

## SUSAN MAAKESTAD

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Born in Macomb, Illinois. Resides in Memphis, Tennessee

Represented by Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

### EDUCATION

- 1987 MFA, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. Painting  
1981 MA, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA. Drawing  
1979 BA, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA *magna cum laude* & Dean's Scholar

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA. Solo  
Mallory Wurtzburger Galleries, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, TN. Solo  
Near and Far Light, James May Gallery, Algoma, WI. Group  
Jet Lag, Fogleman Gallery of Contemporary Art, University of Memphis. Group
- 2019 Hello My Name Is, L Ross Gallery, Memphis, TN. Group  
Color Schemes: The Value of Intensity, Crosstown Arts, Crosstown Concourse, Memphis, TN. Group
- 2018 Momentum, The Perfume Room, 20twelve, Memphis, TN. *Curated by Michel Allen & Keith Rainer.* Group
- 2017 Overton Park Gallery, Memphis, TN. Solo
- 2016 Circuitous Succession Gallery, Memphis, TN. Solo
- 2015 PUBLIC/ART/ists Part One, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN. Group  
Works on Paper Gallery, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH. Solo
- 2014 Your Attica on the Pacific, Tiger Strikes Asteroid LA, Los Angeles, CA. Group  
Present Company Excluded, Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL. Group
- 2013 Present Tense: The Art of Memphis 2001 to Now, The Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, TN, Group  
It Came from Memphis: Selections from the Permanent Collection, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN. *Curated by Marina Pacini.* Group  
The Rymer Gallery, Nashville, TN. Solo
- 2012 Crossroads: A Shifting Landscape, Walsh Gallery, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Group
- 2010 Material, Memphis, TN. Solo  
East Arkansas Community, College Forrest City, AR. Two-person show  
Muddy Water, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY. *Three painters' works on paper.* Group  
Recent Paintings, The Rymer Gallery, Nashville, TN. Group
- 2009 Alonzo Davis V.C.C.A. Fellowship Exhibition, Sande Webster Gallery, Philadelphia, PA. Group  
Lineweight: Contemporary Drawing, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO. Group
- 2008 Meek Art Gallery, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Solo  
Evoke, The Rymer Gallery, Nashville, TN. Group  
Paperworks!, Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, Novato, CA. *Juried by Rene de Guzman.* Group
- 2007 Lewis Art Gallery, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS. Solo  
Sarratt Gallery at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Two person show
- 2006 Horizons, Bradbury Gallery, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR. *Curated by Les Christensen.* Group  
Clough-Hanson Gallery, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN. Solo  
Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, TN. Two-person show
- 2005 Harry Krug Gallery, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS. Solo  
Crossing the Line, The Painting Center, New York, NY. *Curated by Cathy Diamond.* Group

- Southern Perspectives, Fine Arts Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. *Works of three watermedia artists curated by Shannon Dillard Mitchel.* Group
- 2004 Tennessee Arts Commission Gallery, Nashville, TN. Two-person show
- Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, Augusta, GA. Two-person show
- Biennial 2004, Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA. *Juried by Carrie Przybilla.* Group
- Small Matters of Great Importance, Edward Hopper House Art Center, Nyack, NY. Group
- Landscape: Paintings From Groveland Gallery in Minneapolis, University Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. *Six painters.* Group
- 2003 Plein Air, Groveland Gallery, Minneapolis, MN. *Four artists.* Group
- The Price Is Right, Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, TN. Group
- Marks: Contemporary Drawing, Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA. *Juried by Rex Weil.* Group
- A Sense of Place: Continuity and Change in the New South, Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, Augusta, GA. *Juried by Tom Nakashima.* Group
- 2002 Art on Paper 2002, Weatherspoon Art Museum, The University of North Carolina, Greensboro. *Curated by Nancy Doll and Ron Platt.* Group
- Side by Side, Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN. *Curated by Marina Pacini.* Group
- Secret Garden, River Gallery, Chattanooga, TN. *Curated by Teresa Bramlette and Don Cooper.* Group
- 2001 The Painted Landscape, Groveland Gallery, Minneapolis, MN. Group
- 1999 Water Works: Five Painters Work on Paper, Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY. Group
- 1998 The Midwestern Landscape, Eight Women's Perspectives, Freeport (IL) Arts Center. Traveled to Bicentennial Art Center, Paris, IL, Rend Lake Community College, Mt. Vernon, IL, Springfield (IL) Art Association. *Curated by Richard Boschulte.* Group
- 1997 Steinway Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC. Two-person show
- Rural Inspirations, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL *Curated by Scott Snyder.* Group
- 1996 Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI. Two-person show
- 1995 Groveland Gallery, Minneapolis, MN. Two-person show

#### COMMISSIONS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020-22 Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, Memphis International Airport. Permanent installation: three large scale designs printed on windows with ceramic ink. Dedicated 2022.
- 2020 UrbanArt Commission Direct Purchase Award, Memphis, TN, one painting purchased by the City of Memphis for the Moveable Art Collection
- 2016 Inaugural ArtsAccelerator Art CSA, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN, one of five artists commissioned
- 2013 ArtsAccelerator Grant, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN, \$3000 individual artist grant
- 2011 & 2007 UrbanArt Commission Direct Purchase Award, Memphis, TN, paintings purchased by the City of Memphis
- 2004 UrbanArt Commission Temporary Public Art Exhibition & Honorarium, First Tennessee Bank ArtForum, FedEx Forum, Club Level, Memphis, TN
- 1994, '92, '91 Individual Artist Grant, Peoria Area Arts and Sciences Council, Peoria, IL
- 1989 Nominee, Awards in the Visual Arts (A.V.A.) Fellowship
- 1988 National Endowment for the Arts Visual Arts Fellowship, administered by Arts Midwest

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN
- 2011 Artist in Residence, Paducah Arts Alliance, Paducah, KY
- 2005 Resident Fellow, The Hambidge Center, Rabun Gap, GA
- 2004 Artist at Pine Needles, St. Croix Watershed Research Station, Marine on St. Croix, MN
- 2001 Resident Fellow, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Sweet Briar, VA
- 2000 Resident Fellow, Vermont, Studio Center, Johnson City, VT
- 1994 Resident Fellow, The MacDowell, Peterborough, NH

## SELECTED REVIEWS AND ARTICLES

"UAC & MEM Welcome to Memphis, Welcome Home". 3-minute video about the Memphis International Airport remodel including an interview with me about my commission, February 15, 2022.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OylwP\\_Gej4k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OylwP_Gej4k)

Koeppel, Fredric. "There's bliss beyond the horizon in Susan Maakestad's 'White Out'". Commercial Appeal, April 4, 2016.

Jones, MiChelle. "The Rymer Gallery shares views of the open road as envisioned by Tennessee artists". The Tennessean, February 14, 2013.

Koeppel, Fredric. "Abstract canvases hold glimpses of endless highways." Commercial Appeal, Memphis, March 26, 2010.

Lisle, Andria. "Baring Tools of Inspiration." Commercial Appeal, Memphis, January 9, 2009.

Knowles, Carol. "Back to Basics: Works at On the Street and the Dixon." Memphis Flyer, October 9, 2008.

Knowles, Carol. "In with a bang: January shows span 40 years of Memphis art. Memphis Flyer, January 24, 2008.

Koeppel, Fredric. "Revisiting some favorites: exhibition of new works by Perry Nicole artists displays varied styles." Commercial Appeal--Memphis, January 18, 2008.

Knowles, Carol. "En Route: Two Artists at Perry Nicole Take Us for a Ride." Memphis Flyer, November 23, 2006.

Koeppel, Frederic. "Urban Fragments Isolated in Artist's 'Abstractions'." Memphis Commercial Appeal, February 17, 2006.

Koeppel, Fredric. "'Red Show' Needs Blue Pencil." Memphis Commercial Appeal, January 13, 2006.

Maddox, David. "Everyday scenes." Nashville Scene, March 24, 2005.

Uhles, Steven. "Different point of view." The Augusta Chronicle, June 10, 2004.

Nichols, Ann. "River Gallery's 'Secret Garden' Opens Friday." Chattanooga Times Free Press, October 27, 2002.

Silberman, Rob. "Second Round of Area Gallery Exhibits Attract but Retreat to Ordinary Values." Star Tribune--Minneapolis, November 3, 1995.

Sult, Amy. "Painters Show Similar Interests, Different Results." Kalamazoo Gazette, September 17, 1995.

Klein, Jerry. "Bradley University couple's art work earns an 'A'." Journal Star--Peoria, January 20, 1991.

Moehl, Karl. "24 X 24: Small Paintings by Six Illinois Artists." New Art Examiner, October, 1991.

Moehl, Karl. "Susan Maakestad at Eureka College." New Art Examiner, November 1990.

Hails, Doris Vlasek. Levine: long on concept, short on craft but the Maakestads are the real thing. Indianapolis New Times, July 1988.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Higher Education:

1997-2020	Professor, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN
1996-1997	Visiting Assistant Professor and Acting Head of Painting The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
1989-1994	Part Time Art Faculty, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
1987-1989	Instructor, Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, WI
1985	Instructor, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

### Other teaching:

2023 & '22	Instructor, Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI. <i>Watercolor workshops</i>
2022-	Creative Aging, Shelby County, TN. <i>Watercolor classes</i>
2014-2020	Instructor, Flicker Street Studio, Memphis, TN

## VISITING ARTIST ENGAGEMENTS

2023	Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, <i>graduate program</i>
2019	Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, <i>final critiques</i>
2011	Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
2008	Mississippi Art Colony, Utica, MS, April 22 to 27
2001	University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, <i>graduate critiques</i>

1996 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
 1995 Carleton College, Northfield, MN  
 1994 Eureka College, Eureka, IL  
 1991 Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN  
 1988 University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI  
 1984-85 St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

#### SLIDE LECTURES

2023 Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. *Graduate program*  
 Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, TN  
 Artist's Link, Memphis, TN  
 2022 Memphis Germantown Art League, Germantown, TN  
 2019 University of Memphis, Memphis, TN  
 2011 Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY  
 Delta State University, Cleveland, MS  
 2010 Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY  
 2008 Mississippi Art Colony, Utica, MS  
 University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS  
 2007 Artist Link, Memphis, TN  
 2006 Rhodes College, Memphis, TN  
 2001 University Memphis, Memphis, TN. *Watercolor class*  
 1997 University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA  
 Haverford College, Haverford, PA  
 Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA  
 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
 1996 Northfield Arts Guild, Northfield, MN  
 1994 Clark University, Worcester, MA  
 Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, MO  
 Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL  
 1993 University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 Illinois State University, Normal, IL  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
 1991 University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
 University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN  
 1990 Eureka College, Eureka, IL  
 Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL

#### JURYING AND JUDGING

2024 Delta State University Student Art Show  
 2023 Artist's Link, Memphis, TN  
 2014 Arts Alive, Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, AL  
 2008 Mississippi Art Colony Travel Exhibition and Awards; traveled to four venues in  
 the state of Mississippi  
 University of Mississippi Student Art Summer Show, Oxford, MS  
 2007 Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition; state-wide exhibition  
 2005 International Annual Elvis Art Show, Graceland, Memphis, TN  
 First Tennessee ArtForum artist selection committee, Memphis, TN  
 2004 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Helena National Bank Watercolor Exhibition, Helena, AR  
 Arts Alive, Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, AL  
 2003 Meet Me in St. Louis All Media Exhibition, St. Louis, MO  
 1994 Peoria Art Guild Fine Arts Fair, Peoria, IL  
 1993 Artist's Coalition of Central Illinois Annual Exhibition, Peoria, IL  
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1991 Annual Student Exhibition, Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL  
1990 Scholastic Art Awards, Central Illinois Region  
1989 Annual Student Exhibition, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI  
1987 Northwoods Artists Association Invitational Exhibition, Ladysmith, WI  
Heritage Festival Invitational Art Fair, Faribault, MN

## COLLECTIONS

Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN  
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN  
Memphis International Airport, permanent installation: three large scale designs printed on windows with ceramic ink. Dedicated 2022.  
The City of Memphis, Memphis, TN  
The Poplar Foundation