

## John Bankston

### Education

- 1990 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, MFA, Painting  
1989 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture  
1985 University of Chicago, AB, Biology

### Awards

- 2002 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters and Sculptors Grant Program Award Recipient, New York, NY  
Fleishhacker Foundation Eureka Fellowship, San Francisco, CA  
Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Grant, New York, NY  
Society for the Encouragement of Contemporary Art (SECA) Award, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
2001 Art Council Grant, San Francisco, CA  
1993 Outstanding Ford Foundation Fellow, New York, NY  
1988-1990 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Trustees Fellowship, Chicago, IL

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2011 *John Bankston: The Changing Machine*, Walter Maciel Gallery, Culver City, CA  
2010 *John Bankston: New Work*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*John Bankston: Abstracticator*, Beta Pictoris Gallery, Birmingham, AL  
2009 *John Bankston: The Fabulist's Colored Life*, Jack Shaiman Gallery, New York, NY  
*John Bankston: Imaginary Friends*, Walter Maciel Gallery, Culver City, CA  
*John Bankston: Jack Drake Visiting Artist*, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL  
*Drawings and works on paper*, Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento, CA  
2007 Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
2006 *John Bankston: Locating Desire*, de Young Museum, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA  
*John Bankston: A place in the woods*, Vacio 9, Madrid, Spain  
2005 Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2004 Marella Arte Contemporanea, Milan, Italy  
2003 *John Bankston: Wild West*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*2002 SECA Art Award*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA (catalogue)  
*A Chance Romance*, Galerie Zink & Gegner, Munich, Germany  
2002 *John Bankston: Temptation and Desire*, The Atlanta College of Art Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
*John Bankston: The Capture and Escape of Mr. M, Chapter 2*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
2001 *John Bankston: Lovers*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*John Bankston: The Capture and Escape of Mr. M, Chapter 1*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
1999 *John Bankston, Recent Work*, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2012 *2012 Annual Art Auction Exhibition and Gala*, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, DC  
*Figure Studies: Recent Representational Works on Paper*, Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO  
*Do Not Destroy: Trees, Art, and Jewish Thought*, Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco, CA  
*The Bearden Project*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 2011-12 *Watching Hands: Artists Respond to Keeping Well*, CDC Museum, Atlanta, GA  
*Fifty Years of Bay Area Art*, The SECA Awards, SFMOMA, San Francisco, CA  
*30 Americans*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 2010-11 *Now What*, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2009-10 *A Delicate Touch: Watercolors from the Permanent Collection*, Studio Museum Harlem, Harlem, NY
- 2009 *Connections*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA and New York, NY  
*Political Draw*, Walter Maciel Gallery, Culver City, CA  
*Collected, Proposition on the Permanent Collection*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, NY  
*Passover Table*, Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco, CA  
*As It Is Written: Project 304,805*, Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco, CA  
*A Delicate Touch*, the Studio Museum in Harlem, NY
- 2008-09 *30 Americans*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL (catalog)
- 2008 *Black: a celebration of African American Art in Sacramento area collections*, 40 acres and a mule gallery, Sacramento, CA  
*Creature Feature*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Drawings and works on paper*, Center for Contemporary Art Sacramento, CA
- 2007 *Pacific Light: California Watercolor Refracted, 1907–2007*, SFSU Fine Arts Gallery, San Francisco
- 2006 *black alphabet – contexts of contemporary African-American art*, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland
- 2005 *African Queen*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*The Anniversary Show*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Seeing Double: Encounters with Warhol*, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Celebrating Heritage: Art and the Chris Webber Collection*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA (four person exhibition with Mike Henderson, David Huffman and Dominique Moody)
- 2005 *Spice Boxes an Invitational: Scents of Purpose, Artists Interpret the Spice Box*, The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco, CA  
*Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004*, University of California, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA
- 2004 *Comics Stripped*, Off the Preserve! Gallery, di Rosa Preserve: Art and Nature, Napa, CA  
*East of the Sun and West of the Moon*, White Columns, New York, NY
- 2003 *Scenery*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Comic Release, Negotiating Identity for a New Generation*, The Regina Gouger Miller Gallery at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, PA  
*Splat, Boom, Pow*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
*American Art Today: Faces & Figures*, The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL
- 2002 *Tribe*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Fantasyland*, D'Amelio Terras Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 *Freestyle*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY. Traveled to Santa Monica Museum, Santa Monica, CA  
*Starry Night*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Comic Relief*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Breathless*, Lombard Freid Fine Art, New York, NY

**Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 2000 *A Big Picture Show*, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1999-2000 *Bay Area Now 2*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA  
1999 *Countdown*, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1998 *Insomnia*, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1997 *Fellows Invitational*, Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA  
Group Show, Linetzky Molinero Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
1996 *Don Baum Says Chicago Has Famous Artists*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
1994 *Just Good Art*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
Illinois Center (curated by Struve Gallery), Chicago, IL  
*D.B.'s Grab Bag*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Emerging Talent: African-American Artists in California*, Skyline College, San Bruno, CA  
1993 *Emerging Chicago Abstraction*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL  
1991 *Abstraction, 1991*, Struve Gallery, Chicago, IL  
1990 *Abstraction - New Talent*, Struve Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Five Friend, Fifty Fingers*, Gallery 2, Chicago, IL  
*Artist from Outline*, MWMWM Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Skowhegan Group Show, Hokin-Kaufman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Illinois Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL  
*John Bankston and Jake Webster*, Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI  
1989 *A Part of the Whole*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

**Public Collections**

City of Chicago, Harold Washington Memorial Library Center, IL  
de Young Museum, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA  
di Rosa Preserve, Napa, CA  
Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI  
Norton Family Foundation, Santa Monica, CA  
Progressive Corporation, Mayfield Village, OH  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA  
The Studio Museum, Harlem, NY  
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT