

## KATHY BUTTERLY

1963 Born in Amityville, NY  
Lives and works in New York, NY and Maine

## EDUCATION

1986 BFA, Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
1990 MFA, University of California, Davis, CA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Kathy Butterly: Assume Yes*, Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY (*forthcoming*)  
*High Vibration*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2023 *Butterly / Pétursson*, i8 Gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland (two-person exhibition)  
*Kathy Butterly: A beloved collection, 1994-2022*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2022 *Color In Forming*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Kathy Butterly: Out of one, many / Headscapes*, The Portland Museum of Art, ME
- 2021 *Kathy Butterly: Out of one, many / Headscapes*, Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis, MO
- 2019 *ColorForm*, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis, CA
- 2018 *Thought Presence*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY  
*Kathy Butterly*, Open Spaces: A Kansas City Arts Experience, Kemper Museum of Art, Kansas City, MI
- 2015 *The Weight of Color*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2014 *Enter*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Lots of little love affairs*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2010 *Pantybose and Morandi*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York
- 2009 *Big Gulp*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2007 *Kathy Butterly*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*Between a Rock and a Soft Place*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *Freaks and Beauties*, Opener 10: Kathy Butterly, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY  
*Body Language*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2004 *Fall Into Spring*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2003 Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2002 Recent Work, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 Bernard Toale Gallery, Boston, MA  
Byron C. Cohen Gallery for Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
- 1999 Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
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- 1995 Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 1994 Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 1992 Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, PA

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Huxley-Parlour, London, United Kingdom
- 2025 *A Shared Journey: The Barkan Contemporary Ceramic Collection*, RISD Museum, Providence, RI  
*A Certain Form of Hell*, Karma, Thomaston, ME  
*All About 25*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
*Anonymous Was a Woman: The First 25 Years*, Grey Art Museum, NY  
*Anonymous Was a Woman: The First 25 Years*, Frost Art Museum, Florida International University, FL  
*Anonymous Was a Woman: The First 25 Years*, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Newton, MA
- 2024 *+collection*, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
- 2023 *Tender Loving Care*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
*Kathy Butterly, Lynne Drexler, and Marley Freeman*, Karma, Thomaston, ME
- 2022 *Painting in the Dark*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2021 *The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time*, Brooklyn Museum, NY  
*Shapes from Out of Nowhere: Ceramics from the Robert A. Ellison Jr. Collection*, The Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*Crafting America*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AK
- 2020 *Formed and Fired: Contemporary American Ceramics*, The Anderson Collection at Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 2019 *James Cohan: Twenty Years*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
*An Idea Needing to be Made: Contemporary Ceramics*, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen, Australia  
*Beyond the Cape! Comics and Contemporary Art*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL  
*Open Ended: New Acquisitions at the Portland Museum of Art*, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
- 2018 *The Domestic Plane: New Perspectives on Tabletop Art Objects*, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
*Out of Control*, curated by Peter and Sally Saul, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY  
*Open Spaces: A Kansas City Art Experience*, Kemper Art Museum, Kansas City, MO  
*Molding/Mark Making: Ceramic Artists and Their Drawings*, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY

- Regarding George Ohr: Contemporary Ceramics in the Spirit of the Mad Hatter*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL
- 2017 *Morph*, Asya Geisberg Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 *No Rules No Rules*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY  
*Objecty*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY  
*Ceramix*, la maison rouge/Cite de la Ceramique, Paris, France
- 2015 *Ceramix*, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, Netherlands  
*(self contained)*, curated by Nina Felshin, Ventana Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*All back in the skull together*, Maccarone, New York, NY  
*In Conversation*, Shirley Fiterman Art Center, BMCC/The City University of New York, NY  
*Nature, Sculpture, Abstraction and Clay: 100 Years of American Ceramics*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
*Pretty Raw: After and Around Helen Frankenthaler*, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2013 *404 E 14*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY  
*Visionary Women: Kathy Butterly and Ann King Lagos*, Moore College of Art & Design, Philadelphia, PA  
*My Crippled Friend*, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH
- 2012 *Figuring Color: Kathy Butterly, Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Roy McMakin, Sue Williams*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
- 2011 *Image*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY  
*Contemporary Clay*, RH Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *The Jewel Thief*, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2009 *Dirt on Delight: Impulses that Form Clay*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*Pretty Is As Pretty Does*, SITE Santa Fe, NM
- 2006 *Your Beauty's Gold is Clay*, Alexandre Gallery, New York, NY  
*The 181st Annual Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary American Art*, National Academy Museum, New York, NY
- 2005 *Fired at Davis*, Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, Stamford University, CA  
*Invitational Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture*, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
*Carnegie International*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2004 *Standing Room Only*, 2004 Scripps 60th Ceramic Annual, Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery, Scripps College, Claremont, CA  
*Curators' Intuition*, Institute of Contemporary Art at Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2003 *Very Familiar: Celebrating 50 Years of Collecting Decorative Arts*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2002 *Kanazawa World Craft Forum 2003*, Kanazawa, Japan  
*Works on Paper: Variations and Themes*, Pace University Gallery, Pleasantville, NY  
*Re-Inventing Pleasure*, University Art Gallery, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

- 2001 *Figstract Explosionism*, Bridgewater/Lustberg & Blumenfeld Gallery, New York, NY
- The 57th Scripps Ceramic Annual*, Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery, Claremont, CA
- 2000 *Selections from the Allan Chasanoff Collection*, Mint Museum of Craft & Design, Charlotte, NC
- Ceramic National 2000*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY; Samuel P. Harn Museum, Gainesville, FL; Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
- Defining Craft I*, the American Craft Museum, New York, NY
- 1999 *Pioneers and Terriers: Colenbrander, Obr & USA Clay Today*, Museum Het Paleis on Lange Voorhout, The Hague, Netherlands
- The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works from the Saxe Collection*, M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 *Forms and Transformations of Clay*, Queens Borough Public Library Gallery, Jamaica, NY
- 1996 *New York, NY: Clay*, Norkenfjeldeske Kunstindustrimuseum, Trondheim; Ostfold Kunstnercenter, Fredrikstad; Rogaland Kunstnercenter, Stravanger; Hordland, Kunstnercenter, Bergen, Norway
- 1995 *Robert Arneson: Changing the Face of Contemporary Ceramics, A Tribute*, Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY
- 1994 *Talentborse Handwerk 1994*, Munich, Germany
- 1992 *Contemporary Ceramics*, Bennington College Gallery, Bennington, VT
- 1991 *Thirty Years of TB-9: A Tribute to Robert Arneson*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA
- The 47th Scripps Ceramic Annual*, Lang Gallery, Scripps College, Claremont, CA
- 1990 *The Fourth Concorso Nazionale della Ceramica d'Arte Savona-Forzezza Primiar*, Savona, Italy

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Grant Award
- NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship
- 2014 Guggenheim Fellowship Award
- 2013 Visionary Woman Award, Moore College of Art & Design
- 2012 Smithsonian American Art Museum Contemporary Artist Award
- 2011 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
- 2009 Joan Mitchell Foundation: Painters & Sculptors Grant
- New York Foundation for the Arts Grant
- 2007 Artist's Legacy Foundation Grant
- 2006 Ellen P. Speyer Award, The National Academy of Art, New York
- 2002 Anonymous Was A Woman Grant
- 1999 New York Foundation for the Arts Grant
- 1995 Empire State Crafts Alliance Grant
- 1993 The Evelyn Shapiro Foundation Grant

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Anderson Collection, Stanford University, CA  
 Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AK  
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
 Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Colby Museum of Art, Waterville, ME  
 Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH  
 Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia, MO  
 Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI  
 Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY  
 Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, ME  
 Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY  
 Iris & B Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, Stanford University, CA  
 Jan Shrem and maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, Davis, CA  
 The Luce Foundation Center for American Art, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC  
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
 The Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, NC  
 M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA  
 Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
 Museum of Contemporary Art, s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
 Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
 Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA  
 Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME  
 Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI  
 University Art Museum, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
 The Whitney Museum, New York, NY  
 Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

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 2023 Schwendener, Martha, "The Art Show Highlights Masters — and Artists Under the Radar," *The New York Times*, November 2, 2023.  
 Irons, Hilary, "At Karma's Summer Outpost in Maine, Color Breaks the Silence of a Former Church," *Boston Art Review*, August 29, 2023.  
 Whelan, David, "Critics' Picks: Kathy Butterly," *Artforum*, January 30, 2023.  
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 DeBoer, Kendall, "Kathy Butterly Interviewed by Kendall DeBoer," *BOMB Magazine*, February 27, 2023.

- Arango, Jorge S., "On closer look, Kathy Butterfly's ceramics as masterful as they are cheerful", *Portland Press Herald*, January 8, 2023
- 2022 "Painting in the Dark at James Cohan, New York," *Ceramics Now*, July 14, 2022.  
 Martin, Alison, "Kathy Butterfly's Signature Sculptures Exude a Life of Their Own," *Fine Art Globe*, February 28, 2022.  
 Stern, Melissa, "Kathy Butterfly at James Cohan Gallery – Color in Forming", *Art Spiel*, March 9, 2022.  
 Laster, Paul, "8 Must-See Gallery Exhibitions in March 2022," *Galerie Magazine*, February 28, 2022.
- 2021 Henderson, Jane, "Kathy Butterfly's quirky vessels combine painting, sculpture at CAM exhibition," *STL Today*, August 31, 2021.
- 2020 Carnwath, Squeak, "Kathy Butterfly's Universe in Color," *Nad Now: The Journal of the National Academy of Design*, March 30, 2020
- 2019 Desmarais, Charles, "6 Ceramic Sculpture Exhibitions Not To Miss," *Datebook: San Francisco Chronicle*, July 15, 2019  
 Smee, Sebastian, "The piece hasn't suffered enough' Kathy Butterfly tortures her own sculptures – and produces exquisite, joyful results," *The Washington Post*, June 6, 2019
- 2018 Schjeldahl, Peter, "Kathy Butterfly," *The New Yorker*, September 24, 2018  
 Yau, John, "The Making of an American Original," *Hyperallergic*, September 23, 2018  
 Miller, Leigh Ann, "Artworld: April 2018," *Artworld*, April 2018  
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- 2016 Wolkoff, Julie, "Objecty," *Art in America*, June 30, 2016  
 Pagel, David, "The Weight of Color" and "Peaceable Fruit," *Galerie Magazine*, Issue 207, February 2016 (China)  
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- 2015 Hirsch, Faye, "Kathy Butterfly In the Studio," *Art in America*, December 2015  
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- Landi, Ann, "Beautiful and Grotesque," *ARTnews*, Summer 2005
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## PUBLICATIONS

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- 2021 Spinozzi, Adrienne, Glenn Adamson, Robert A. Ellison, Jr., Elizabeth Essner, *Shapes From Out of Nowhere – Ceramics from the Robert Ellison Jr. Collection*, August Editions, 2021.
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- 2015 Siegel, Katy, *The Heroine Paint: After Frankenthaler*, Gagosian/Rizzoli, September 15, 2015.
- 2014 Pagel, David, *Enter*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery (catalogue), New York, NY, 2014.  
Berry, Ian and Jessica Stockholder, *The Jewel Thief*, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, 2014
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- 2011 Johnson, Ken, *Are you Experienced? How Psychedelic Consciousness Transformed Modern Art*, Prestel, May 15, 2011.
- 2009 Porter, Jenelle and Ingrid Schaffner, *Dirt on Delight: Impulses that Form Clay*, Institute of Contemporary Art/University of Pennsylvania, October 31, 2009.
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- 2004 Hoptman, Laura and Elizabeth Thomas, *54th Carnegie International*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, December 15, 2004.  
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