

Lorna Ritz

Lorna Ritz (b. 1947, Worcester, MA) is a painter based in Amherst, Massachusetts. Trained under Hofmann student James Gahagan, she carries forward a lineage of postwar abstraction rarely afforded to women of her generation. A MacDowell Fellow and dedicated educator, she has taught at RISD, Brown, Dartmouth, and the University of Minnesota. Her work has been exhibited at the Emily Dickinson Museum, Tampa Museum of Art, and the New Britain Museum of American Art, and is held in the collections of Cedars-Sinai, the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, Worcester Art Museum, and Provincetown Art Museum.

Education

1971 Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan — Master of Fine Arts, double major in Painting and Sculpture
1969 Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York — Bachelor of Fine Arts, major in Painting, minor in Sculpture
1968 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine — Painting,
1966 The Art Students League, New York — Painting
1965 Boston Museum School of Fine Art — summer diploma program

Solo Exhibitions

2025 YveYANG Gallery, New York City, New York
2024 Oxbow Art Gallery, Easthampton, Massachusetts
2023 Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester, Vermont
2019 Emily Dickinson Museum Gallery, Amherst, Massachusetts
2019, 2015 Visitors Information Center Gallery, Chamber of Commerce, Amherst, Massachusetts
2018 Oresman Gallery, Brown Fine Arts Center, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts
2017 Hardee Center for the Arts, North Florida Community College, Madison, Florida
2015 John Hancock Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
2014 Aidron Duckworth Art Museum, Meriden, New Hampshire
2014 French Cultural Center, Boston, Massachusetts
2014 Northampton Historical Museum, Northampton, Massachusetts
2013 State House, Gallery in Senator Rosenberg's Office, Boston, Massachusetts
2012 Augusta Savage Gallery, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts
2010 Trailside Gallery, Northampton, Massachusetts
2010 Jones Library Gallery, Amherst, Massachusetts
2009 Visiting Artists Program, Town Hall, Amherst, Massachusetts
2008 Firehouse Gallery, Newburyport, Massachusetts
2008 OSI Pharmaceutical Corporation Gallery, Long Island, New York
2007 Gallery Anthony Curtis, Boston, Massachusetts
2006 The Creative Center Gallery, Chelsea, New York City, New York
2003 Holyoke Community College Tabor Art Gallery, Holyoke, Massachusetts
2003 Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, Massachusetts
2002 Huntington House Art Museum, Windsor, Connecticut
1998 Redfern Art Center & Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, Keene State College, New Hampshire
1998 Doll-Andstadt Gallery, Burlington, Vermont
1998 University Museum of Contemporary Art, Fine Arts Center, University of Massachusetts
1995 Gallery BAI, New York City, New York
1991 Harriet Tubman House, Boston, Massachusetts
1990 NACUL Architectural Center, Amherst, Massachusetts
1990 Nicole C. Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1998, 1987 Wet Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1987 Hampshire College, Johnson Gallery, Amherst, Massachusetts

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1986 Pooke Museum, Natick, Massachusetts
1986 Sarah Doyle Gallery, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
1985 Bard College, New York State
1997, 1984 AVA Gallery, Lebanon, New Hampshire
1984 Stebbins Gallery, Cambridge, Massachusetts
1983 National Arts Museum, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1982 Millhouse Bundy Performing and Fine Arts Center, Waitsfield, Vermont
1982 Blue Mountain Gallery, Soho, New York City, New York
1981 Claremont Opera House, Claremont, New Hampshire
1980 Little Center Gallery, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts
1978 List Art Museum, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
1977 Northrop Memorial Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
1976 Berkeley Divinity Center, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
1976 Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut
1975 Roswell Museum Art Center, New Mexico
1975 Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Massachusetts

Select Group Exhibitions

2024 New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, Connecticut
2024 Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, Massachusetts
2024 James May Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2023 The University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
2023 Carol Corey Fine Art, Kent, Connecticut
2023, 2022, 2018 Anita Shapolsky Gallery, New York City, New York
2022 StartaArta Gallery, New York, New York
2022 Cahoon Museum of American Art, Cotuit, Massachusetts
2022 Museum of the White Mountains, Plymouth State University, New Hampshire
2022 Hilliard Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
2022 ArteSpazio Tempo, Venice, Italy
2022 Chico Art Center, Chico, California
2022 The A.D. Gallery, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
2021 Jessica Barnett Gallery, Concord, New Hampshire
2021 Lore Degenstein Gallery, Susquehanna University, Pennsylvania
2021 Essex Art Center, Lawrence, Massachusetts
2021 Waterloo Arts, Cleveland, Ohio
2020 Electric City Art Gallery, Schenectady, New York
2020 DMA Contemporary Art Gallery, Plano, Texas
2020 Elusie Gallery, Easthampton, Massachusetts
2019 Calder Art Center, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan
2019 Art in Embassies Program, Washington, D.C. (paintings placed in Hong Kong)
2019 Aidron Duckworth Art Museum, Meriden, New Hampshire
2019 Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery Museum, Keene, New Hampshire
2018 Anita Shapolsky Gallery and A.S. Foundation, New York City, New York
2018 Brookline Arts Center, Brookline, Massachusetts
2018 Lamont Gallery, Frederick R. Mayer Art Center, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire
2018, 2017, 2015 Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2017 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, Saint Joseph, Missouri
2017 Cherry Stone Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts
2017 Jonathan Frost Gallery, Rockland, Maine
2017 R. Michelson Galleries, Northampton, Massachusetts
2017 The Cultural Center of Cape Cod, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts
2017-2011 Silver Circle Gallery, Putnam, Connecticut
2017, 2016 Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Gallery, Malvern, Pennsylvania
2016 35th Annual Faber Birren National Color Award Show, Stamford Arts Association,

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Connecticut (juried by Michele Wijegoonaratna, PhD, Modern & Contemporary Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)
2016 Legacy Juried Art Exhibition, Governor Oliver Ames Estate, Easton, Massachusetts
2016 Real Colegio Complutense, Spain, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
2016 Diana Felber Gallery, West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
2016 Hannah Bacol Busch Gallery, Bellaire, Texas
2015 Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
2015 Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, New York
2015 The New York Art Connection, Holbrook, Long Island, New York
2014 Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, Florida
2014 Zulu Gallery, Medfield, Massachusetts
2014, 2013 Fenimore Gallery, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, New York
2014 Pico House Gallery, El Pueblo Historical Monument, Los Angeles, California
2014 MIT Office of Sponsored Programs, Cambridge, Massachusetts
2013 Asnuntuck Community College, Enfield, Connecticut
2013 Simeon Strong House Historical Museum, Amherst, Massachusetts
2013 Zeitgeist Gallery, Beverly, Massachusetts
2013 This Just In! Additions to the Collections from Pompeii to Today, Mead Art Museum, Amherst College, Massachusetts
2013 Gallery 37, Milford, Delaware
2013 Tampa Museum of Art, Florida
2013 Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
2013 Hutson Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts
2013 Sunne Savage Gallery / McGladrey Art Gallery, Charlestown, Massachusetts
2013 The Edward Hopper House Art Museum, Nyack, New York
2013 Landscape Painters, The Canal Gallery, Holyoke, Massachusetts
2013 Inclusion in the film Dead Man Down, directed by Niels Arden, starring Colin Farrell, Terrence Howard, and Noomi Rapace
2012 Brush Art Gallery, Lowell, Massachusetts
2012 Village Gallery, Montgomery, Alabama
2011 Galatea Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
2011 Elizabeth Moss Fine Art Gallery, Falmouth, Maine
2011 Proctors Theater, Schenectady, New York
2011 Northeast Prize Show, Kathryn Schultz Gallery, Cambridge, Massachusetts (curated by Theodore Stebbins, Curator of American Art at Fogg Museum, Harvard University)
2011 The Painting Center, New York, New York
2011 Elizabeth Erdreich White Fine Art, Boston, Massachusetts
2011 William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2010 Bromfield Art Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
2010 Alan Klotz Gallery, New York, New York
2010 American Ambassador's Residence, Caracas, Venezuela
2009 Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, Massachusetts
2009 Julian Scott Memorial Gallery of Johnson State College, Vermont
2009 Peabody Historical Society and Museum, Peabody, Massachusetts
2008 State House, Boston, Massachusetts
2008 Paesaggio Fine Art, Hartford, Connecticut
2007 Faculty Exhibition, Western New England University, Springfield, Massachusetts
2007 City Lights Gallery, Bridgeport, Connecticut
2007 Viewpoint Gallery, Schenectady, New York
2007 Paintings About Jazz, Midlantic Gallery Arts Consortium, Perkasi, Pennsylvania
2007 Roswell Museum Arts Center, New Mexico
2007 Brickbottom Gallery, Somerville, Massachusetts
2006 Capelli d'Angeli Foundation, Canton, Connecticut
2006 Gallery 100, Saratoga Springs, New York
2005 Watkins Gallery, Lenox, Massachusetts
2004 NURTURE Art Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
2004 Wood Gallery & Art Center, Montpelier, Vermont

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2007, 2004 The Oxbow Gallery, Northampton, Massachusetts
2004 Grossman Gallery, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
2003 Joseph D. Carrier Gallery, Toronto, Canada
2003 Invitational Exhibition, Battelle Harding Gallery, Greenfield, Massachusetts
2003 The Art Center School and Galleries, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
2003 Prudential Securities, The Chrysler Building, New York City, New York
2003 Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, Massachusetts
2003 Invitational: Abstraction Exhibition, The Painting Center, New York City, New York
2003 Washington Art Association, Washington Depot, Connecticut
2002 The Ralls Collection, Washington D.C.
2002 Premiere Etage Gallery, Newport, Rhode Island
2002 Paul Creative Arts Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
2001 Terri Priest Gallery, Worcester, Massachusetts
2001 Art on the Fence, Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts
2001 Aurora Gallery, Worcester, Massachusetts
2001 Fine Art House, Derry, New Hampshire
2001 Stanley and Vivian Reed Marine Art Show, Stamford Art Association, Connecticut
2001 Visual Expressions on Jazz, Savacou Gallery and Hamilton Landmark Galleries, New York City, New York
2001 Small Things Considered, NAWA, Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York City, New York
2000 New Arts Program, Kutztown, Pennsylvania
2000, 1999 Ute Stebich Gallery, Lenox, Massachusetts
1999 7th International Exhibition, Colored Pencil Society of America, Seattle, Washington
1999 National Juried Biennial, Maryland Federation of the Arts, Annapolis, Maryland
1999 Gallery MPG, Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts
1998 National Biennial, Associated Artists of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1998 National Biennial, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, Maine
1998 Marlen Gallery, New York City, New York
1997 Eliza Sweet Gallery, Waldoboro, Maine
1997 University of Hawaii at Hilo
1997 La Mama La Galleria, New York City, New York
2000, 1996 National Juried Exhibition, Bristol Art Museum, Rhode Island
1995 Creiger-Dane Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1995, 1994 Invitational Exhibition, and National Competition, Bowery Gallery, New York
1994 John McEnroe Gallery, New York City, New York
1994 Hillyer Gallery, Smith College, Massachusetts
1994 Ashuah Irving Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1994 Milton Art Museum, Massachusetts
1994 Berkshire Artisans, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
1994 Virginia Lynch Gallery, Rhode Island
1994 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York City, New York
1993–1984 Art in Embassies Program, Washington, D.C. (paintings placed in U.S. embassies in Guatemala City, Guatemala; Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo; Banjul, The Gambia; Valletta, Malta; and Praia, Cape Verde)
1993 55 Mercer Gallery, New York City, New York
1993 PSA New York City Headquarters, New York
1993 Hoho Canal Gallery, Holyoke, Massachusetts
1993, 1992 Sales and Rental Gallery, Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, Massachusetts
1992 Hart Gallery, Northampton, Massachusetts
1992 Gallery 361, Providence, Rhode Island
1992 Art Access Program, de Havilland, Boston, Massachusetts
1992 12 White Gallery, New York City, New York
1991 Lacoste Faculty Exhibition, Mona Bismarck Foundation, Paris, France
1989 NAWA, Jacob Javits Center, New York City, New York
1988 Lopoukhine Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1987 14th Street Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

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1995, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1987 Faculty Landscape Painters Group, Northampton Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts
2000, 1997, 1987 Augusta Savage Gallery, New Africa House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts
1987, 1980 Newport Art Museum, Newport, Rhode Island
1985 Moonbrook Gallery, Opera House, Rutland, Vermont
1985 Shippee Gallery, New York City, New York
1992, 1985 Photocollect Gallery, New York City, New York
1985 Boston Visual Artists Union, Boston, Massachusetts
1984 Paul Creative Arts Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
1982 Regional Selections, Hood Museum at Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire
1982 Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
1981 Allan Stone Gallery, New York City, New York
1978 Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico
1978 Sunne Savage Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1974 Museum of Art Faculty Show, Woods-Gerry Mansion, Rhode Island School of Design
1973 Little Slanted Gallery, Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, New York
1973 Memorial Art Gallery, Finger Lakes Exhibition, Rochester, New York
1987, 1972 The Arts & Sciences Center, Nashua, New Hampshire
1972 Summer Exhibition, Worcester Art Museum, Massachusetts
1972 Pucker-Safrai Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
1972 Faculty Exhibition, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York
1971 Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester, Vermont

Awards

2024, 2004, 1997, 1990 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant Award, New York City
2020 Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, administered by MASS MoCA's Assets for Artists
2018 Esther & Adolph Gottlieb Foundation Individual Support Grant
2016, 1988 Esther & Adolph Gottlieb Foundation Emergency Grant, New York City
2016, 2013, 2011, 2008 Artists' Fellowship, New York City
2013 Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grant, New York City
2012 The Artist's Resource Trust, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
2011, 2008 The Haven Foundation, Maine
2007 George Sugarman Foundation Grant Award
2007 Puffin Foundation, New Jersey
2000 Kittredge Fund Grant, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
1990 Amherst Arts Council Grant Award
1987 Artists Space, New York City
1985 Massachusetts Cultural Alliance Award
1984 Ludwig Vogelstein Grant Award, New York City
1988, 1983 Salmagundi Artists' Fellowships, New York City
1983 U.S. Information Agency Grant Award, Vermont Partners of the Americas (granted to paint, exhibit, travel, lecture, and teach at the university)
1982–1981 Blanche E. Colman Grant Award, Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Bank, Boston, Massachusetts
1968 Partial Scholarship, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Maine

Residencies

2013 Community Residency, Dune Shacks, Provincetown, Massachusetts
2007 International Residency Program, through the Augusta Savage Gallery, at University of Massachusetts, Cape Town, South Africa
2006 Helen Wurlitzer Foundation, Taos, New Mexico

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2000 Artist-in-Residence, Arcadia National Park, Maine
1999 Fundación Valparaíso, Spain
1983–1981 Artist-in-Residence Grant Award, Vermont Council on the Arts
1978 Fellowship to Ossabaw Island Project, Georgia
1975 Artist-in-Residence Grant, Roswell Museum Art Center, New Mexico
1976, 1972 Fellowship to MacDowell Colony, New Hampshire

Public and Corporate Collections

Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts
Fleming Art Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
Massachusetts General Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts
Provincetown Art Museum, Provincetown, Massachusetts
WGBH Public Station, Boston, Massachusetts
Ocean House Art Collection, Watch Hill, Rhode Island
University of Massachusetts Music Department, Amherst, Massachusetts
University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, Michigan
United Health Group Corporate Headquarters, Minnetonka, Minnesota
McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts
Ipsen Pharmaceutical Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California
Mead Art Museum, Amherst College, Massachusetts
Audax Group, Boston, Massachusetts
National Park Service, Acadia National Park Museum, Maine
Veridex, New Jersey
Johnson & Johnson, New Jersey
Bank of Boston, Massachusetts
International Bank of New England, Miami, Florida
Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, Massachusetts
High Voltage Engineering, Shrafts Center, Boston, Massachusetts
Biogen, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, New Mexico
Hale & Dorr Law Firm, Boston, Massachusetts
Simplex Corporation, Westminister, Massachusetts
Burnham Institute, La Jolla, California
Western New England University, Springfield, Massachusetts
Thomson Financial Management, Northampton, Massachusetts
Shattuck Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts
Triangle, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts
Massachusetts General Hospital, Revere, Massachusetts
Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts
Natixis Global Asset Management, Boston, Massachusetts
Bay Cove Human Services, Boston, Massachusetts
Madison Park Development Corporation, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Cambridge Community Housing, Inc., Massachusetts
Anita Shapolsky Art Foundation, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania

Teaching

2022 Lead Teacher, Mount Gretna School of Art, Pennsylvania
2022 Artist-in-Residence, Ocean House, Watch Hill, Rhode Island
2017–2004 Senior Lecturer / Adjunct Professor, Western New England University, Springfield, Massachusetts

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2017–2012 Five College Associate, Amherst, Massachusetts
2016–2015 Temporary Lecturer of Painting, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts
2013–1991 Resident Guest Critic, Vermont Studio Center
2012, 2004 Visiting Artist, taught Drawing Marathon, New York Studio School, New York
2008, 2000 Academic Consultant, Summer Institute for the Gifted, Amherst College
2001 Visiting Artist, Studio Art Program, American University, Umbria, Italy
1996, 1994, 1992 Resident Critic, Rhode Island School of Design
1996, 1995 Adjunct Painting Faculty, Rhode Island School of Design
1995–1987 Part-time Faculty, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
1990–1985 Vermont Artist's Week, Vermont Studio School, Johnson, Vermont
1990 U.S. Information Agency grant award to teach, lecture, and exhibit at Instituto de Belles Artes, Medellín, Colombia
1986–1985 Traveled to Malta through the U.S. Information Agency lecturing program
1983 Traveled to Honduras; lectured and taught at the university
1979–1978 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire
1978 Visiting Assistant Professor, Brown University, Rhode Island
1977–1976 Assistant Professor of Painting, University of Minnesota
1975 Visiting Staff Member, Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Massachusetts
1975–1973 Painting Instructor, Rhode Island School of Design
1973–1972 Two-dimensional Design Instructor, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York
1972 Painting Monitorship, James Gahagan School of Fine Arts, East Calais, Vermont
1971 Part-time Sculpture Instructor, Art Institute of Boston
1970 Cosanti Foundation, Scottsdale, Arizona; worked under Paolo Soleri and participated in Cosanti Silt Pile #10 at construction site

Lectures

2023 A Concert Conversation (with composer Lew Spratlin), Smith College, Massachusetts
2022 Mount Gretna School of Art, Pennsylvania
2013, 2007 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont
2012 AVA Gallery, Lebanon, New Hampshire
2004, 1990 New York Studio School, New York City, New York
2003 Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, Massachusetts
2002 Huntington House Museum, Windsor, Connecticut
1998 Keene State College, New Hampshire
1998 Nantucket Island School of Art & Design, Massachusetts
1996 Trinity College, Connecticut
1994, 1988 Smith College, Massachusetts,
1991 American University, Washington D.C.
1989 Humboldt State University, Arcata, California
1987 University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
1986 Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
1986 LACOSTE, French school of Cleveland Institute of Art and the Institute for American Universities, Aix-en-Provence
1986 Vermont College Art Center, through the Art Resources Association
1985 Trinity College, Burlington, Vermont
1985 Bard College, New York
1983 Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
1984, 1982 Dartmouth College, New Hampshire
1976 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island