



SIMON BREITBARD
FINE ARTS

CATHERINE MACKEY

Mackey's work explores the urban experience, specifically the pragmatic architecture of manufacturing and distribution which can be found at the edges of a city: factories, steelworks, dockyards, piers and warehouses. She also enjoys the visual honesty of signage and urban artifacts found in these neighborhoods, finding beauty in the non-designed, the inadvertent and the accidental. In creating her paintings, she encourages viewers to look with fresh eyes at the streets through which they move every day and to discover their own unexpected delights.

Mackey's artistic process reflects her subject matter. The organic build-up of collage and paint, which happens before an image is woven into the mix, offers visual surprises similar to those discovered in the urban environment. A sliver of text seen through ridges of paint may call to mind a scrap of faded poster on an over-stapled light pole. The work is energized by the accident intrinsic to the process.

Mackey received her degree in Interior Architecture from Manchester University in the UK and spent several years practicing and teaching in London. Her relocation to the U.S. in 1996 coincided with her decision to paint. She now works from her studio in a converted mayonnaise factory at the edge of the Mission district in San Francisco, CA.

Selected solo shows

- 2017 **Taking Measure** Stricoff Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2015 **Quiet Spaces** Kelsey Michaels Fine Art. Laguna Beach, CA
- 2013 **Patterns in the City** Stricoff Fine Art. New York, NY
- 2010 **Urban Artifacts -The Bicycle 1890** Bryant, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 **Wharves and Warehouses** Stricoff Fine Art. New York, NY
- 2008 **Urbanambulations** Hang Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 **Visual Survey** Hang Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2004 **Recombinant** Hang Art., San Francisco, CA
- 2002 **Masterworks Series** (In conjunction with SF Jazz) – Pan Pacific Hotel, San Francisco
- 2001 **Urban Observations** Hang Art, San Francisco

Selected group shows

- 2017 **City Streets** Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 **Urban Scapes** Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton, CA
- 2016 **City Streets** Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 **Above Manhattan** Stricoff Fine Art. New York, NY
- 2014 **Art Silicon Valley**, Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts, San Mateo, CA
- The Landscape Revealed** Saint Mary's College Museum of Art. Moraga, CA
- City Streets** Studio Gallery. San Francisco, CA
- 2013 **Beauty Without Irony** Essaouira, Morocco and Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2012 **Waterfront** Studio Gallery. San Francisco, CA
- New Work** (Two-person show.) Stricoff Fine Art, New York, NY
- Chain Reaction** De Saisset Museum, Santa Clara University, CA
- 2011 **Three British Painters** Stricoff Fine Art, New York, NY
- City Streets** Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 **Tiny** Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 **New Work.** Stricoff Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2007 **Two-person Show** Stricoff Fine Art, New York
- 2004 **Contemporary Abstracts** Alameda Art Center. Alameda, CA
- New work** SFMOMA Artists Gallery, San Francisco, CA



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2003 The Art of Negative Spaces CELLspace. San Francisco, CA

Publications

Bike Art	Featured artist. Published by Carpe Diem/ Publikat 2012
Acrylic Innovations	Featured artist. Author - Nancy Reyner. Published 2010
Shifting Gears at the de Saisset	Review. Andrew Weaver. Santa Clara University, CA 2012
Art Week	Review of Visual Survey. September 2006
Silicon Valley	Featured artist. February 2006
Art Business News	July 2005

Broadcasts

The Mission in the Art (video) Featured artist. San Francisco-based local news site
City Visions (SF TV Arts show). Interview. October 2008 www.youtube.com/cathmackey

Education:

BA Honors Degree – Interior Architecture – Manchester University, England

Professional Experience

1982 – 96 Interior Architecture – Commercial spaces – London/San Francisco

Teaching

1997-99 Interior Architecture. Studio Instructor. Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA.
1990-93 Interior Architecture. Senior Lecturer, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London, UK.