

Jessie Homer French

Biography

Jessie Homer French was born in New York in 1940. She currently lives and works in Mountain Center, California, US.

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.

Solo exhibitions include: West Coast, MASSIMODECARLO, London, UK (2021); Chernobyl, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles, CA, US (2020); Paintings 1978-2018, Mother's Tankstation, Dublin, IE (2019); American Pastoral, Art Basel Hong Kong, HK (2018); Mapestries, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA, US (2015).

Group exhibitions include: Materia Medica, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, CA, US (2020); Life Still, CLEARING, New York, NY, US (2020); Eighty at Eighty: Recent Gifts to the Permanent Collection, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA, US (2018); Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, US.

French's work is included in the collections of the Palm Springs Art Museum and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Solo exhibitions

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

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

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 - Mapestries, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, USA

2016 - Two Degrees Celsius?, Gallery 169, Santa Monica, 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

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

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

1989

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

1984

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1976

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Group exhibitions**2023**

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 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

2022 - The Milk of Dreams, 59. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Venezia, I. Catalogue

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

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

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

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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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1994

1994 - Naturescapes, Transamerica Galleries, Los Angeles, USA

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1993 - Jessie Homer French, The McBean Library, Cate School, Carpenteria, 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

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1990 - Heal The Bay Surfboard Art Invitational, Santa Monica, USA,

1990 - Jessie Homer French, Angel Art, Los Angeles, USA

1990 - Jessie Homer French, Laguna Museum Auction, Laguna Beach, USA

1989

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

1989 - Memento Mori, Kerchoff Art Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

1988

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

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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