

**AMANDA BESL**

**Education**

MFA Painting, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI (2001)  
BFA Fine Arts, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY (1998) - Painting (summa cum laude)  
Minor in Museum Studies, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY (1998)

**Selected Exhibitions (• Solo Shows)**

**2017**

• *I'll Try Not to Breathe*, Anna Kaplan Contemporary, Buffalo, NY  
*Various Flora & Fauna*, View, Old Forge, NY

**2015**

• *The Forest Electric*, BT&C Gallery, Buffalo, NY

**2014**

• *Psyche's Knot*, BT&C Gallery, Buffalo, NY

**2013**

*Unicorns & Rainbows*, Studio Hart, Buffalo, NY  
*Faculty Exhibition*, SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia, NY  
*Faculty Exhibition*, Daemen College, Amherst, NY

**2012**

*Youthful Indiscretions*, Studio Hart, Buffalo, NY  
*Fireflies*, Aeroplastics Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium  
Echo Satellite curated by Leslie Zemsky, Larkin Square, Buffalo, NY  
• *Undertow*, Nichols School, Buffalo, NY  
*Look at Me: A Cross Section of Contemporary Portraiture*, Rye Arts Center, Rye, NY  
*Artists Among Us II*, Burchfield Penney Art Museum, Buffalo, NY

**2011**

*Forty for Forty*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI  
*24/7: Always On*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC, NY  
*Evolution | Revolution*, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY  
*Thresholds of Visibility: A Survey of Miniature Art*, Studio Hart, Buffalo, NY  
*Figuration and Its Disconnects*, University at Buffalo Center for the Arts, Buffalo, NY  
*Figuration*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI  
*MARK Making*, Artspace, Buffalo, NY

# ANNA KAPLAN CONTEMPORARY

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## 2010

- *Riding Lessons*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC, NY
- Moxie and Mayhem*, Burchfield Penney Art Museum, Buffalo, NY
- Alchemy of Delusion*, Aeroplastics Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium

## 2009

- Group at Loft*, Galerie Sandrine Mons, Nice, France
- Status Update*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
- Another Damn Good Painting Show*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC, NY
- Playground*, Rusart, Moscow, Russia

## 2008

- *If the Slipper Fits...*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI
- *She's So Cosmogirl!*, Lyons Wier Ortt Contemporary, NYC, NY
- Karma Cab Boa*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
- Small Treasures*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI

## 2007

- *The Girl with the Most Cake*, Witzenhausen Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Beyond/In WNY Biennial*, Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 8 Hour Drawing*, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA
- Goodbye 511*, Lyons Wier Ortt Contemporary, NYC, NY

## 2006

- *Line My Eyes And Call Me Pretty*, Galerie Zervudacki, Nice, France
- *Smells Like Teen Rococo*, Lyons Wier Ortt, NYC, NY
- Distinctive* (Witzenhausen Gallery), Amsterdam, Netherlands (3 person)
- Consuming Passions: Exquisite Horizons*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY

## 2005

- *When Pink Turns*, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY
- Damn Good Painting!*, Lyons Wier Ortt, NYC, NY
- After Nature*, Aeroplastics Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
- Made in New York*, Schweinfurth Memorial Art Gallery, Auburn, NY (juried)

## 2004

- Winter*, Bryant Street Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- Summer Artist Series*, Market Street Gallery, Lockport, NY
- Pretty World*, Aeroplastics Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
- The Contemporary Portrait*, Rye Arts Center, Rye, NY (juried)

## 2003

- Figuratively Speaking*, Fulton Street Gallery, Troy, NY (juried)
- Works on Paper National Biennial*, Perkinson Gallery, Milikin University, Decatur, IL
- 21<sup>st</sup> National Small Works Exhibition*, Schoharie Arts Council, Cobleskill, NY (juried)

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### **2002**

*Works for Young Collectors*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI

*Concept to Object*, Cade Gallery, Arnold, MD (juried)

### **2001**

*Winter Show*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI

*Figurative Works Competition*, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL (juried)

*2001 Student Degree Show*, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

### **2000**

*Assembled Imagery*, Edith Barrett Art Gallery of Syracuse University, Utica, NY

*Bad Drawings*, Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Museum of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

*D.M.B. & B. 2000*, D'Arcy, Masius, Benton, & Bowles Inc., Troy, MI (juried)

*Air Quotes*, Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Museum of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

### **Selected Collections**

Burger Collection, Hong Kong

Burchfield Penney Art Center

Nichido Contemporary, Tokyo, Japan

Tullman Collection, Chicago