WOLF KAHN

Born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1927, Wolf Kahn immigrated to the United States by way of England in 1940. In 1945, he graduated from the High School of Music & Art in New York, after which he spent time in the Navy. Under the GI Bill, he studied with renowned teacher and Abstract Expressionist painter Hans Hofmann, later becoming Hofmann’s studio assistant. In 1950, he enrolled in the University of Chicago. He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

After completing his degree in only one year, Kahn decided to return to being a full-time artist. He and other former Hofmann students established the Hansa Gallery, a cooperative gallery where Kahn had his first solo exhibition. In 1956, he joined the Grace Borgenicht Gallery, where he exhibited regularly until 1995. Kahn has received a Fulbright Scholarship, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, an Award in Art from the Academy of Arts and Letters, and a Medal of Arts from the U.S. State Department.

Traveling extensively, he has painted landscapes in Egypt, Greece, Hawaii, Italy, Kenya, Maine, Mexico, and New Mexico. He spends his summers and autumns in Vermont on a hillside farm, which he and his wife, the painter Emily Mason, have owned since 1968, but his primary residence is in New York City. They have two daughters, Cecily and Melany. Cecily Kahn is also an artist, and is married to the painter David Kapp.

The unique blend of Realism and formal discipline of Color Field painting sets the work of Wolf Kahn apart. Kahn is an artist who embodies a synthesis of artistic traits – the modern abstract training of Hans Hofmann, the palette of Matisse, Rothko’s sweeping bands of color, the atmospheric qualities of American Impressionism. The fusion of color, spontaneity and representation has produced a rich and expressive body of work.

WOLF KAHN

Born in Stuttgart, Germany, 1927

EDUCATION

1947  Hans Hofmann School of Fine Art
1951  University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, Bachelor of Arts

SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

2019  Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
2018  “Wolf Kahn: A 50 Year Survey,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
      “Wolf Kahn: Celebrating 90!,” Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington D.C.
2017  Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
      “Paintings and Drawings,” David Lusk Gallery, Nashville, TN
2016  “Wolf Kahn: Early Work,” ACME Fine Art, Boston, MA
      Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY
      Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada
2015  Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
2014  “Six Decades,” Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
2013  Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
      “Wolf Kahn: Fields Woods Hills,” Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY
2012  “The City as Landscape,” Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
2011  “Color & Consequence,” Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
      “Wolf Kahn: A 20th Anniversary Exhibition,” Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
      “Wolf Kahn: Brattleboro Pastels,” Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
2010  “Wolf Kahn: The Early Years,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
      “Refractions of Light,” Tayloe Piggott Gallery, Jackson, WY
      “Wolf Kahn Pastels,” Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA
      “Wolf Kahn: Pastels,” Spartanburg Art Museum, Spartanburg, SC
      “Wolf Kahn: Celebrating 80 Years,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
      “Wolf Kahn: Early Drawings,” Jill Newhouse, New York, NY
      “Wolf Kahn, Pastels,” Morrison Gallery, Kent, CT
2008
“Wolf Kahn,” Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, FL
“Wolf Kahn, Paintings and Pastels,” Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD
“Wolf Kahn, Recent Works,” Morrison Gallery, Kent, CT
2007
“Wolf Kahn: Color & Light,” Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
“Wolf Kahn & Thomas Segal Gallery: Three Decades Together,” Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2006
“Wolf Kahn’s Barns,” Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC
“Wolf Kahn,” Ameringer| McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
“Wolf Kahn: Summertime Pastels,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
2005
“Wolf Kahn: Large Format Pastels,” Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY
2004
“Wolf Kahn: Recent Paintings,” Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY
“Wolf Kahn’s America An Artists Travels,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
2003
Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY
“Paintings and Pastels by Wolf Kahn,” at Art Palm Beach, booth #360, Palm Beach, FL
2002
Ameringer/Howard/Yohe Fine Art, Boca Raton, FL
Beadleston Gallery, New York, NY
“Wolf Kahn at Seventy-Five,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
2001
Galerie Brockstedt, Hamburg, Germany
Connecticut Graphic Arts Center, Norwalk, CT
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Museum fur Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Stremmel Gallery, Reno, NV
2000
Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Beadleston Gallery, New York, NY
Kunsthaus Buhler, Stuttgart, Germany
“Fifty Years of Pastels,” Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC,
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, NC,
Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts/Catherine J. Smith Gallery, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
1999
Suzanna Allan Fine Art, London, England
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA
1998
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Beadleston Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL

1999
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Diane Nelson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA

1997
Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Etherington Fine Art, North Tisbury, MA
Gallery 30, Burlingame, CA
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Diane Nelson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Spheris Gallery of Fine Art, Walpole, NH
Streimmel Gallery, Reno, NV
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY

1996
Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Thomas Babeor Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Boca Raton Museum, Boca Raton, FL
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KA
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Gallery 30, Burlingame, CA
Jaffe Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Mangel Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Nardin Gallery, Somers, New York, NY
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, MA
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1995
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Gallery 30, Burlingame, CA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA (Navy Pier, Chicago)
Streemel Gallery, Reno, NV
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ
Addison/Ripley Gallery, Washington, D.C.
John Ames Fine Art, Belfast, ME
Thomas Babeor Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA
Cove Gallery, Wellfleet, MA
Gallery 68, Belfast, ME
Marshall University, Huntington, WV
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Skidmore College, Schick Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY
University of Louisville, Allen R. Hite Art Institute, Louisville, KY
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY

1993
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Gallery 30 Burlingame, CA
Grinnell College, Grinnell, IO
LymanAllyn Art Museum, New London, CT
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples, FL
Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY

1992
Associated American Artists, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC

1992
Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1991
Associated American Artists, New York, NY
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Nan Miller Gallery, Rochester, NY
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1990
Associated American Artists, New York, NY
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Drabinsky & Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (traveled to New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, NJ)
Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1989
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1988
Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA

1987
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D.C.
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1986
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1985
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Carone Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1984
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1983
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1982
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
Schenectady Museum, Schenectady, NY
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ

1981
The Arts Club of Chicago, IL
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Cheekwood Fine Arts Center, Nashville, TN
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA

1980
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Leslie Waddington Gallery, London, England

1979
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Rhode Island School of Design, Museum of Art, Providence, RI
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ
Fontana Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Walker-Kornbluth Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Princeton Gallery of Fine Art, Princeton, NJ
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
David Barnett Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
Princeton Gallery of Fine Art, Princeton, NJ
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

1972
David Barnett Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
Princeton Gallery of Fine Art, Princeton, NJ
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Saversky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
Carlton Gallery, New York, NY
Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

1963
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

1962
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY

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Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
1958  Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, NY
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1955  Hansa Gallery, New York, NY
1953  Hansa Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas
Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, North Carolina
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Cheekwood Museum of Art and Gardens, Nashville, Tennessee
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas
Dartmouth College, Hood Museum, Hanover, New Hampshire
El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, Texas
Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Fort Worth, Texas
Heckscher Museum, Huntington, New York
Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, North Carolina
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, Michigan
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, Minnesota
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, North Carolina
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
National Academy of Design, New York, New York
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York, Purchase, New York
New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, New Jersey
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana
Palmer Museum of Art, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania
Robert Hull Fleming Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
The Rose Art Museum of Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, California
Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska Art Association, Lincoln, Nebraska
Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, Massachusetts
State University of New York, Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, New York
The University of California, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, California
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia
Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts

**SELECTED AWARDS**

1962  Fullbright Scholarship to Italy
1966-1967  John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
1979  Award in Art from the American Academy of Arts and Letters
1980  Elected to membership National Board of the College Art Association
1982  Elected to the board, National Academy of Design
1984  Elected to membership, American Academy and Institute of Arts & Letters
1998  Lifetime Achievement Award from the Vermont Council on the Arts
2017  Medal of Arts from the State Department