

BEN JACKEL

Biography

1977 Born in Aurora, CO
Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

Education

2008 Black Belt, (Shodan) Jinenkan, Tokyo, Los Angeles, CA
2005 Master of Fine Arts, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
2000 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Colorado Boulder, CO

Solo Exhibitions

2024 *Ben Jackel: Boomerang (Gunshot Detector)*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 27 March - 14 August 2024
2018-19 *Ben Jackel: USS Indianapolis and Other Tales from the Sea*, Alfa Romeo Tango Gallery, Battleship Iowa, San Pedro, CA, 17 November 2018 - 17 March 2019
2017 *Ben Jackel: Reign of Fire*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 19 July - 1 September 2017
Ben Jackel: Providence of Night, Brandstater Gallery, Riverside, CA, 17 January - 9 February 2017
2015 *Ben Jackel: American Imperium*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 19 February - 28 March 2015
2014 *Ben Jackel: Grandpa's Knuckle Dusters (Bronze)*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 8 May - 28 June 2014
Ben Jackel: Artist in Residence 2014, Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA, 10 March - 31 March 2014
2012 *Ben Jackel: Zero Percent Contained*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 24 May - 30 June 2012
2009 *Ben Jackel: Compliance Solutions*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 15 May - 3 July 2009

Select Group Exhibitions

2025 *Five L.A. Artists*, L.A. Louver at Frieze Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, 20 February - 23 February 2025
L.A. Louver Celebrates 50 Years, L.A. Louver, Venice and Los Angeles, CA, 15 February - 14 June 2025
2024 *And This, Too*, Los Angeles Valley College Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 4 November - 6 December 2024
Trouble in Paradise: 14 Artists on Los Angeles, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 18 September - 2 November 2024
2023 *The Wine Dark Sea*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 25 January - 11 March 2023
2022 *Transmogrified*, Duran and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 12 November - 3 December 2022
Still, LAUNCH LA, Los Angeles, CA, 2 April - 30 April 2022
Tieze, curated by Max Presneill and Steven Wolkoff, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 12 February - 5 March 2022
Water, Earth & Fire, Palos Verdes Art Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 29 January - 16 April 2022
Disruption: Works from the Vicki and Kent Logan Collection, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, 16 January 2022 - 31 January 2023
2021 *High Beams #5: Night Moves*, Bendix Building, Los Angeles, CA, 30 October - 31 October 2021

- Uncanny Times: Looking Back, Looking Forward*, Center for Visual Art, Metropolitan State University of Denver, in partnership with Artnauts Collective, hosted at Seidel City, Boulder, CO, 25 September - 13 November 2021
- No Mask is Wholly a Mask*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 14 September - 16 October 2021
- NOMAD*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 28 August - 29 August 2021
- Without Borders*, Elysium Gallery, Wales, UK, 17 July - 28 August 2021; traveled to Art Spot Korn, Kyoto, Japan, November 2021
- My City: Life During the Coronavirus and/or Black Lives Matter in the USA*, RedLine Contemporary Art Center, (Summer Virtual exhibition), Denver, CO
- 2020-21 *45 at 45: L.A. Louver Celebrates 45 Years with 45 Artists*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 20 October 2020 - 16 January 2021
- The Walls Between Us*, Center for Visual Art, Denver, CO, 14 August - 17 October 2020
- L.A. Stories*, John S. Burd Center, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA, 13 February - 12 May 2020
- Artists and Poems: Los Angeles 2020*, curated by members of the Durden and Ray curatorial collective, Suturo (online exhibition)
- My Country: Dreams and/or Reality*, Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, The Sarajevo Winter Festival, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts Sarajevo, The Academy of Fine Arts Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia; Brodac Gallery, Sarajevo, Bosnia
- Globalocation II*, Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, CA; traveled to A.D. Gallery University of North Carolina Pembroke, Pembroke NC
- 2019-20 *Shadow*, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 13 December 2019 - 28 March 2020
- Turning Points*, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 1 November - 7 November 2019
- Generation War*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 15 June - 24 August 2019
- Invictus*, Global Livingston Institute, Entusi, Uganda, 7 June - 31 August 2019
- By and Bye: Hope for the Future*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 16 March - 13 April 2019
- A Matter of Public Record: Art in the Age of Mass Surveillance*, Fine Art Complex 1101, Tempe, AZ
- 2018 *Familiar Friends*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 15 December - 29 December 2018
- Wounds*, Dar al-Kalima Gallery, Dar al-Kalima University College of Art/Culture, Bethlehem, Palestine, 27 November - 26 December 2018
- Divided Brain*, Lava Projects, Alhambra, CA, 11 November - 16 December 2018
- Inside Out*, Steve Turner LA, Los Angeles, CA, 8 September - 20 October 2018
- A Matter of Public Record*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 8 September - 29 September 2018
- Connections*, European House in Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia, 5 September - 19 September 2018
- Hegira & Other Passages*, Gradska Galerija, Bihac, Bosnia, 1 September - 10 September 2018
- Collectivity*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 4 August - 25 August 2018
- Dragnet: 832*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 30 June - 28 July 2018
- Liminal Space*, DMZ Museum, Goseong, South Korea, 22 June - 22 December 2018
- CO/LAB III*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 31 March - 18 May 2018
- Book Club: Speedboat*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 3 February - 24 February 2018
- Evolver*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
- 2017 *Schoolworks*, PSZ Clay Center, Zanesville, OH, 6 October - 7 October 2017
- Masters Of Their Mediums*, MuzeuMM, Los Angeles, CA, 12 August - 7 September 2017
- Truth or Dare: A Reality Show*, 21c Museum Hotel Nashville, Nashville, TN, 9 May 2017 - 28 February 2018
- Book Club: Going Native*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 5 May - 28 May 2017
- Round Won*, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 25 February - 19 March 2017

- Hold, FAR Bazaar*, curated by Rough Play, Cerritos College, Cerritos, CA, 28 January - 29 January 2017
- The Collectivists*, curated by Kara W Tome, Brand Library, Glendale, CA, 21 January - 12 March 2017
- Meta Journey*, Museum of Natural History Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- From Funk to Punk: Left Coast Ceramics*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
- BC to BC: A Survey of contemporary ceramics from Baja CA to British Columbia*, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, CA
- Artnauts*, Galeria Artificio, Villavicencio, Colombia, 8 November 2016 - 8 January 2017; traveled to El Barrio La Madrid, Villavicencio, Meta, Colombia; Biblioteca Del Municipio De Taraira, Departamento del Vaupes, Vaupes, Colombia
- 2016 *Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 11 October - 5 November 2016
- On the Distant Horizon*, curated by Joe Wolek, BLAM Projects, Los Angeles, CA, 7 August - 28 August 2016
- Zeitgeist*, Greatmore Studios, Cape Town, South Africa, 13 July - 25 July 2016
- Art & Resistance*, Dar Al-Kalima University, Bethlehem, Palestine, 12 May - 16 May 2016
- Americanism*, curated by Steven Wolkoff, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA, 26 March 2016
- Werewolf*, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 27 February - 9 April 2016
- Soul Drift, Winter Festival Sarajevo*, Museum of Natural History Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 2015 *Better Far Pursue a Frivolous Trade by Serious Means, than a Sublime Art Frivolously*, California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, 5 October - 29 October 2015
- Showing Off: Recent Acquisitions*, Denver Art Museum, CO, 17 May 2015 - 3 January 2016
- We Must Risk Delight: 20 Artists from Los Angeles*, curated by Elizabeta Betinski, BardolA, La Biennale di Venezia, 9 May - 22 November 2015
- Arte Norteamericano: Identidad, Lugar y Memoria*, Bogotá Arte Contemporáneo, Bogotá, Colombia, 21 March - 28 May 2015
- Feigned: Real and Not Real Everyday Things*, Sam Francis Gallery, Crossroads School for Arts and Science, Santa Monica, CA, 24 February - 19 March 2015
- Lightbox*, Roppongi 605, Tokyo, 4 February - 18 February 2015
- Diaspora of Being*, International Center of Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Palestine
- Visualizing Peace*, Museum of Natural History Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 2014 *Transmogrification of the Ordinary*, Angles Gallery, Los Angeles, 13 September - 8 November 2014
- An American Water Margin*, curated by Sijia Chen and Max Presneill, University City Art Museum, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, China, 11 September - 30 September 2014
- MAS Attack 6 (Mutual Appreciation Society)*, curated by ARTRA Curatorial (Kio Griffith, Max Presneill, Colton Stenke), Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 9 August 2014
- Moving Beyond Capitalism, Making Another World Happen*, Center for Global Justice, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, 29 July - 5 August 2014
- Takeover*, Gildar Gallery, Denver, CO, 11 July - 15 August 2014
- Art and Poetics*, Mahmoud Darwish Museum, Ramallah, Palestine, 10 June - 26 June 2014
- MAS [Ltd Ed] >> Las Vegas*, Artra Curatorial and Vast Space Projects, Las Vegas, NV, 17 May 2014
- PREP SCHOOL: Prepper and Survivalist Ideologies and utopianism/dystopian visions*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 29 March - 15 May 2014
- Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?, (Odakle dolzimo? Ko Smo? Kuda Idemo?)*, Academy of Fine Arts Sarajevo and Galerija ALU Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia; traveled to National University of the Arts, Bucharest, Hungary
- Identity*, University of the Andes, Bogota, Colombia, 28 February - 9 February 2014
- 2013 *One Night Only*, curated by Max Presneill, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 26 October - 9 November 2013
- Home/Land: An Art Exhibition of Home, Land and Homeland*, Dar al-Kalima College, Bethlehem, Palestine, 25 August - 25 September 2013

- Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 30 May - 6 July 2013
Group Show, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 28 February - 30 March 2013
MAS Attack Ltd Ed. LA x SF, Studio 17, San Francisco, CA, 8 February 2013
HCC Central Art: USPS-LA, curated by Julia Haft-Candell, Central Art Gallery, Houston, TX
Place, Puerto Inirida, Taraira: Mitú, Santa Rolsalia, Columbia
DIPTYCH AMERICA, China Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
Toward a Better Society: Artnauts Comments from the United States, Eotvos Lorad University, Budapest, Hungary
Place/Lugar, Museo Comunitario del Guainia, Puerto Inirida, Colombia
2012 *Art 43 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
2011 *Loose Canon*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
Art 42 Basel. The International Art Show, Basel, Switzerland
Group Show, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA
2010 *Art 41 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
ARCOMadrid, International Art Fair, Madrid, Spain
2009 *Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 12 November - 31 December 2009
Group Show, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 1 October - 7 November 2009
Tools, Williamson Gallery at Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA (catalogue)
2008 *Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 17 July - 23 August 2008
2007 *Rogue Wave '07: 12 Artists from Los Angeles*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 28 June - 18 August 2007
Scope Art Fair, Overtones Gallery/Beautiful Decay Magazine, New York
2006 *High Desert Test Sites*, Moonlight Mesa, Desert Weapons Exploration, Joshua Tree, CA
2005 *Supersonic*, Los Angeles Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Nada Art Fair, Wallspace Art Gallery, Miami, FL
2003 *American Made*, Latch Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Bruin Battle, curated by Skylar Haskard, UCLA Fowler Museum, Los Angeles, CA
2002 *Built on Two Tables*, Revolutions Art Space, Denver, CO
Synapse, Galleria Corriente Alterna, Lima, Peru, Sponsored by the United States Embassy
2001 *Art by or about Chicano Culture*, Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts, Glenwood Springs, CO
North American Bonsai Pot Competition, National Bonsai and Penjing Museum of the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C., work included in permanent collection
Below 2002, Contemporary Crafts Gallery, Portland, OR
2000 *Grasp*, University Gallery BFA show, Boulder, CO
Y2Klay, Denver International Airport, Denver, CO
1999 *University of Colorado Exhibition*, Core New Art Space, Denver, CO

Selected Talks and Lectures

- 2024 Los Angeles Valley College Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, November 4
2022 *Logan Lecture, featuring artist Ben Jackel*, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, April 19
2021 *Armchair ArtWalk Tour*, San Pedro Waterfront Arts District (virtual talk), July 1
2015 Logan Lecture: Ben Jackel, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, April 8
Ben Jackel & Christopher Miles in Conversation, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, March 13

Grants and Awards

- 2019 1000 Hour Award, Pacific Battleship Center
2017 President's Volunteer Service Award (Gold), President's Council on Service and Civic Participation
2016 Award for Outstanding Initiative and Service, Pacific Battleship Center, Los Angeles, CA
2015 President's Volunteer Service Award (Silver), President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

- 2014 President's Volunteer Service Award (Bronze), President's Council on Service and Civic Participation
2004 Lilian Levinson Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Elizabeth Mandell Scholarship
2003 Elizabeth Mandell Scholarship
Hoyt Scholarship, UCLA

Teaching

- 2019-22 California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA), Los Angeles, CA
2018-present University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA
2015 Visiting Artist Series, University of Colorado Boulder, CO
2013-17 California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

Residencies

- 2017 PSZ Clay Center, Zanesville, OH
The Desert House, Yucca Valley, CA
2014 Artist in Residence, California State University, Fullerton

Exhibitions Curated

- 2021 *JD Smith: Unforgotten*, Alfa Romeo Tango Gallery, Battleship Iowa Museum, San Pedro, CA
2019 *Kio Griffith: Coral Sea*, Alfa Romeo Tango Gallery, Battleship Iowa Museum, San Pedro, CA