Zak Smith

Born, July 16, 1976 in Syracuse, NY
Lives and works in Los Angeles, California

EDUCATION:

1999-2001 Yale University, New Haven, CT, MFA
1999 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
1994-1998 Cooper Union, New York, NY, BFA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2023 Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, An Unburnt Witch (Retrospective)
2018 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, 1001 Nights
2016 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY
2015 Richard Heller Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2013 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, Maximum Everything Always
2010 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, A Show About Nothing
2008 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY Midnight in the Empire
2007 Fred, London, UK
Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL Half the Artist's Proceeds from This Show Will Go to Benefit the Victims of God and Capitalism
2005 Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY, Exquisite as Fuck
2004 Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, MN, Hope You Like It
2003 Fredericks Freiser Gallery, New York, NY, Paintings That Look Good and Were Hard to Make
2002 Fredericks Freiser Gallery, New York, NY, 20 Eyes in My Head
Yale Norfolk Summer Program, Norfolk, CT

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2026 Fredericks & Freiser, Roller Rink, New York, NY
2026 Torrance Art Museum, Defending Ethical Integrity: The New Degenerate Art, Torrance, CA
2023 Fredericks & Freiser, Up All Night, New York, NY
Seis Gallery, The Horror, Los Angeles, CA
2019 Fredericks & Freiser, Damn! The Defiant, New York, NY
2018 COOP Gallery, Golden Underbelly, Nashville, TN
2017 Fredericks & Freiser, UNTITLED Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL
Chimento Contemporary, The Dick Pic Show, Los Angeles, CA
Fabien Castanier Gallery, Culver City, CA
2016 C. Nichols Project, Kappa, Mar Vista, CA
2015 Fredericks & Freiser, UNTITLED Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL
Steven Wolf Fine Arts, It's My Job to be a Girl, San Francisco, CA (two-person exhibition with William T. Vollmann)
2014 Fredericks & Freiser, UNTITLED Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY
2013 Fredericks & Freiser, Miami Project, Miami, FL
Saatchi Gallery, London, England, Paper
Fredericks & Freiser, Expo Chicago, IL
2012 Fredericks & Freiser, Expo Chicago, IL
2010 MoCCA (Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art), New York, NY. Neo Integrity
106 Greene, Brooklyn, NY, Tenants

Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY
The Butcher's Daughter, Ferndale, Michigan, No Vacancy
HBC, Berlin, Germany, Lynchmob

2009 Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY

2008 Saatchi Gallery, London, England, Unreal,

2007 Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Paper Trail: A Decade of Acquisitions
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY

2006 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, New Work: Zak Smith, Tim Gardner and Marcelino Goncalves
Fredericks & Freiser, New York, Sweets and Beauties
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY

2005 Guild & Greyshkul, New York, NY, 2nd Annual Watercolor Exhibition
Estrany De La Mota, Barcelona, Spain, Feeling Strangely Fine

2004 Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands Drawings Only
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY 2004 Whitney Biennial
Fredericks & Freiser, The Armory Show, New York, NY
Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Me, Myself & I
Contemporary Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, Moving Outlines

2002 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA, Hello, My Name Is…, (curated by Laura Hoptman and Elizabeth Thomas)
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, Comic Release: Negotiating Identity for a New Generation (curated by Barbara Bloemink, catalogue)

2001 Fredericks Freiser Gallery, New York, I See You ^{2} (curated by Sam Messer and Kiki Smith)

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Smith, Zak. "Episode 15: Drew Heitzler" We Eat Art, April 2
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The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
The Museum of Modern Art, New York
The Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY
Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, FL
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY