

# AMY BESSONE STUDIO

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Born 1970, New York, NY  
Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

## EDUCATION

1993-95 De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
1989-93 BFA, Parsons Paris School of Design, Paris, France  
1992 École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France  
1988-89 Barnard College, New York, NY, USA

## SELECTED SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS(\* indicates a publication)

- 2023**      [Our Secret Garden](#), Patricia Low Venezia, Venice, Italy
- 2021**      [Amy's World](#), Gallery 12.26, Dallas, TX, USA  
[Playlet](#), Oleksandrssssssss, Brussels, Belgium
- 2019**      [Reclamation Island](#), The Pit, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2016**      [In the Century of Women](#), Gavlak Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2015**      [Torsos and Buckets](#), Salon 94 Freemans, New York, NY, USA (Two person show with Matt Merkel Hess)
- 2014**      [Amy Bessone](#), Kunsthall Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway
- 2013**      [In the Green Room](#), Salon 94, New York, NY, USA
- 2012**      [Hit Your Head!](#), VeneKlasen Werner, Berlin, Germany
- 2011**      [Baby Got Back](#), Praz-Delavallade, Paris, France
- 2010-11**    \*[Amy Bessone and Thomas Houseago](#), Rennie Collection, Vancouver, Canada
- 2010**      \*[Dancing Girl is Four Heads High](#), David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2008**      \*[With Friends Like These...](#), Salon 94, New York, NY, USA  
\*[With Friends Like These...](#), Salon 94 Freemans, New York, NY, USA
- 2007**      [Body & Paint](#), David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2002**      [Amy Bessone](#), Thomas Houseago, Xavier Hufkens, Brussels, Belgium
- 2000**      [Les Salles Etrangères](#), Art&Com, Brussels, Belgium

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- 1999 Amy Bessone-New Paintings, Buro Empty, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1997 Amy Bessone: Schilderijen en Tekeningen, De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 [Women Making History](#), CGBF + The Ojai Institute, Ojai, CA, USA  
[Something Woman This Way Comes](#), Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland.  
[Halfway to Sanity](#), The Pit, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2023 [Floating Bodies](#), Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark.  
[The Angels](#), Baik Art, Seoul, Korea  
[Untitled BOZO Marfa Project](#), Marfa, TX, USA  
[Tony Marsh: Fever Dream Duets](#), alberts benda, Los Angeles  
[Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere](#), curated by Alissa Friedman, Fierman Gallery, New York, NY, USA  
[Homecoming](#), La Loma Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Pollen on a West Wind](#), curated by Tony Marsh, Jason Jacques, New York, NY, USA  
[Death of an Outsider](#), Shrine, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[The Bioelectric Self](#), The Pit, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2022 [BOZO FAMILY HOE DOWN](#), M+B, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Community Connections](#), University Galleries, College of Arts & Letters, California State University, Sacramento, CA, USA
- 2021 [Possibility Made Real: Drawing & Clay](#), curated by Julia Haft-Candell, Gallery 12.26, Dallas, TX, USA  
[Tiger in a Tropical Storm](#), Louise Alexander Gallery, Porto Cervo, Sardinia, Italy  
[Cracked](#), Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, England
- 2020 [Bas-Relief](#), Bozo Mag, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Inside Voices](#), La Loma Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Riders of the Red Horse](#), The Pit, Glendale, CA, USA  
[New Beginnings...](#), Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[All Them Witches](#), organized by Dan Nadel and Laurie Simmons, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Yarrow Pickers](#), curated by Brian Rochefort, Harper's Apartment, New York, NY, USA  
[Demifigures](#), La Loma Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2019 [The Pleasure Principle](#), Maccarone, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Quartet](#), Harper's Books, East Hampton, NY, USA  
[The Flat Files](#), The Pit, Glendale, CA, USA  
[Paint, Porcelain, Pulp](#), Salon 94 Bowery, New York, NY, USA
- 2018 [Sweet Cheeks](#), curated by Mélanie Faure and Doug Crocco, Big Pictures Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[By Fire, Ceramic Works](#), Almine Rech Gallery, New York, NY, USA  
[Early 21th Century Art](#), Galerie Almine Rech, London, UK  
[Friends & Family of the CSULB CCC](#), The Pit, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Pussy, King of the Pirates](#), Maccarone, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2017 [The Roger Ailes Memorial Show: Fair and Balanced](#), yours mine & ours, New York, NY, USA  
[Teeter Totter](#), curated by Timo Fahler, BBQLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[The Upside of Her Hell](#), Bozo Mag, Los Angeles, CA, USA

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*Flaming June VII: Flaming Creatures*, Gavlak Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*Not I, We*, curated by Julie Russo and Lauren Wood, Gavlak Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*Tie His Hands Gently*, Romeo NYC, New York, NY, USA

- 2016** *\*NO MAN'S LAND: Women Artists from the Rubell Family Collection*, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., USA  
*Haptic*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY, USA  
*The Fool*, curated by Westminster Waste, Rod Barton Gallery, London, UK
- 2015** *\*NO MAN'S LAND: Women Artists from the Rubell Family Collection*, Rubell Museum, Miami, FL, USA  
*In Reverse Order*, The Cabin LA, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*10 Year Anniversary*, Gavlak Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*10 Year Anniversary*, Gavlak Gallery, Palm Beach, FL, USA  
*\*Present Conditional*, Mier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2014** *Equilibre...*, Manoli Musée et Jardin de Sculpture, La Richardais, France  
*You Don't Bring Me Flowers (The Mistress Project)*, 68 Projects, Berlin, Germany  
*Person, Place or Thing: Works on Paper from Over 50 Emerging and Established Artists*, 68 Projects, Berlin, Germany  
*Another Cats Show*, 356 Mission, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*The Last Brucennial*, organized by Vito Schnabel and The Bruce High Quality Foundation, New York, NY, USA  
*More Material*, curated by Duro Olowu, Salon 94 Bowery, New York, NY, USA
- 2013** *\*Body Language*, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
*Optic Nerve 15*, Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, Miami, FL, USA
- 2012** *Invitation à l'imaginaire. Œuvres de la collection du Frac Bretagne*, Frac Bretagne, Rennes, France
- 2011** *Beg, Borrow and Steal*, Rubell Family Collection, Palm Springs, CA, USA  
*Eye of Horus*, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*Between my head and my hand, there is always the face of death*, The Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland, OR, USA  
*I am who I am*, Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA, USA  
*Sentimental Education*, Gavlak Gallery, Palm Beach, FL, USA
- 2010** *Collection: MOCA's First Thirty Years*, MOCA Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*Cannibal's Muse*, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*SUPERNATURE: An exercise in loads*, AMP, Athens, Greece
- 2009** *\*Beg, Borrow and Steal*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL, USA  
*1999*, China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*PLAY*, Monica De Cardenas, Milan, Italy  
*\*An Expanded Field of Possibilities*, curated by Miki Garcia, Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- 2006** *\*Red Eye: Los Angeles Artists from the Rubell Family Collection*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL, USA  
*Transformers*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, USA  
*Hotel California*, Glendale College Art Gallery, Glendale, CA, USA
- 2005** *\*Both Ends Burning*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
*b.a.-ba, un choix dans la collection du Frac Bretagne*, Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Bignan, France

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- 2001**      *Proposition 1 (Peinture)*, Art&Com, Brussels, Belgium
- 1999**      *Archétype*, Brussels, Belgium
- 1998**      *Aanwinsten 1997*, DNB, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1997**      *Comité '97*, Jan van Nassaukazerne, Harderwijk, The Netherlands
- 1996**      *Young Artists I*, Sabine Wachters Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium

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- 2020**      Zappas, Lindsay Preston. "Art in Isolation with Amy Bessone." *Contemporary Art Review.la*. May 5.  
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Finkel, Jori. "Artist-Run Galleries Defy the Mega-Dealer Trend in Los Angeles." *New York Times*. February 7.
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- 2018**      Indrisek, Scott. "17 Shows You Need to See during Frieze Week in London." *Artsy*, October 1.  
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- 2014**      Smith, Roberta. "Clash of the Items, at a Gallery Near You" *The New York Times*. August 13.  
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- 2013**      Finkel, Jori. "Miami Art Collectors Take Works to Palm Springs Art Museum" *Los Angeles Times*. March 6.

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- 2011** Snyder, Stephanie. "Critics' Picks" Art Forum. March 23.  
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- 2010** Moss, Jennifer. "Dynamic Duo Mixes Classic and Modern" The Vancouver Sun. November 18.  
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### SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA; Frac Bretagne, Chateaugiron, France; The Saatchi Collection, London, UK; The Rennie Collection, Vancouver, Canada; Rubell Family Collection, Miami, Florida, USA, The Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX, USA.