971**

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# Public Collections

## **United States of America**

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Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.