

MATT WEDEL

Biography

1983 Born in Palisade, CO
Lives and Works in Athens, OH

Education

2007 Master of Fine Arts, Ceramics, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Solo Exhibitions

2023-24 *Matt Wedel: Pictures in the Garden*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 25 October 2023 - 6 January 2024
Matt Wedel, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 25 October 2023 - 6 January 2024

2022-23 *Matt Wedel and Gajin Fujita: New Work*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 November 2022 - 7 January 2023
Matt Wedel: Phenomenal Debris, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH, 5 November 2022 - 2 April 2023 (catalogue)

2019 *Matt Wedel: On the Verge*, Louisiana State University (LSU) Museum of Art, 4 April - 29 September 2019; traveled to Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX

2018-19 *Matt Wedel: Everything is everything*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 14 November 2018 - 5 January 2019
Matt Wedel, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 28 March - 25 May 2018
Matt Wedel, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 24 January - 4 March 2018

2017-18 *Matt Wedel*, The Fields at Omi International Art Center, Ghent, NY, 27 May 2017 - 30 December 2018
Matt Wedel, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 26 April - 24 June 2017

2016 *Matt Wedel*, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 July - 1 October 2016

2015 *Matt Wedel: Peaceable Fruit*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 18 November - 30 December 2015
Matt Wedel, Erskine, Hall & Coe, London, United Kingdom, 7 May - 3 June 2015

2014-15 *Matt Wedel: Flower Tree*, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 10 December 2014 - 31 January 2015
Matt Wedel: Portrait, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 March - 26 April 2014

2013 *Matt Wedel: Sheep's Head*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 11 April - 18 May 2013

2012 *Matt Wedel*, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 24 May - 30 June 2012
Matt Wedel: Figure, Skyroom, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 22 March - 12 May 2012

2010 *Matt Wedel: Child flower tree landscape*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 7 July - 28 August 2010
Matt Wedel, Second Floor Marfa, Marfa, Texas, Fall 2010

2009 *Matt Wedel*, Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 7 March - 11 April 2009

2008 *Matt Wedel: New Work*, California State University, Long Beach, CA
Polar bears, cat and landscape, Space Craft Studio, San Diego, CA

2007 *June in the fall*, Werby / Gatov Gallery, California State University, Long Beach, CA
Child, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
La-vender tree, Space Craft Studio, San Diego, CA
I've got wings on my mind, SCA Gallery, Pomona, CA

2005 *My friend the orange guy*, Gallery 2, Chicago, IL

Select Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *L.A. Louver Celebrates 50 Years*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 15 February - 14 June 2025
Aesthetics of Everyday Objects: The Plate, ATLA Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 1 February - 23 February 2025
- 2024-25 *View from the Studio*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 November 2024 - 4 January 2025
Korean International Ceramic Biennale, Gyeonggi Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Gwangju, South Korea, 6 September 2024 - 2 February 2025
Greenhouse: Houseplants in Contemporary Art, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 27 July - 14 September 2024
Group Exhibition, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 17 January - 3 March 2024
- 2023-24 *Meanwhile*, Beeler Gallery, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH, 7 December 2023 - 17 February 2024
RED, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 25 October - 2 December 2023
Faint, Wasserman Projects, Detroit, MI, 24 June - 19 August 2023
The Flower Show, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 7 June - 1 September 2023 (catalogue)
- 2022 *Ex-tend Ex-cess*, Center for the Arts Gallery, Towson University, Towson, MD, 26 August - 10 December 2022
Sculpture, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 11 May - 2 September 2022
In The Round, Unit London, Hanover, London, 23 March - 21 April 2022
- 2021 *It Might Not Be Here When You Wake Up: Eleanor, Abner, and Matt Wedel*, Trisolini Art Gallery, Baker University Center, Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2 November - 29 November 2021
Environmental Reflections: Contemporary Art from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, 1 September - 5 December 2021
Magic Dance, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 9 March - 1 May 2021
Earth Transformed: Ceramic Artists Invitational, Rosewood Gallery, Kettering, OH, 1 March - 2 April 2021
A Mark Extended, Wasserman Projects, Detroit, MI, 26 February - 17 April 2021
- 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
- 2019 *Particle and Wave: PaperClay Illuminated*, Arizona State University Art Museum, Ceramics Research Center, Tempe, AZ, 22 June - 21 September 2019; traveled to Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia, MO 12 Oct - 15 Dec 2019; Nora Eccles Museum of Art, Logan, UT 25 January - 2 May 2020; Hold - Redline Gallery, Denver, CO May - August, 2020; The Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA 8 Sep 2020 - 15 April 2021; Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT 1 May - 30 July 2021; Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho 15 Aug - 13 Oct 2021
Ceramic Momentum, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark, 10 May - 3 November 2019
Group Show, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 1 May - 8 June 2019
Small Works, Great Artists, Erskine, Hall & Coe, London, UK, 26 February - 21 March 2019
- 2018-19 *The Incongruous Body*, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA, 11 August 2018 - 20 January 2019
Evolver, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 20 June - 17 August 2018
Melting Point: Movements in Contemporary Clay, CAFAM, Los Angeles, CA, 28 January - 6 May 2018
- 2017-18 *C'est le Bouquet! Quand les Fleurs Inspirent la Céramique*, Fondation d'Entreprise Bernardaud, Limoges, France, 23 June 2017 - 24 February 2018
On the Road: American Abstraction, David Klein Gallery, Detroit, MI, 18 March - 29 April 2017
- 2016-17 *Abundant, Bountiful, & Beautiful*, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, 10 November 2016 - 19 March 2017
Group Show, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 11 October 2016 - 5 November 2015
Fired Up: Monumental Clay, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA, 18 June - 28 August 2016

- LA Today*, curated by Carl Schlosberg, Royale Projects, Los Angeles, CA, 22 May - 26 June 2016
- Contemporary Ceramics*, Lincoln Center for the Performing and Visual Arts, Fort Collins, CO
- Visiting Artist Exhibition*, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
- 2015 *Summer Exhibition*, Erskine, Hall & Coe, London, United Kingdom, 11 August - 28 August 2015
- Sculpture*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 27 May - 2 July 2015
- Colors Defined*, Cohen Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
- Environmental Impact: Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation*, Carnegie Art Museum, Oxnard, CA
- 2013 *Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 30 May - 6 July 2013
- Lost Horizon: Landscape by Other Means: Works from the Permanent Collection*, Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Elemental: Of the Earth*, The Stuart Haaga Gallery at Descanso Gardens, La Cañada Flintridge, CA
- Muck: Accumulations, Accretions and Conglomerations*, curated by Peter Held, Arizona State University Museum, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 *Group Exhibition*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 6 September - 6 October 2012
- Art 43 Basel*, L.A. Louver, Basel, Switzerland, 14 June - 17 June 2012
- Stone Gravy*, curated by David Pagel, Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe, New York, NY
- 2011 *Loose Canon*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 October - 12 November 2011
- Art 42 Basel*, L.A. Louver, Basel, Switzerland, 15 June - 19 June 2011
- Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 2 June - 9 July 2011
- Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 28 April - 28 May 2011
- Elements of Nature: Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Foundation*, Brevard Art Museum, Melbourne, FL
- Pieceable Kingdom*, Beacon Arts Building, Los Angeles, CA
- 67th Scripps Annual*, Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery, Claremont, California, Winter 2011
- 2010 *Salon 5*, Marine, Santa Monica, CA
- 2009 *Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 1 October - 7 November 2009
- A View from the Atlantic*, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 18 September 2009 - 5 May 2013
- Rogue Wave*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 July - 19 September 2009
- 2008 *Lingua Franca*, Ellis Armory, Pittsburgh, PA
- GSE*, 301 Pine Gallery, Long Beach, CA
- Projection*, Salon Oblique, Venice, CA
- 2007 *Art Auction 12*, Long Beach Museum of Art, CA
- Underworld*, Salon Oblique, Venice, CA
- Meltdown*, Salon Oblique, Venice, CA
- Insights*, University Art Museum, Long Beach, CA
- Fully Studded*, Salon Oblique, Venice, CA
- The Evva S. Vale Memorial Exhibition*, The Barbara and Ray Alpert Jewish Community Center, Long Beach, CA
- LA's Insurgents*, San Oblique, Venice, CA
- 2006 *Wundergems*, Loyd Dobler Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Insights*, University Art Museum, Long Beach, CA
- Enigma...Healing...Revelation*, Union Art Space, Santa Ana, CA

Commissions

- 2015 *Century City Sculpture*, organized by the Sculpture Committee of the Century City Chamber of Commerce Arts Council and the Century City Arts & Culture Foundation, The Hines Property, Los Angeles, CA

Selected Talks and Lectures

- 2023 Public Talk, Honolulu Museum of Art, September 14, 2023, Honolulu, HI
Matt Wedel: Studio Visit and Demonstration, Honolulu Museum of Art, September 7, 2023, Honolulu, HI
Public Talk: Matt Wedel: Clay as a Matter of Learning, Honolulu Museum of Art, March 11, 2023, Honolulu, HI
Public Workshop, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, March 31st
- 2020 Artist Lecture, University of Notre Dame, Department of Art, Art History & Design, Notre Dame, IN, February 26
- 2019 Artist Talk: *On The Verge*, Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX, October 24
Workshop and Artist Lecture, Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO, June 24 - July 6
Symposium: *Ceramic Momentum - Staging the Object*, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark, May 10
Artist Talk, opening of *Matt Wedel: On the Verge*, LSU Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA, April 4
5th Annual Florida Heat Surface Workshop, Morean Center for Clay, Saint Petersburg, FL, February 7
Windgate Visiting Artist Lecture, Arizona State University, Tempeh, AZ, January 24
Artist Talk, Cleveland Institute of Art, Peter B Lewis Theater, Cleveland, OH, January 17
Public talk, University of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, September 25th
Public talk, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, September 10th
- 2018 Public talk, Contemporary Art Forum Lecture Series, Miami University, OH, February 15th
Public talk, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Public talk, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2017 Public talk, Oakland Community College, Oakland County, Michigan, IL
Public talk, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Public talk, Kent State University, Kent, OH
Public talk, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockland, Maine, August 10th
- 2015 Public talk workshop with Kristin Morgin, NCECA, Providence, RI
- 2014 Public talk, Palmer Museum of Art, University Park, PA, November 9th
Public talk, Marjorie Barrick Museum, University of Nevada Los Vegas, September 18th
- 2013 Public talk, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, October 18th
- 2012 Public talk, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Public talk, California State University, Long Beach, CA

Grants and Awards

- 2025 Finalist, Loewe Foundation Craft Prize
- 2024 Grand Prize, Gyeonggi Ceramic Biennale, Yeoju, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea
Visiting Artist, Anderson Art Ranch, Snowmass, CO
- 2023 Individual Excellence Award, Ohio Arts Council, Columbus, OH
Artist in Residence (July), Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
Artist in Residence (September), Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
- 2019 Individual Excellence Award, Ohio Arts Council, Columbus, OH
- 2018 The Individual Artist Award, The Santo Foundation, St. Louis, MO

Teaching

- 2019 Clay Sculpture: Large-Scale Systems, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO
- 2019 Visiting Artist, Louisiana State University (LSU) Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2012 Invited Artist, International Sculpture Intensive, Long Beach, CA
- 2011 Adjunct Faculty, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
- 2010 Adjunct Faculty, Rhode island School of Design, Providence, RI
- 2008-09 Assistant Professor of Ceramics, Nova Scotia College of Design, Halifax, NS, Canada

2007-08 Adjunct Faculty, California State University, Long Beach, CA
2007 Invited Artist, International Sculpture Intensive, Long Beach, CA

Collections

Clay Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Community Hospital, Pediatric Wing, Grand Junction, CO
Flint Institute of Art, Flint, MI
Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
Honolulu Art Museum, Honolulu, HI
Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
Louisiana State University Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX