

**Seth Armstrong**

**B.1983**

**Based in Los Angeles, USA**

## **Introduction**

Whether he is painting urban landscapes, narrative portraits, or combining elements of the two, Seth Armstrong's work conveys a sense of intimacy with its subjects. From the art historical legacy of both the Dutch Renaissance and the California Plein Air movement of the early 20th Century, Armstrong has derived a fascination with the affecting emotional quality of warm and cold light and complete shadows.

## **Education**

2006 California College of the Arts, San Francisco, USA

2005 Academie Minerva, Groningen, Netherlands

## **Solo Exhibitions**

2021 *Overlook*, Unit London, London, UK

2020 *New Work*, Evoke Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico

2018 *Li'l Baja's Last Ride*, Museum of Art and History (MOAH), Lancaster, USA

2017 *Pretty Deep Shit*, Thinkspace Gallery, LA, USA

2015 *The Air Is Thick*, Thinkspace Gallery, LA, USA

2013 *Lovin' Thy Neighbor*, Thinkspace Gallery, LA, USA

2011 *Another Thing Coming*, Gallery Heist, San Francisco, USA

2010 *Well There You Are*, Thinkspace Gallery, LA, USA

2008 *Where So Ever You May Go*, Rowan Morrison Gallery, Oakland, USA

2006 *The Bible and Stuff*, Bruce Galleries, San Francisco, USA

2005 *The Tour*, Papa Dutch Gallery, Groningen, Netherlands

## **Group Exhibitions**

2023 *Project M/19: Loneliness and other false friends*, curated by Michelle Houston, Urban Nation, Berlin, Germany  
*Art SG*, Unit London, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

2022 *Nassima Landau*, Tel Aviv, Israel

2020 *Drawn Together*, Unit London, London, UK  
*Angels In the Architecture*, Talon Gallery, Portland, USA  
*15 Years of Thinkspace*, Thinkspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2019 *Context Contemporary Art Fair*, Hashimoto Contemporary, Miami, USA  
*Scope International Contemporary Art Fair*, Miami Beach, USA  
*12 x 12*, Spoke Art Gallery, New York, USA  
*Celestial Spaces*, Evoke Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
*LAX/ORD II*, Vertical Gallery, Chicago, USA  
*Scenic Overlook*, Evoke Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico

## UNIT LONDON

- 2018 *Wish You Were Here*, Stolen Space Gallery, London, UK  
*12 x 12*, Scope Art Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
*Pow!Wow! Exploring the New Contemporary Art Movement*, Honolulu Museum of Art School, Honolulu, USA  
*Illustrating Resistance*, Hubbell Street Gallery, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, USA  
*Illustrators 60*, Museum of American Illustration, New York, USA
- 2017 *Scope Miami Beach*, Miami Beach, USA  
*LAX/JFK*, Scope Art, New York, USA  
*Drinkin' Smokin' West Coastin'*, Think Tank Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
*LAX/DTW: Detroit Hustle II*, Inner State Gallery, Detroit, USA
- 2016 *Scope Miami*, Miami, USA  
*LAX/ORD*, Vertical Gallery, Chicago, USA  
Scope International Art Fair, New York, USA  
*Far From Me*, Josef Filipp Galerie, Leipzig, Germany
- 2015 *LAX/LHR*, StolenSpace Gallery, London, UK  
*Invisible College*, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, USA  
*LAX/DTW*, Inner State Gallery, Detroit, USA  
*Decade 1*, Redletter1, Tampa Bay, USA  
*Small Works*, Baker Hesseldenz Fine Art, Tucson, USA  
*20 Years Under the Influence Of Juxtapoz*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, LA, USA  
*10 Years Of Thinkspace*, Thinkspace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2014 *LAX/SFO*, Hashimoto Contemporary, San Francisco, USA  
*LAX/TXL*, Urban Nation, Berlin, Germany  
*Scope NY*, Skylight at Moynihan Station, New York, USA  
*Pow! Wow! Exploring the New Contemporary Art Movement*, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, USA
- 2013 *Scope Miami Beach*, Scope Pavillion, Miami Beach, USA  
*LAX/PHIL*, Gallery 309, Philadelphia, USA  
*Vanguard*, Thinkspace Gallery, LA, USA  
*Kindred*, Bold Hype Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 *Synergy*, Spoke Art, San Francisco, USA  
*Wild At Heart*, Thinkspace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 *Alcatraz Symposium on Justice & Freedom*, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, USA  
*Beyond Eden*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
*Impetus*, Joseph Gross Gallery, University of Arizona, Tucson, USA  
*There It Is: Brett Amory*, Adam Caldwell, and Seth Armstrong, Thinkspace Gallery, LA, USA
- 2010 *111 @ 111*, 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
*Till Death Do Us Part*, Gallery Heist, San Francisco, USA  
*The Next Generation*, London Miles Gallery, London, UK  
*Fort Big Mountain*, Seth Armstrong and Christopher Russell, 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2009 *Aqua Art Miami*, Wynwood, Miami, USA  
*Now or Never*, Gallery Heist, San Francisco, USA  
*Insert Metaphor Here*, Seth Armstrong and Adam 5100, Redletter 1, Tampa Bay, USA
- 2008 *Vanguard at Art Basel*, Thinkspace, Miami, USA  
*RoMoLoCoGroupShow*, Rowan Morrison Gallery, Oakland, USA

2008 *Common Descent, Brett Amory, Seth Armstrong, Andrew Hem, and John Wentz*, 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
*Bay Area Now and Later*, Cricket Engine Gallery, Oakland, USA  
*My Vice*, Space Gallery, San Francisco, USA

2007 *RoMoLoCoGroupShow*, Rowan Morrison Gallery, Oakland, USA  
*Grounded?*, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, USA  
*In Your Eyes*, The Rec Center, Los Angeles, USA  
*Artfes*, Gallery One, San Francisco, USA  
*Modern Myths*, MJ Higgins Gallery and Grey Area Gallery, Los Angeles - San Francisco, USA

2006 *Emerge*, GenArtSF, San Francisco, USA  
*You, Me, Now*, Hangar 1018, Los Angeles, USA  
*Velotree*, Space Gallery, San Francisco, USA

2005 *Expo*, Bruce Galleries, San Francisco, USA  
*The Day Before I Leave*, Hangar 1018, Los Angeles, USA  
*The Foreigners Paint Good*, Academie Minerva, Groningen, Netherlands

2004 *Them Apples*, Center Gallery, Oakland, USA

## Press (selected)

2021 April  
'Light Casts a Magical Glow on the Residential Hills of Los Angeles in Paintings by Seth Armstrong', Colossal

2020 August  
'Well There You Are' Solo Show – Seth Armstrong', Redefine Magazined

April  
'Artist Spotlight: Seth Armstrong', Booooooom

'Los Angeles in Set Armstrong's paintings', Collateral

2017 April  
'Seth Armstrong and Brian Mashburn Present their Art at Thinkspace', Widewalls

2016 January  
'Seth Armstrong paints a fine line between intimacy and trespass with voyeuristic curiosity', Creative Boom

2015 April  
'Seth Armstrong takes us on a tense ride from action flick glamour to domestic drama...', We Heart

September  
'Cages. Seth Armstrong', The Artsy Forager

March  
'Seth Armstrong: The Air is Thick', Widewalls  
'The Air Is Thick – Seth Armstrong's New Work', Art Nerd Los Angeles

2014 October  
'Super beautiful work from Los Angeles-based painter Seth Armstrong', It's Nice That

August  
'Seth Armstrong's novel locations for classic literature – in pictures', The Guardian

2013 October  
'Seth Armstrong "Lovin' Thy Neighbor" @ Thinkspace Gallery, Culver City', Juxtapoz Magazine  
'It's a Physical Thing: Seth Armstrong Talks Painting', Cultural Weekly

April  
'Thinkspace Gallery Presents: "Vanguard" A Group Exhibition', Brooklyn Street Art

2011 May  
'An Interview with Seth Armstrong', Hi-Fructose Magazine

March  
'Seth Armstrong Hyper-Realistic Painting', Trendland

## **Collections**

Urban Nation Museum, Berlin, Germany

Miniature Museum of Contemporary Art, Amsterdam, Netherlands