

LOUIS K. MEISEL GALLERY

Bernardo Torrens

Biography

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BORN

1957 Madrid, Spain

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Bernardo Torrens, Skin and Soul*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery.
30 April 30 – 8 June 8
- 2014 *The Three Graces and Other Works*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 30 October – 29 November.
- 2011 *Painting of Melania & Jesi*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 13 January – 26 February.
- 2009 *Bernardo Torrens: Beneath the Surface – Recent Paintings*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. October.
- 2007 *Bernardo Torrens*, Galleria del Tasso, Bergamo, Italy. October.
- 2005 *Bernardo Torrens*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 1 – 29 October.
- 2004 *Monumenti di Carne*, Galleria Marieschi, Milano, Italy. 4 November – 5 February.
- 2002 *La verit  nascoste*, Galleria Marieschi, Milano, Italy. May – June.

Bernardo Torrens, Centro Cultural Contempor neo Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. August – October.
- 1997 *Bernardo Torrens*, Sala Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 1993 *Bernardo Torrens*, Galeria Heller, Madrid, Spain

Bernardo Torrens, Meissner Gallery, New York, NY
- 1992 *Art Miami 92*, Galeria Heller, Miami, FL

Europ'Art, Galeria Heller, Genevre, Switzerland

Art Asia, Galeria Heller, Hong Kong, China
- 1991 *Bernardo Torrens*, Galeria Heller, Madrid, Spain
- 1988 *Bernardo Torrens*, Galeria Heller, Madrid, Spain

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *High Fidelity: Anthony Brunelli & the Digital Age Photorealists*, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY, Feb. 14 – May 8
- 2019 *Reality Check: Photorealist Watercolors*, Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 27 – July 28, 2019
- Panoramic Views*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, Jan 3 – Feb 24
- 2017 *Photorealism & Verist Sculpture* - Art Miami, Miami, FL, Dec. 6 -12
- Photorealism: 50 Years of Hyperrealistic Painting*
Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, Florida, 30 June - 8 October 2017
- Size Doesn't Matter* curated by Susan P. Meisel, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, April 6 – 29
- Photorealism in the Desert*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA, March 10- April 8
The Europeans, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, January 10 – February 23
- 2015 *Here's Looking Back at You: Images of Women from the ESKFF Collection*, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ.
- Summer Group Exhibition*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY.
- The Artist's Gaze*, Sirona Fine Art, Hallandale Beach, FL.
- 2012-17 *Photorealism: 50 Years of Hyperrealistic Painting* (travelling exhibition); Kunsthalle Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany Dec. 7, 2012 – Mar. 10, 2013; Museo Thyssen Bornamisza, Madrid, Spain Mar. 21 – Jun. 9, 2013; Saarland Museum, Saarbrücken, Germany Jun. 30 – Oct. 13, 2013; The Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, England Nov. 30, 2013 – Mar. 30 2014; Museo de Bellas Artes, Bilbao, Spain – Oct. 7, 2014 – Jan. 19, 2015; Kumu Art Museum of Estonia Tallinn, Estonia – Mar. 17 – Jun. 12, 2016; Musée d'Ixelles Brüssel, Belgium, Jun. 29 – Sep. 25, 2016; Osthaus Museum Hagen, Germany – Oct. 15, 2016 – Jan. 8, 2017; Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands, Feb. 25 – June 4, 2017; & Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL, July 13 – Oct. 22, 2017
- 2013-14 *Photorealism: The Sydney and Walda Bestoff Collection*, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, 8 November 2013 – 25 January 2014.
- Photorealism Revisited* (travelling exhibition); The Oklahoma Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK (24 January – 21 April 2013); The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH (1 June – 30 September 2013); MANA Contemporary Art Center, New Jersey, NJ (12 January – 18 April 2014).
- 2014 *Art Silicon Valley San Francisco*, San Mateo County Event Center, San Mateo, CA. 9 – 12 October.

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Contemporary Realism Biennial, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN. 20 September – 30 November.

Photorealism in the Digital Age, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 7 November 2014 – 4 January 2015.

Hyperreal – More Than Pop!, Saarland Museum Moderne Galerie, Saarbrücken, Saarland, Germany. 30 June – 12 October.

Valentine, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 14 February – 9 March.

Summer Sights, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY

2012-13 *Fotorealismus: Malen mit der Kamera*, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany. 7 December 2012 – 10 March 2013.

2013 *Lots'a Naked Ladies...and One Guy: Sculpture & Two Dimensions*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 3 November – 20 December.

Beyond Realism, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada. 8 September – 2 October.

2011-12 *Our Own Directions: The Louis K. and Susan P. Meisel Collection*, Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation at MANA Contemporary Art Center, Jersey City, NJ. 18 September 2011 – January 2012.

Stand and Still: Figure Paintings and Still Lives, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 8 December – 15 January.

2011 *Photorealism*, Persterer Contemporary Fine Art, Zurich, Switzerland.

The New York Project – Paintings of the City by Artists from Around the World, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 15 September – 29 October.

2010 *Expansion*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 30 September – 13 November.

Re-Presenting the Nude, curated by Jon O'Hern, Evoke Contemporary Gallery, Santa Fe, NM. 2-30 July.

Art Hamptons – The International Fine Art Fair, Bridgehampton, NY. 9-11 July.

Art Chicago, Jonathan Novak Contemporary, Chicago, IL. 30 April – 3 May.

Winter Show, Plus One Gallery, London, UK. 2-27 February.

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REAL(ists), Ringling Museum, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL. 15 January – 16 February.

Summer Sweet, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY.

2009 *Einladung*, Persterer Contemporary Fine Art, Zürich, Switzerland. 5-20 December.

Photorealism Paintings, The Arthur M. Berger Art Gallery at Manhattanville College, New York, NY. 11 November – 11 December.

Louis K. Meisel Gallery: 40 Years of Photorealism, Louis K. Meisel Gallery & Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 5-28 November.

Figure 8: Painting & Sculpture, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 11 June – 17 July.

Small Works from Around the World, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. 5-28 February.

2008 *Painted Faces; Post Modern Portraits*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. January.

National Contemporary Realism, M.A. Doran Gallery, Tulsa, OK. 8 September – 14 June.

SPF 20 – Shades of Summer, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. June.

Unforeseen Reflections, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. September.

2007 *Photorealism Today*, Plus One Gallery, London, UK. May.

Structure, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. March.

Art Bologna, Galleria Marieschi, Bologna, Italy. January.

Iperrealisti: The European Photorealists, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY. January.

2006 *Summer Suite*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY.

Human@rt, Centro Culturale Le Ciminiere, Catania, Italy.

Art Verona, Galleria Marieschi, Verona, Italy. October.

The Figure in American Painting and Drawing; 1985-2005, Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit, ME.

2005 *Tetralogia de la Natura: Terra*, Galleria Merieschi, Milan, Italy

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Arte Fiera Bologna, Galeria Marieschi, Bologna, Italy

Profumo di Donna, Galleria del Tasso, Bergamo, Italy

Photorealism, Then and Now, Elaine Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL

Winter in Blue, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY

2004 *Vertical Arrangements*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY

Art Miami 04, Galeria Pelaires, Miami, FL

Tetralogia della Natura: Fuoco, Galeria Marieschi, Milan, Italy

Arte Fiera Bologna, Galeria Marieschi, Bologna, Italy

ARCO 04, Galeria Pelaires, Madrid, Spain

Nudo, Galeria Fomo, Bologna, Italy

Medioevo Prossimo Venturo, Palazzo Pretorio, Certaldo, Italy

Art Shanghai, Galeria Pelaires, Shanghai, China

La Retoriche de Eros, Pinacoteca Civile Galileo Gattabriglia, Bondeno Ferrara, Italy

2003 *Facing Reality*, Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY

Art Colonia, Galeria Pelaires, Germany

2002 *Arte Feira Bologna*, Galeria Marieschi, Bologna, Italy

ARCO, Galeria Pelaires, Madrid, Spain

Nuovo Realismo Spagnolo, Galeria Marieschi, Milan, Italy

2001 *Tempus Fugit*, Galeria Lluçia Homs, Barcelona, Spain

2000 *Art Miami 2000*, Sala Pelaires, Miami, FL

De Spaanse Kunst, Wielemans-Huis, Brussels, Belgium

ARCO, Sala Pelaires, Madrid, Spain

1999 *Art Miami 99*, Sala Pelaires, Miami, FL

ARCO 99, Sala Pelaires, Madrid, Spain

Art Frankfurt 99, Sala Pelaires, Frankfurt, Germany

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Truth in Beauty, Beauty in Truth, Contemporary American Realism from the Seavest Collection, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL

1998

Art Miami 98, Sala Pelaires, Miami, FL

ARCO 98, Sala Pelaires, Frankfurt, Germany

Art Frankfurt 98, Sala Pelaires, Frankfurt, Germany

Collectiva d'estiu, Sala Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Realidad y Apariencia, Galeria Pelaires – Felanitx, Mallorca, Spain

Ciento y...Postalicas a Federico Garcia Lorca, Museo Postal y Telegrafico, Madrid

1997

Get Real: Contemporary American Realism from the Seavest Collection, Duke University, Durham, NC

Art Miami 97, Sala Pelaires, Miami, FL

ARCO 97, Sala Pelaires, Madrid, Spain

Art Frankfurt 97, Sala Pelaires, Frankfurt, Germany

Exposition Inaugural, Galeria Pelaires – Felanitx, Mallorca, Spain

1996

Realities II, The Art Alliance Gallery, New York, NY

Art Frankfurt 96, Sala Pelaires, Frankfurt, Germany

Camins de la Realitat, Galeria Lluçia Homs, Barcelona, Spain

Collectiva d'estiu, Sala pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1995

Art Miami 95, Galleria Heller, Miami, FL

Realities I, The Art Alliance Gallery, New York, NY

Collectiva d'estiu, Sala Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Representing Representation, Arnot Museum, Elmira, New York

Realismos, Galeria Ansorena, Madrid, Spain

1994

Art Miami 94, Galeria Heller, Miami, FL

Realismos, Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain

Art New York, Galeria Heller, New York, NY

Collectiva d'estiu, Sala Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

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Four From Madrid, Contemporary Spanish Realism, Oglethorpe Museum, Atlanta, GA

- 1993 *Art Miami 93*, Galeria Heller, Miami, FL
Arji Gasiunasen Gallery, Palm Beach, FL
Art Alliance Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1991 *Collectiva de artistas de la galleria*, Galeria Jorge Alberro, Madrid, Spain
- 1990 *Artistas de la galleria*, Galeria Heller, Madrid, Spain
- 1989 *Artistas Espanhois Contemporaneos*, Galeria Heller, Madrid, Spain
Decimo Aniversario de Galeria Mellado, Galeria Mellado, El Escorial, Madrid, Spain
Exestencia, 14 Maestros del Realismo, Caja de San Fernando, Sevilla, Spain
- 1988 *IV Cita con el Dibujo*, Galeria Alfama, Madrid, Spain
- 1987 *III Cita con el Dibujo*, Galeria Alfama, Madrid, Spain
- 1986 *Colectiva de Pequeno Formato*, Galeria Sokoa, Madrid, Spain
II Cita can el Dibujo, Galeria Alfama, Madrid, Spain
- 1985 *Cinco Jóvenes Realismos de Hoy*, Galeria Duran, Madrid, Spain
- 1983 Galeria Abside, La Coruna, Spain

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Mendez, Didi and Victoria Selbach. "The Artist's Gaze: Seeing Women in the 21st Century." *Poets & Artists Magazine*, V. 61. February.
- 2013 Letze, Otto, et al. "50 Years of Hyperrealist Painting." Hatje Cantz: Germany.
- 2012 *Recent Painting*, exhibition catalogue. Bernarducci Meisel Gallery.
- 2011 O'Hern, John. "The Art of the Nude." *American Art Collector*. October.
Gökdoğan, Safak Günes. "Ben Hep Kendimi Resmederim." *RHT Art Magazine (The Fine Arts Magazine of Turkey)*. March.
Paintings of Melania and Jesi, exhibition catalogue. Bernarducci Meisel Gallery. III.

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- 2010 Bernarducci, Frank. "Interview with Frank Bernarducci, Featuring Bernarducci Meisel Gallery." *Poets and Artists*. Fall.
- Bernardo Torrens: Beneath the Surface*, exhibition catalogue. Bernarducci Meisel Gallery. Ill.
- Cooper, James F. "Exhibitions: Bernardo Torrens." *American Arts Quarterly*. February. p. 49, ill.
- 2008 *Painted Faces, Post-Modern Portraits*, exhibition catalogue. Bernarducci Meisel Gallery. Ill.
- "Painted Faces; Contemporary Portraits," *American Art Collector*. February. p. 144-147. Ill.
- Bernardo Torrens: Pintura*. Galleria del Tasso Arte Contemporanea.
- 2007 *Photorealism Today*, exhibition catalogue. Plus One Gallery, London, UK. Ill.
- 2006 *The Figure in American Painting and Drawing 1985-2005*, exhibition catalogue. Ogunquit Museum of American Art. p. 16, ill.
- 2005 *American Arts Quarterly*. Winter. p. 47-19, ill.
- Redaelli, Alessandra. "Architecture della Mentre." *Arte*. p. 117-121, ill.
- American Art Collector*, ill.
- Cairns, Holly and Jane Monti. *Bernardo Torrens: Recent Paintings*, exhibition catalogue. Bernarducci Meisel Gallery.
- New York Sun* (weekend issue), calendar. October 7, ill.
- 2004 Sciacaluga, Maurizio. *Bernardo Torrens: Monumenti di Carne*, exhibition catalogue. Galleria Marieshi, Milano.
- 2002 Agazzani, Alberto and Baltasar Porcel. *Torrens: Agost 2002*, exhibition catalogue. Pelaires, Centre Cultural Contemporani, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
- 1997 Baltasar, Basilio. *Bernardo Torrens: Paintings and Drawings*, Sala pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. November.
- 1992 Tajabuerce, Isabel. *Torrens: The Spirit of Reality*. Heller Galeria de Arte, Madrid, Spain.

SELECTED PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

Portrait of the former President of the Spanish Parliament, Mr. Felix Pons

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Portrait of the former President of the Spanish Parliament, Mr. Jose Bono