



SIMON BREITBARD
FINE ARTS

MONIKA STEINER

BIO / ARTIST STATEMENT

Monika Steiner's work is inspired by Metaphysics and Buddhism. Painting allows Steiner to investigate the subtle relationship between perception and material reality. Her works, influenced by the ever changing nature of life, feature emerging and dissolving spheres floating in empty space as a way of exploring the endless possibilities inherent in appearances.

Steiner contemplates the concept of the interconnectedness of all things until it takes form as an interesting visual abstraction. The work gains richness and complexity as successive layers of paints are added until she feels that a hypnotically meditative and harmonious composition has been achieved. Her ultimate intention is that the space between the painting's surface and the viewer's perception of that surface will become a mirror for them to observe the movement of their own thoughts.

Born in Switzerland, Steiner currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area where she received her BFA degree from Sonoma State University.

EDUCATION

- 2005 **Bachelor, Fine Art**, Magna Cum Laude, Major Painting, Sonoma State University, CA, USA
2000 **Goldsmith**, Interlaken, Switzerland
1994 **Bachelor, Art**, Teaching Credential, University of Bern, Switzerland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 **Museum Park**, Public exhibition, San Francisco CA
2014 **Gallerie Kunstreich**, Bern, Switzerland
Lireille Gallery, Oakland, CA
Cathy Baum & Associates, A sense of Balance, San Francisco, CA
Museum Park, 275 Battery, 301 Brannan, Public exhibitions, San Francisco CA
2013 **Anne Reed Gallery**, The Timeless, Ketchum, ID
Geras- Tousignant Gallery, Vortex, San Francisco, CA
2012 **San Luis Obispo Museum of Art**, The Fifth Dimension, San Luis Obispo, CA
2011 **Janine Bean Gallery**, Two Person Exhibit, Berlin, Germany
Tercera Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
Museum Park, Public exhibition, San Francisco CA
Muse Gallery, Correlations, Columbus, OH
2010 **SAM, Seattle Art Museum Taste Rest. / SAM Gallery**, Seattle, WA
Micaela Gallery, B. Feldman, M. Steiner, N. Otto, San Francisco, CA
SOMA Grand, ENZO, San Francisco, CA
Apothiki Gallery, Intangible Reflections, Paros, Greece
2009 **Maturango Museum**, EQUINOX, Ridgecrest, CA
Consulate General of Switzerland, LUCID, San Francisco, CA
Geras- Tousignant Gallery, Off the wall, San Francisco, CA
Merced Multicultural Arts Center, the Space between Thoughts, CA
2008 **Museum of Boenigen**, RETURN, Switzerland



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- 2007 **City Hall, NOW**, Santa Rosa, CA
Marji Gallery, Sculptures, Santa Fe, NM
425 Market, Meditation, Curator Jan Casey, San Francisco, CA
Geras- Tousignant Gallery, LINES & FORMS, San Francisco, CA
The Wine Emporium, UNFOLDING, Sebastopol, CA
- 2006 **Trium Group**, Curator Jan Casey, San Francisco, CA
Bank of America, Plaza Gallery, CONFLUENCE, Curator Jan Casey, San Francisco, CA
Geras-Tousignant Gallery, Photography & Sculpture, San Francisco, CA
50 California, FUSION, San Francisco, CA
Convention Plaza, Curator Jan Casey, San Francisco, CA
- 2005 **Geras-Tousignant Gallery**, SYMBIOSIS, San Francisco, CA
- 2004 **Swissnex, Swiss Consulate**, TRANSFORMATION, San Francisco, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 **Calvin Charles Gallery**, Group Show, Scottsdale, AZ
Geras- Tousignant Gallery, Group Exhibition, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 **Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts**, Annual Art Trunk Show, San Francisco, CA
SAM Seattle Art Museum Gallery, In the Collection, Seattle, WA
Triton Museum, Statewide Painting Competition & Exhibition, Santa Clara, CA
Calvin Charles Gallery, Small works, Scottsdale, AZ
Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts, Annual Art Trunk Show, Mill Valley, CA
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, VA, *Second Time Around: The Hubcap Art*,
ARC Gallery, Impulse, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Showcase house, San Francisco, CA
Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts, Serena & Lily, Boston, MA
- 2013 **Geras- Tousignant Gallery**, Gorgeous little things, San Francisco, CA
Misho Gallery and Swiss consulate of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts, Group Exhibition, Mill Valley, CA
ARC Gallery, Structure, San Francisco, CA
- 2012 **Triton Museum**, Statewide Painting Competition & Exhibition, Santa Clara, CA
SAM, Seattle Art Museum gallery, Journeys, Seattle, WA
Blue Line Gallery, Crocker-Kingsley exhibition, Roseville, CA
Madison Gallery, Group exhibition, La Jolla, CA
Misho Gallery, Swiss Bay Area Artists Show, San Francisco, CA
Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts, Group Exhibition, Mill Valley, CA
Graton Gallery, 6th Annual Invitational Show, Graton CA
- 2011 **San Luis Obispo Museum of Art**, "California Sculpture SLAM", CA
Turtle Bay Museum, West Coast Biennial, Redding, CA
Sylvia White gallery, Annual Juried Show, Ventura, CA
Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts, Group Show, Mill Valley, CA
Lark Gallery, Artistic Voyage, Yorba Linda, CA
Heroes & Hearts, SFGH Foundation, San Francisco, CA
Assi Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 **SAM, Seattle Art Museum Gallery**, Summer Introductions, Seattle, WA
Lark Gallery, Reaching Inside, Honorable Mention, Long Beach, CA
ARC Gallery, Four Squared, San Francisco, CA
A Muse Gallery, No Boundaries, intl. Art Exhibit, Columbus, OH
Marji Gallery, Spring Show, Santa Fe, NM
Lark Gallery, Artistic Voyage, Yerba Linda, CA



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- 2009 **Geras-Tousignant Gallery**, Art Walk 2010, San Francisco, CA
Triton Museum, Indoor sculpture exhibition, Santa Clara, CA
ASTO Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Micaela Gallery, Winter Salon, San Francisco, CA
Phantom Gallery, Hidden Treasures, Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA
Erickson Fine Art, 12 Year Anniversary, Healdsburg, CA
Geras- Tousignant Gallery, The Grid, San Francisco, CA
Millennium Tower Icons of Design, Curator Deborah Allyce-Miller, San Francisco, CA
20th Anniversary Gala, Alliance Francaise Gallery, Boston, MA
MCBG Sculpture Gallery, Juried Show, Mendocino, CA
Gallery Route One, Juried Show, Pt. Reyes, CA
Bay Area Council Exhibition, Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 **A Muse Gallery**, 10 Year Anniversary, Columbus, OH
Geras-Tousignant Gallery, Group Show, San Francisco, CA
Gallery Route One, Juried Show, Pt. Reyes, C
- 2007 **Marin Museum of Contemporary Art**, Traces, Marin, CA
Art Works Downtown, Sculpture, the Third Dimension, Juried Exhibition, San Rafael, CA
Falkirk Bay Area Juried Exhibition, San Rafael, CA
Geras-Tousignant Gallery, Group Show, San Francisco, CA
Artsfest Spectra Ball, Regency Ballroom, San Francisco, CA
Geras-Tousignant Gallery, Oceana, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 **Geras-Tousignant Gallery**, Group Show, San Francisco, CA
Arts Guild of Sonoma, Invitational Show, Sonoma, CA
- 2005 **Sonoma State University**, Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition, CA
Geras-Tousignant Gallery, Sky, San Francisco, CA
In the Abstract, All-Media Juried Exhibit, Sebastopol, CA
North bay Artworks, Fall Showcase, Novato, CA
- 2004 **Sonoma State University**, Visualizing Democracy, Juried Show, CA
Geras-Tousignant Gallery, Miniature, San Francisco, CA
Sonoma State University, Juried Student Exhibition, CA
Zebulon, Into the Deep, Petaluma, CA

AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- 2015 **Depiction wine**, selected for creating a limited edition label for their inaugural 2012 release of the Cabernet Sauvignon.
Women's History Month, Billboard, Sunset Boulevard West Hollywood, LA
Heroes & Hearts, selected for large public sculpture commission, SF General, Hospital Foundation, CA
Artavita, Certificate of Excellence 2015, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2013 **San Francisco General Hospital Foundation**, Heart sculpture selected for display at the new SF visitor center, in San Francisco, CA
Artists Billboard Project, City of Santa Rosa, CA
- 2012 **Triton Museum, Honorable Mention**, Statewide Painting Competition & Exhibition, Santa Clara, CA
Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monika_Steiner
- 2011 **Heroes & Hearts**, selected for large public sculpture commission, SF General, Hospital Foundation, CA



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- 2010 **2012 Berlin Film Festival**, paintings selected for the Movie "Five ways to kill a man"
Artist in Residence, Apothiki Gallery, Paros, Greece
Honorable Mention, "Reaching Inside" Long Beach Galleries, CA
- 2009 **First Place**, Lark Gallery, online competition, LA
- 2004 **Swiss Talents**, Swissnex, San Francisco, CA

MAJOR COLLECTIONS

San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA
Trump Hotel, Panama City, Panama
JW Marriott Hotel Ankara, in Ankara, Turkey
The Ashlyn Deyer Foundation
Maturango Museum, Permanent collection, Ridgecrest, CA
Susan Landauer, Chief Curator of San Jose Museum of Art, CA
The Deputy Consul General of Switzerland Mr. Francesco Ottolini
Ron Gutman, Founder / CEO of HealthTap, TEDx SiliconValley, Palo Alto, California
Sigma West, technology venture capital firm, San Francisco, CA
H. Buchs, Curator of Museum of Boenigen, Switzerland
Keller & Heckman LLP, San Francisco, CA
Pascal Mamin, Director of RUAG, Switzerland
Gina Locurio, executive producer, Umlaut Films, San Francisco, CA
John Jaber, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley, San Francisco, CA
John and Erin Lowenberg, San Francisco, CA
Robert and Karie Williams, Novato, CA
Stefan Schneeberger, CEO, PWS, Switzerland
Annemarie Buchs, Boenigen, Switzerland
Ursula & Stefan Schneeberger, CEO, HCT Shaping Systems, Switzerland
Christine and Paul Tantsis, Australia

ARTICLES / PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Studio Visit Book, volume twenty-three, 2015 Summer edition
- 2014 *Berner Zeitung BZ*, Switzerland, "Mit zwei Koffern zur Kunst", 19. August 2014
Ensuite Magazine, Switzerland, Gegenueberstellung, August 2014, Nr.140
American Art Collector, West Coast issue 2014
- 2013 *Huffington Post*, San Francisco events, March 2013
Studio Visit Book, volume twenty-one, 2013 Summer edition
Marin Magazine, Get covered contest, May issue, CA
- 2012 *Art News*, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, "The Fifth Element", April 2012
California Home Magazine, July & November issue 2012
- 2011 *Art to Art Palette Journal*, "Artist's works speaks..." January 2011
Marin Magazine, Get covered contest, May issue, CA
ABC's 7Live daytime television, for SFGH Heroes & Hearts fundraiser
www.7liveonline.com
Mustang daily, "Sculpture gets SLAMmed at SLOMA"
www.mustangdaily.net, August 2011
Interview with Eclectic à la Mode, "Three things to like..."
<http://networkedblogs.com/iEW8n>
American Art Collector, West Coast issue 2011



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- 2010 *SF Art News*, "Containers of Information, the Art of..." Sept. 2010
<http://sfartnews.wordpress.com/>
Swiss Review Magazine, "Art for your Soul..." April, 2010
Studio Visit Book, volume twelve, 2010 Summer edition
Paros Life, Greece, Issue 136, "Intangible Reflections",
American Art Collector, West Coast issue 2010
- 2009 *Merced County Times*, "new Art exhibit..." June 16th 2009
American Art Collector, West Coast issue 2009
Santa Clara cable channel 15, 2009 Indoor sculpt. exhibit
- 2008 *Umlaut Films*, Documentary Film, 15Min
The New Faces of Art, Book Miami, Florida
Berner Oeberlaender "Ihr Leben ist so bunt...28. Aug. 2008
Berner Oeberlaender: "Traum und Wirklichkeit" 1.Sept. 2008
Jungfrau Zeitung, Boenigen: www.mountain.ch 25. Aug. 2008
7 Tage, Vernissage: www.jungfrauzeitung.ch 29. Aug. 2008
Jungfrau Zeitung, Boenigen: www.jungfrauzeitung.ch 1. Sept. 2008
- 2007 *American Art Collector*, West Coast issue 2007
Artnow magazine, www.artnowonline.com, 2007
Wochen-Zeitung www.wochen-zeitung.ch 04.Jan.2007
- 2006 *American Art Collector*, West Coast issue 2006
Berner Oeberlaender www.espace.ch 08.Jan.2007
Women's Radio www.womensradio.com 14dec.2006
Argus Courier www.arguscourier.com Nov.15th-21st 2006
- 2005 *Women's Radio*, our world, www.womensradio.com
The Newsletter, Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce
- 2004 *The Swiss Spring and Summer in the Bay Area and Beyond*,
Swissnex, Swiss Talents, 26th June 2004
Newsletter, Zebulon's Lounge

VISITING ARTIST LECTURES

- 2013 **Professional Practices Lecture, Sonoma State University, CA**
The "Living Library project", Santa Rosa Junior College, CA
- 2011 **Stanford University, TEDx Conference, Silicon Valley, CA**
Lecture, Sonoma State University, CA
- 2010 **Apothiki Gallery, Artist Residency, Paros, Greece**
- 2009 **Maturango Museum, Ridgecrest, CA**
- 2004 **Swissnex, Swiss Consulate, San Francisco, CA**

PHILANTHROPY

- 2015 **Art for AIDS**, San Francisco Design Center, San Francisco, CA
BHNS, Fundraiser, Tiburon, CA
- 2014 **Art for AIDS**, San Francisco Design Center, San Francisco, CA
Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
- 2013 **Art for AIDS**, San Francisco Design Center, San Francisco, CA
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
Art in Action, Menlo Park, CA



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- 2012 **Visual Aid, Big Deal**, San Francisco, CA
Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Sonoma, CA
Art for AIDS, San Francisco Design Center, San Francisco, CA
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
Art in Action, Menlo Park, CA
- 2011 **Heroes & Hearts**, SF General Hospital Foundation, CA
Art for AIDS, San Francisco Design Center, San Francisco, CA
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
- 2010 **Visual Aid, Big Deal**, SOMArts gallery, San Francisco, CA
Ethnic Dance Festival, Gala Auction, Palace of fine Arts, CA
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
Art for AIDS, San Francisco Design Center, San Francisco, CA
Spectrum Art Auction, Mezzanine San Francisco, CA
- 2009 **Art for the Arts**, City of Santa Rosa Arts District, CA
Ethnic Dance Festival, Gala Auction, Palace of fine Arts, CA
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
Lycée Français La Pérouse, San Francisco, CA
Art for AIDS, Bonhams & Butterfields, San Francisco, CA
Spectrum Art Auction, Mezzanine San Francisco, CA
Visual Aid, SOMArts gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 **Art to Heart Auction**,Wrightsville Beach, NC
Art for AIDS, Bonhams & Butterfields, San Francisco, CA
Art from the Heart, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA
- 2007 **Spectrum 5, Access Institute**, Mexican Consulate, San Francisco, CA
Art for AIDS, Bonhams & Butterfields, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 **Art +Auction = Community Education**, Bonhams & Butterfields, San Francisco, CA
Spectrum, Access Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2005 **Art from the Heart**, Auction SSU, Rohnert Park, CA