

Lily Stockman

Biography

Lily Stockman was born in Providence, RI, in 1982. She lives and works in Los Angeles and Yucca Valley, CA.

Drawing from nature and its grammar of symmetry, camouflage, and repetition, Stockman plumbs her familiar landscapes (Los Angeles, the Mojave Desert, a remote island in Maine) for her distinctive palette of glowing, tertiary colours— crackling orange, red earth, Holbein brown, and Fra Angelico blue. In a review of Stockman’s most recent exhibition, The New Yorker art critic Johanna Fateman describes the artist’s biomorphic compositions as “both diagrammatic and vaporous, a combination that calls to mind the spiritualist abstractions of the American modernist Agnes Pelton. Although they’re more lyrical, Stockman’s nested shapes also have the meticulous magic of Josef Albers’s squares.” Stockman’s paintings emerge from a wide range of references, from the prosaic — seed catalogues, topographic maps, birdsong, skating on a frozen pond — to the archaic — Shaker gift drawings, mediaeval hocketing, portable Renaissance altarpieces, poetry metre.

After concentrating on painting at Harvard, where she also studied art history under Yve-Alain Bois, Stockman continued her studies in two important apprenticeships which shaped her lifelong pursuit of abstraction: Buddhist thangka painting at the Union of Mongolian Artists in Ulaanbaatar, and later, traditional Mughal miniature painting in Jaipur. From there she went on to pursue her MFA at New York University.

Stockman’s work is in the permanent collections of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., Institute of Contemporary Art Miami, Phoenix Art Museum, and Orange County Museum of Art, where she was recently included in the California Biennial 2022: Pacific Gold.

Solo exhibitions

2023

2023 - The Waves, MASSIMODECARLO, London, UK

2022

2022 - A Green Place, Almine Rech, London, UK

2022 - The Tilting Chair, Charles Moffett, New York, USA

2020

2020 - Seed, Stone, Mirror, Match, Charles Moffett, New York, USA

2018

2018 - Loquats, Charles Moffett, New York, USA

2016

2016 - Pollinator, Gavlak, Los Angeles, USA

2014

2014 - Women, Luis De Jesus, Los Angeles, USA

2013

2013 - ULTRAVIOLET: 1913-2013, 80WSE Gallery, New York, USA

Group exhibitions**2023**

2023 - The Glover Group: A Los Angeles Story, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, I

2022

2022 - What You See Is What You Get, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique, Paris, F

2022 - Shrubs, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2022 - California Biennial, Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, USA

2022 - 13 Women, Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, USA

2022 - What You See Is What You Get, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, I

2021

2021 - Inaugural Launch of Platform, Platform / David Zwirner, New York, USA

2021 - Better Weather: Lois Dodd, Kieran Brennan Hinton, Lily Stockman, TOA Presents, Minneapolis, USA

2021 - Summer Show, Almine Rech, Aspen, USA

2020

2020 - Dwelling is the Light, curated by Katy Hessel, Timothy Taylor, London, UK

2020 - Conversational Spirits, Jessica Silverman Gallery, San Francisco, USA

2020 - LA Views, Maki Gallery, Tokyo, J

2019

2019 - Selected Contemporary Painting, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, USA

2019 - By Women, For Tomorrow's Women, curated by Agnes Gund and Oprah Winfrey, Sotheby's, New York, USA

2018

2018 - All Over the Moon: Laurel Sparks, Lily Stockman, Richard Tinkler, curated by Jack Pierson, Cheim & Read, New York, USA

2018 - My Kid Can Do That, curated by Kyle DeWoody, The Underground Museum, Los Angeles, USA

2017

2017 - Tomorrow's Man, curated by Jack Pierson, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA

2015

2015 - E.1027, Joe Sheftel Gallery, New York, USA

2015 - Plainly to Propound, Gavlak, Los Angeles, USA

2014

2014 - Blessed Oblivion, Gavlak, Palm Beach, USA

2014 - The Morning After, Tyler Wood, San Francisco, USA

2014 - Departure, Harvard Monday Gallery, Harvard University, Cambridge, UK

2013

2013 - 1st Year MFA Show, The Commons Gallery, NYU, New York, USA

2013 - MFA Thesis Show, 80WSE Gallery, New York, USA

2013 - The Road, Luis De Jesus, Los Angeles, USA

2011

2011 - SUPER/POWER, Threshold Gallery, New Delhi, IND