

JOHN FRASER

Born 1952 Chicago, IL

Education 1989 M.F.A. Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
1975 B. A. Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2008 "More or Less", Roy Boyd Gallery, Chicago, IL
"What Time Can Tell", Galerie Renate Bender, Munich, Germany
"Structure & Surface, Form & Suggestion", James Patrick Gallery

2007 "Accumulations", Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
"About Place", Cumberland Gallery Nashville, TN
"In Reserve", I-Space Gallery (brochure) Chicago, IL
"Under This, Over That", Trinity Christian College Gallery Palos Heights, IL

2005 "Current Collage & Assemblage Work in Relief", Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
Ford Center for the Fine Arts, Knox College Galesburg, IL

2004 "Selected Works: 1990-2004", Benedicta Arts Center, St. John's University St. Joseph, MN
"Neutral Value", Fluxion Gallery Omaha, NE

2003 "Close Values", Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
"Selected Works: 1990-2003", Mills Gallery, Central College Pella, IA

2001 "Structure & Surface", Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
Scott White Contemporary Art La Jolla, CA
"Collages", 1995-2000, University Club Chicago, IL
Western Illinois University Macomb, IL

2000 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL

1999 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
"Selected Works: 1990-1998", NIU Art Museum, Jack Olson Gallery Dekalb, IL

1998 Gallery Juno New York, NY
"Material Issue", Elmhurst Art Museum Elmhurst, IL
Hiestand Gallery, Miami University Oxford, OH
"Ecrú", tidbit Gallery Portland, OR
Perkinson Gallery, Millikin University Decatur, IL

1997 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL

1996 Bradley University Peoria, IL

1995 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
Chicago Cultural Center Chicago, IL

1994 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL

1993 Northern Illinois University Gallery (brochure) Chicago, IL
Gahlberg Gallery, College of DuPage (brochure) Glen Ellyn, IL
University of Minnesota at Morris Morris, MN

1992 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL

1991 Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
Susan Cummins Gallery Mill Valley, CA

1990 Mitchell Museum Mt. Vernon, IL

1989 Susan Cummins Gallery Mill Valley, CA
Noyes Cultural Arts Center Evanston, IL

1988 Paper Press Gallery Chicago, IL
1986 Iowa State University Ames, IA
1985 University of Illinois Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2008 "Papier-Kunst 6, (10 person, catalog), Neuer Kunstverein, Aschaffenburg, Germany
"American Art Since 1945: In A New Light", McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
"Paper Goods", Cumberland Gallery, Nashville, TN
"40th Anniversary Invitational" (catalog), William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL

2007 "Papierwelten" (5 person)Galerie Renate Bender Munich, Germany
"Summer Group Exhibition" Scott White Contemporary Art San Diego, CA
"Simple Elegance" The Asian Collection Tokyo, Japan
In Context- Collage & Abstraction (catalog) Pavel Zoubok Gallery New York, NY

2006 Sculpture (5 person) Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
Wood & Paper The Asian Collection Tokyo, Japan
"Building A Legacy:" 1985-2007 Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts Omaha, NE
"Material Difference : Soft Sculpture and
"Wall Works" (catalog) The Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Connected Worlds: Asia & The Americas The Asian Collection Tokyo, Japan The New Collage (catalog)
Pavel Zoubok Gallery New York, NY
Asian Inspirations Robert Tobin Gallery / Asian Collection Tokyo, Japan
Resident Exhibition (6 person) Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts Omaha, NE

2005 "Abstract Vocabulary" Rockford College Rockford, IL
in conjunction with Roy Boyd Gallery
Faculties O'Connor Gallery of Art, Dominican University River Forest, IL
Inaugural Exhibition, Bentley Projects/Works on Paper Phoenix, AZ
Prints from Normal Editions Workshop West Virginia University Morgantown, WV Five by Seven
(traveling) (also 2004, 2003, 2002) Arthouse Austin, TX

2004 Highlights from the Permanent Collection Northern Illinois University Art MuseumDekalb, IL
Departures (12 person) Carrie Secrist Gallery Chicago, IL
By Appointment Only Farm Art Space Missoula, MT
Crux (3 person) Riverside Art Center Riverside, IL
Grand Reopening Scott White Contemporary Art Telluride, CO

2003 Retrospective/Prospective Annual Anne Reed Gallery Ketchum, ID
Art A Century Apart: 1903 & 2003 (brochure) Mississippi Museum of Art Jackson, MS

2002 Rockford Collects Rockford Art Museum Rockford, IL
Ingrained (4 person) Evanston Art Center Evanston, IL
Natural Forms (5 person) Northeastern Illinois University Chicago, IL
Selected Gallery Artists: Summer Scott White Contemporary Art La Jolla, CA16th Vicinity Biennial
Evanston Art Center Evanston, IL
Inaugural Exhibition Scott White Contemporary Art Telluride, CO

2001 Underfoot (traveling, catalog) Dan Galeria Sao Paulo, Brazil

2000 Without Parameters Arkansas Art Center Little Rock, AR
Out of Line, Drawings by Illinois Artists Chicago Cultural Center Chicago, IL (catalog)
Selections from Out of Line Union League Club Chicago, IL
Do Not Touch, An Exploration of Delicate Obsessions Consolidated Works Contemporary Art Center
Seattle, WA
Selected Gallery Artists: Summer SOMA Gallery La Jolla, CA
Synthesis: Collage and Mixed Media, Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest College Lake Forest, IL

1999 Form Following Function Bradley University Heuser Gallery, Peoria, IL
 Work in Progress: Drawing by Direction Colgate University Hamilton, NY (4 person)
 Abstraction Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
 Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Art Mississippi Museum of Art Jackson, MS Benziger Imagery Series Palo Alto Art Center Palo Alto, CA
 Small Works Gallery Juno New York, NY

1998 American Drawing Biennial 6 Muscarelle Museum of Art Williamsburg, VA
 In Shape (6 person) (catalog) Cedar Rapids Museum of Art Cedar Rapids, IA
 Collage (5 person) Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
 Fraser, Molero, Ohira, Segal Gallery Juno New York, NY
 Abstract: Chicago 1998 (catalog) Klein Art Works Chicago, IL
 Selections from the Permanent Collection Cedar Rapids Museum of Art Cedar Rapids, IA
 14th Evanston & Vicinity Biennial Exhibition Evanston Art Center Evanston, IL
 4 Sculptors Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL

1997 Small Works Susan Cummins Gallery Mill Valley, CA
 Recent Acquisitions: A Selection Mississippi Museum of Art Jackson, MS Insight (5 person) tidbit Gallery Portland, OR
 A Thought Intercepted: Drawings California Museum of Art Santa Rosa, CA
 Figuratively Speaking: Recent Acquisitions Bradley University, Hartman Gallery Peoria, IL
 Addendum: Some Other Chicago Artists Northern Illinois University Gallery Chicago, IL Choice Cuts Cumberland Gallery Nashville, TN

1996 Approaching The Figure Roy Boyd Gallery Chicago, IL
 Abstract: Chicago 1996 Klein Art Works Chicago, IL
 NIU Collected (catalog) Northern Illinois University Gallery Chicago, IL
 Small Wonder San Francisco Craft & Folk Art Museum San Francisco, CA
 13th Biennial Exhibition Evanston Art Center Evanston, IL

1995 16 Chicago Artists (traveling) Szinhaz Galeria Zalaegerszeg, Hungary
 USA Within Limits Galeria Millan Sao Paulo, Brazil
 Bi-State Exhibition Davenport Museum of Art Davenport, IA

1994 Tangible Verification: Collage (4 person) University of Akron Akron, OH
 Abstract: Chicago 1994 (catalog) Klein Art Works Chicago, IL
 Selections from the Permanent Collection University of Minnesota Morris, MN

1993 The Garment as Metaphor (brochure) Suburban Fine Arts Center Highland Park, IL

1992 51st Exhibition (catalog) Sioux City Art Center Sioux City, IA
 8th New American Talent Exhibition (catalog) Laguna Gloria Art Museum Austin, TX
 NIU Alumni Exhibition Northern Illinois University Gallery Chicago, IL
 Secret Voyages (3 person) Joan Robey Gallery Denver, CO

1991 37th Exhibition San Diego Art Institute San Diego, CA
 Sculptors on Paper (traveling) University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI
 Works on Paper Invitational (4 person) Greater Lafayette Museum of Art Lafayette, IN
 Contemporary Works From The Permanent Collection Rockford Art Museum Rockford, IL
 23rd Bradley National (catalog) Bradley University Peoria, IL

1990 The Chicago Show Chicago Cultural Center Chicago, IL
 Object / Obsession Judith Racht Gallery Harbert, MI

1989 New Acquisitions: Drawings Cincinnati Art Museum Cincinnati, OH
 Private Collections (4 person) New Harmony Gallery New Harmony, IN

1988 Collage at N.A.M.E. N.A.M.E. Gallery Chicago, IL
 Endangered Species Klein Art Works Chicago, IL
 Pulliam Hall Sculpture Exhibition Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

1987 Fetish Art: Obsessive Expressions (catalog), Rockford Art Museum Rockford, IL

- 1986 6th Rutgers National, Rutgers University Camden, NJ
 1985 81st Chicago & Vicinity Exhibition: Drawings Art Institute of Chicago Chicago, IL
 Basically Boxes Klein Art Works Chicago, IL
 Drawing & Small Sculpture Exhibition Ball State University, Muncie, IN
 37th Illinois Invitational Exhibition (catalog) Illinois State Museum Springfield, IL 5/5 Artemisia Gallery
 Chicago, IL

Selected Awards, Grants and Honors

- 2007 Robert M. MacNamara Foundation Residency
 2006 Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts Residency
 2005 Illinois Arts Council Special Assistance Grant
 2004 Normal Editions Workshop / Illinois Arts Council Print Project Grant
 2003 Robert M. MacNamara Foundation Residency
 2002 Illinois Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship
 2000 Illinois Arts Council Fellowship Finalist Award
 1997 Illinois Arts Council Special Assistance Grant
 1994 Illinois Arts Council Special Assistance Grant
 1992 Arts Midwest / National Endowment for the Arts Regional Visual Arts Fellowship
 1990 Illinois Arts Council Fellowship Finalist Award

Selected Bibliography

- 2008 Buchen, Margaret, catalog essay, "Harper College 40th Anniversary Invitational Exhibition", Palatine, IL.
 2007 Artner, Alan, John Fraser at I-Space...Chicago Tribune, February 16, 2007 (Section 7, Page 13).
 Ullrich, Polly, John Fraser: In Reserve at I-Space, Chicago, brochure essay, January 27-February 24, 2007.
 Mullarkey, Maureen, Abstract Jewels of Modernism, In Context: Collage & Abstraction at Pavel Zoubok Gallery,
 The New York Sun, June 7, 2007 (Arts & Letters).
 Heise, Rudiger, Papier-Variationen, at Galerie Renate Bender, Munich Germany. Applause! Magazine.
 2006 Mullarkey, Maureen, Gallery Going [The New Collage at Pavel Zoubok Gallery], The New York Sun, June 29, 2006.
 Ullrich, Polly, Material Difference: Soft Sculpture and Wall Works, exhibition catalog, exhibition wall-text.
 2005 Nugent, Bob, Imagery, Art for Wine, (forward by Donald Kuspit).
 Artner, Alan, Fraser's Rigor is Captivating, Chicago Tribune, February 18, 2005, (Friday Section)
 2003 Artner, Alan, ...While John Fraser Shines, Chicago Tribune, August 8, 2003, Friday, Section 7, Page 15).
 Doe, Donald B. Measure for Measure, John Fraser at Mills Gallery, Central College, Pella IA, Brochure Essay.
 Camper, Fred, Critics Choice, The Chicago Reader, July 25, 2003, (Section 2,
 Walker, Hamza, Visual Literacy: John Fraser's Collages 1994-2002, Catalog Essay, È 2003, ISBN 0-9727266-0-8.
 2001 Artner, Alan, Fraser returns to intense process, Chicago Tribune, December 7, 2001,(Friday, Section 7).
 2000 Artner, Alan, Its Taken 15 years, but Exhibit is Top Drawers, Out of Line, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Tribune, May 2, 2000, (Tempo 2, Section 5).
 1998 Brunetti, John, Uncommon Equilibrium, Brochure Essay, John Fraser at the Elmhurst Art Museum, February, 1998.

- 1997 Doe, Donald B., In Shape, catalog essay, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, December 1998.
Gragg, Randy, Body And Droll; Insight at tidbit Gallery, The Oregonian (Portland), July 25, 1997, (Visual Arts, page 64).
- 1996 Meyer, Jerry D., NIU Collected, catalog essay, NIU Alumni in Chicago Area Collections, June/July 1996.
Swartz, Mark, Approaching The Figure, Roy Boyd Gallery. The Chicago Reader, June 21, 1996, (section 1, page 28).
- 1995 Schleifer, Kristen Brooke, John Fraser at Roy Boyd Gallery, Dialogue Magazine, January/February 1995.
Camper, Fred, John Fraser at Roy Boyd Gallery, The Chicago Reader, September 22, 1995, (section 1, page 30).
- 1994 Muster, Michael, John Fraser at Roy Boyd Gallery. The New Art Examiner, November 1994.
Connors, Thomas, John Fraser at NIU Art Gallery, Sculpture Magazine, January/February 1994.
- 1993 Yood, James, The Art of John Fraser. brochure essay, NIU Art Museum Gallery in Chicago, October 1993.
- 1992 Morrin, Peter, 51st Exhibition, Sioux City Art Center, catalog essay, Sioux City, Iowa, 1992.
- 1991 Artner, Alan, John Fraser at Roy Boyd Gallery, Chicago Tribune, January 11, 1991, (section 7, page 53).
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- 1990 Artner, Alan, Conflicting Agendas Hobble The Chicago Show, Chicago Tribune, May 6, 1990 (Art Section 13, page 14).
Findsen, Owen, Collages Demand Viewers Take Time..., John Fraser at Miller Gallery, The Cincinnati Enquirer, May 13, 1990.
O'Hara, Catherine, John Fraser at Miller Gallery. Dialogue Magazine, July/August 1990, (page 23).

Selected Collections

Edward Albee, New York, NY
 University of Alberta Art Museum, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
 The Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
 Bradley University, Peoria, IL
 Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
 The Brunner Museum of Iowa State University, Ames, IA
 The Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA
 The Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
 The Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL
 Illinois State University, Normal, IL
 Sarah-Ann and Werner H. Kramarsky Collection, New York, NY
 The Greater Lafayette Museum of Art, Lafayette, IN
 The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
 Millikin University, Decatur, IL
 The Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
 Northern Illinois University Art Museum, DeKalb, IL
 Park Hyatt Collection, Chicago, IL
 The Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
 The Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City, IA
 The Robert Tobin Gallery / The Asian Collection, Tokyo, Japan
 The University of Minnesota at Morris, Morris, MN
 West Virginia University Morgantown, WV

Art Fairs/Exhibitions

2008 Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany
Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Kunst Zurich (November), Zurich, Switzerland

2007 Art Santa Fe (July), Santa Fe, NM
2007 Kunst Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Art Miami, Miami, FL
AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, NY
Art Santa Fe Santa Fe, NM
Red Dot Fair, New York, NY

2006 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL

2005 Flow Art Fair, Miami, FL
Art Chicago in the Park, Chicago, IL
AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, NY
7th San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA

2004 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
6th San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA
AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, NY

2003 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
5th San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA
AAF Contemporary Art Fair, New York, NY

2002 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
4th San Francisco International Art Exposition (catalog), San Francisco, CA

2001 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL

2000 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
3rd San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA

1999 Art Chicago (catalog), Chicago, IL
2nd San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA

1998 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
San Francisco International Art Exposition (catalog), San Francisco, CA

1997 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
4th International SOFA Expo (catalog), Chicago, IL

1996 Art Chicago (catalog), Chicago, IL
3rd International SOFA Expo (catalog), Chicago, IL

1995 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL

1994 Art Chicago (catalog), Chicago, IL

1993 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Artfair/Seattle (catalog), Seattle, WA
Art/LA, Los Angeles, CA

1992 Chicago International Art Expo, Chicago, IL
Artfair/Seattle, Seattle, WA
Art/LA, Los Angeles, CA

1991 Chicago International Art Expo, Chicago, IL
Art/LA, Los Angeles, CA

1988 Chicago International Art Expo, Chicago, IL
Chicago International New Art Forms, Chicago, IL

1985 Chicago International Art Expo, Chicago, IL

Teaching/Work Experience

2007 Visiting Artist, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Visiting Artist, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL

2006 Instructor of Art, Dominican University, River Forest, IL
Visiting Artist, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE

2005 Visiting Artist, School of the Art Institute of Chicago Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist, West Virginia University Morgantown, WV
Visiting Artist, Brigham Young University Provo, UT
Visiting Artist, Knox College Galesburg, IL

2004 Instructor of Art, Dominican University River Forest, IL
Visiting Artist, Normal Editions Workshop/ Illinois State University, Normal, IL
Visiting Artist, McHenry County College Crystal Lake, IL

2003 Visiting Artist Central College Pella, IA
Instructor of Art, Dominican University River Forest, IL

2002 Instructor of Art, Dominican University River Forest, IL
Visiting Artist, Imagery Studio, Benziger Family Winery Glen Ellen, CA
Visiting Artist, Sonoma State University Rohnert Park, CA

2001 Visiting Artist, Western Illinois University Macomb, IL
Visiting Artist, William Rainey Harper College Palatine, IL

2000 Visiting Artist, Lake Forest College Lake Forest, IL

1999 Visiting Artist, Northwestern University Evanston, IL
Visiting Artist, Northern Illinois University Dekalb, IL
Artist/Teacher, Vermont College of Norwich University Montpelier, VT
Visiting Artist, Coe College Cedar Rapids, IA
Visiting Artist, Hendrix College Conway, AR

1998 Visiting Artist, Millikin University, Decatur, IL
Instructor of Art, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL

1997 Visiting Artist, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

1996 Visiting Artist, Bradley University, Peoria, IL

1995 Visiting Artist, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
Visiting Artist, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
Visiting Artist, Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI
Visiting Artist, Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL

1994 Sculpture Instructor, College of Du Page Glen, Ellyn, IL

1993 Visiting Artist, University of Minnesota, Morris, MN
Visiting Artist, College of DuPageGlen Ellyn, IL

1992 Visiting Artist, Rockford College, Rockford, IL
Visiting Artist, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL
Visiting Artist, Highland College, Freeport, IL

1989 Drawing Instructor, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
(September, 1987 through May, 1989)

1986 Visiting Artist, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

1983 Apparel Designer, Kell Kare, Inc. (no longer extant), Chicago, IL
(Employed 1975 through 1983)
In-house Designer, VP Merchandising and Warehouse Manager