

OLNEY GLEASON

Marcia Marcus

BORN IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 1928

DIED IN NEW YORK, 2025

Education

1954	Coursework, Art Students League of New York
1950–52	Coursework, Cooper Union
1947	Bachelor of Arts in Art, New York University

Fellowship

1969	MacDowell Colony, Spring Cohort
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Awards & Grants

1991–92	National Endowment for the Arts, Painting, Grant
1993	Pollock-Krasner Foundation Fund, Grant
1983	Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Grant
1966	Ford Foundation, Artist in Residence Grant to RISD Museum
1964, 1971	Childe Hassam Fund Purchase
	American Academy of Arts and Letters
1964	Rosenthal Family Foundation Award for Art
	American Academy of Arts and Letters
1964, 1977, 1982	Ingram-Merrill Foundation Award
1962–63	Fulbright Scholar Program, Study Grant in Paris, France
1961	Walter Gutman Foundation, Grant

Archive

Marcia Marcus papers, 1928-2016, bulk 1950-2000. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

1976	Tirca Karlis Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," Provincetown, MA
	Bloomsburg College, Haas Center for the Arts. "Marcia Marcus Paintings," Bloomsburg, PA
1975	Everson Museum of Art. "Marcia Marcus: Paintings 1972–1975," Syracuse, NY
1974	Wellfleet Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," Wellfleet, MA
	ACA Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," New York, NY

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- 1973 Vassar College. "Marcia Marcus," Poughkeepsie, NY
- 1972 Makler Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," Philadelphia, PA
Louisiana State University. "Marcia Marcus," Baton Rouge, LA
- 1971 Rockland Community College. "Marcia Marcus Paintings," Suffern, NY
- 1970 Zabriskie Gallery. "Marcia Marcus", New York, NY
- 1968 Vanderlip Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," Philadelphia, PA
- 1966 Rhode Island School of Design Museum. "Marcia Marcus," Providence, RI
Graham Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," New York, NY
- 1965 Alan Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," September 8–October 2, New York, NY
Alan Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," April 20–May 8, New York, NY
- 1962 Alan Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," New York, NY
- 1961 Cober Gallery. "Marcia Marcus: Paintings," New York, NY
- 1960 Delancey Street Museum. "Marcia Marcus," New York, NY
- 1957 March Gallery. "Marcia Marcus," New York, NY

Provincetown Group Exhibitions

- 1992 Provincetown Art Association. "The League at the Cape"
- 1981 Provincetown Art Association. "Sun Gallery Exhibition"
- 1979 The New Provincetown Group Gallery. Invitational Exhibit/Group Artists Exhibit
"Marcia Marcus, Elspeth Vevers"
- 1969 Tirca Karlis Gallery. "Robert Beauchamp and Marcia Marcus,"
- 1967 Jules Brenner Gallery. "The Alternate Six"
- 1966 Provincetown Art Association. "Second 1966 Show"
- 1965 Tirca Karlis Gallery. "The Artist's Face"
- 1964 East End Gallery. "Jackie Ferrara–works, Marcia Marcus–paintings and drawings, Barry Cohn–collage"
- 1958 Sun Gallery. "Giants and Midgets"
Provincetown Art Association. "Second Annual," August 3–September 1.
- 1957–1964 HCE Gallery

Other Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Phoenix Art Museum, "Figural Variations"
- 2021 Philadelphia Museum of Art, Gallery 219. "Painting Identity," Philadelphia, PA
Tampa Museum of Art. "Figure Forward: Selections from the Permanent Collection"
- 2019 Eric Firestone Gallery. "Go Figure," East Hampton, NY

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- Bloomsburg College: Haas Center for the Arts. Group Show, Bloomsburg, PA
- Eric Firestone Gallery. "What About the Human Figure? Marcia Marcus, Shirley Gorlick, and Marti Edelheit, New York, NY
- Borough of Manhattan Community College, Fiterman Art Center. "Double Portrait: Mimi Gross and Marcia Marcus," New York, NY
- Minnesota Institute of Art, Gallery 375. "Without Boundaries: Fiber Sculptures and Paintings by Women Artists," Minneapolis, MN
- Colorado University Museum of Art: Gallery 365. "Body Language: Picturing People," Boulder, CO
- 2017 Grey Gallery, New York University. "Inventing Downtown: Artist-Run Galleries in New York City, 1952-1965," New York, NY
- 2014 National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution. "Face Value: Portraiture in the Age of Abstraction," Washington, D.C.
- J. B. Speed Museum. "The Theater of Self-Invention: Self-Portraiture in Contemporary Art," Louisville, KY
- 1996 Currier Gallery. "Retreat and Renewal: The Painters and Sculptors of the MacDowell Colony," Manchester, NH.
- 1995 Southampton, NY Southampton Cultural and Civic Center. "Focus on Women," Southampton, NY
- 1992 Benton Gallery. "Personages"
- 1985 Bridgehampton, NY East Hampton Museum of Contemporary Art. "Mirrors: An Exhibition of Self-Portraits", East Hampton, NY
- 1982 Elaine Benson Gallery. "Elaine de Kooning & Her Inadvertent Collection"
- 1980 University of Iowa, Museum of Art. "Faculty Exhibition," Iowa City, IA
- Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
- 1979 Robert Samuel Gallery. "The Male Image" New York, NY
- 1978 Ashwagh Hall. "Springs Improvement Society Invitational Show," Easthampton, NY.
- Gallery Association. "Tenth Street Days" traveling exhibit. New York, NY
- 1977 Landmark Gallery. "Tenth Street Artists in 1977," New York, NY
- 1976 Buecher and Harpsichords. "Recent Portraits of Sari Dienes," New York, NY
- 1974 Women's Interart Center. "Women - Self Image," New York, NY
- Samuel S. Fleisher Art Memorial. "In Her Own Image," Philadelphia, PA
- 1973 The New York Cultural Center. "Women Choose Women," organized by Women In the Arts. New York, NY. Traveled throughout the United States.
- 1972 Randolph-Macon College. "Paintings by Some Contemporary American Women," Lynchburg, VA
- 1971 Suffolk Museum. "The Contemporary Figure: A New Realism," Stony Brook, NY
- American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
- 1970 The American Academy of Arts and Letters. "Exhibition of Paintings Available for Purchase Under the Childe Hassam Purchase Fund," New York, NY
- 1969 Speed Art Museum. "The Portrait in Contemporary Art, " Louisville, NY

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Gramercy Arts Club (Invitation of Milton Avery)

Landau-Alan Gallery. "William Brice, Carroll Cloar, Marcia Marcus, Paul Wonner," New York, NY

1968 Delaware Art Center. "Contemporary Paintings from New York Galleries," Wilmington, DE

The Museum of Modern Art. "Contemporary Portraits," New York, NY

1967 Arkansas Arts Center. "Contemporary American Art—The Human Trend," Little Rock, AK

1966 Hampton Institute: College Museum. "New York '66: A Collection of Drawings, Prints and Paintings by New York Artists," Hampton, VA

Bowdoin College Museum of Art: The Walter Gutman Collection. Bowdoin, ME

1965 National Institute of Art and Letters. "Academy Art Gallery: An Exhibition of Contemporary Painting: Sculpture & Graphic Art," New York, NY

Tibor de Nagy/Foundation for the Arts. "Drawings, Benefit the Foundation for Contemporary Performance Arts," New York, NY

Whitney Museum of Art. "Annual Exhibition: Contemporary American Painting," New York, NY

Newark Museum. "Women Artists of America, 1707-1964," Newark, NJ

1963 Kansas City Art Institute. "Six Painters," Kansas City, MO

1962 Kornblee Gallery. "Figures: a Show of Current Figure Painting in New York," New York, NY

Zabriskie Gallery. "Portraits," New York, NY

Whitney Museum of American Art: "Forty Artists Under Forty," New York, NY. Traveled through 1963

Alan Gallery. "New Works by Richard Boyce, Marcia Marcus, Rueben Tam," New York, NY

1961 Contemporary Arts Museum Houston. "The Emerging Figure," Houston, TX

1960 Kornblee Gallery. "New Figure Painting," New York, NY

Whitney Museum of American Art. "Young America 1960: Thirty American Painters under Thirty-Six," New York, NY. Traveled through June 1961

1959 Sarah Lawrence College. "New Realism," Bronxville, NY

1957-59 March Gallery Member

1953-1956 Stable Gallery Annuals, New York, NY

Performance Art

1960 Delancey Street Museum. "Marcia Marcus: A Garden," Happening and Ballet with Bob Thompson, Red Grooms, and Dick Bellamy. New York, NY

1953 Environmental art collaborations with Allan Kaprow. Provincetown, MA

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Schuyler, James. "Four-Man Group." *Art News* 56, no. 1 (March 1957): 56.

Teaching

Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, PA
Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY
College of Staten Island, Staten Island, NY
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Cooper Union, New York, NY
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
Moore College, Philadelphia, PA
New School for Social Research, New York, NY
New York University, New York, NY

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Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
Ohio University, Athens, OH
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Queens College, CUNY, New York, NY
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
University of California, Davis, CA
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Wheaton College, Norton, MA

Public Collections

Albright-Knox Art Museum, Buffalo, NY
Allen Memorial Art Museum at Oberlin College, OH
Bayonne Jewish Center, Bayonne, NJ
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA
Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME
Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME
Colorado University Art Museum, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
Hampton University Museum, Hampton University, Hampton, VA
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
Housatonic Museum of Art, Bridgeport, CT
Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Guild Hall, East Hampton, NY
Maier Museum of Art, Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA
Manchester University, North Manchester, IN

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Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, SUNY, Purchase, NY

Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, WI

Newark Museum, Newark, NJ

New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ

Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ

Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, MA

Purdue University Collections, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Rhode Island School of Art and Design, Museum of Art, Providence, RI

Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL

The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

University of Wyoming Art Museum, Laramie, WY

Utah Museum of Fine Art, Salt Lake City, UT

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Williams College Museum of Art, Williams College, Williamstown, MA