

TERRELL JAMES (b.1955) is an artist living and working in Houston, Texas.

1972-73 School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas

1973 Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico Print Annex, Ignacio Ramirez Cultural Center, Instituto de Belles Artes, Universidad de Mexico, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico

1973-77 BA Fine Arts, Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee

1978-79 School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas

REPRESENTATION

Josh Pazda Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Jason McCoy, Inc., New York, NY

Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK

Zand Fine Art Consultancy Ltd., Hong Kong

MUSEUM AND FOUNDATION COLLECTIONS

Casa Lamm Cultural Center, Mexico City, DF

The Barrett Collection, Dallas, TX

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX

Driendl Family Collection, Vienna, AU

Edward Albee Foundation and private collection, New York, NY

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Fundacion Vergel, Cuernavaca, Mexico and New York, NY

Menil Collection, Houston, TX

Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Museum of Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Museum of Texas Tech University, Artist Printmaker Research Collection, Lubbock, TX

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR

Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR

Rice University Print Collection, Houston, TX

San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX

Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA

Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA

Transart Foundation, Houston, TX

University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

The Watermill Collection, Water Mill, NY

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

American Airlines, Dallas, TX

Bering Realty Consulting, Houston, TX

Cisco Systems, Houston, TX

El Paso Energy, Houston, TX

Enron Corporation, Houston, TX

Exxon Chemical, Darien, CT and Houston, TX

Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, TX

Free International University World Art Collection, Triodos Bank, Zeiss, The Netherlands

Frito Lay, Plano, TX

Galtney Group, Inc., Houston, TX

Hilton Americas, Houston, TX

Holt CAT Collection, San Antonio, TX

Hoffman Family Collection, Dallas, TX

Houston Lighting & Power Collection, Houston, TX

Iberia Bank, Houston, TX

Lancaster Hotel, Houston, TX

Polaris Collection, United Airlines, Houston, TX

The Post Oak Hotel, Uptown, Houston, TX

Ritz-Carlton Hotels, Dallas, TX and White Plains, NY

Sands Macao Hotel, Macao, China

Sitka Center for Art & Ecology, Cascade Head Experimental Forest, Otis, OR

Solvay International, Houston, TX

Southern Crow Music, Topanga, CA

Southwestern Bell, San Antonio, TX and St. Louis, MO

Texaco, Inc., Houston, TX

Texas State Bank, McAllen, TX

Touche Ross and Company (Deloitte), Houston, TX

TransArt Foundation, Houston, TX

Upstream Insurance Brokers, Houston, TX

Vitol, Houston, TX

Willamett Industries, Paper Group, Portland OR

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026

SOLO: Terrell James, Cues, Cadogan Contemporary, Milan, Italy (March-April 2026)

Terrell James: Companion, Trinity University Press Office, San Antonio, TX (March-May 2026)

2025

Stanzas, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR (June-July 2025)

Catalyst, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX (September-October 2025)

2024

Myth, Cadogan Gallery, Milan, IT (December 2024)

Terrell James: Time and Tide, Josh Pazda Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX (May-June 2024)

2023

Trust, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK (June 2023)

Terrell James, Cadogan Contemporary, Miart Art Fair, Milan, Italy (April 2023)

Story, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR (August 2023)

2022

Terrell James: One Eye Sees, the Other Feels, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL (September 2022)

2021

Second Sight, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK (October 2021)

Painting from Here, Barry Whistler, Dallas, TX (September 2021)

Terrain, Cadogan Contemporary, Hampshire, UK (July 2021)

Between Land and Water, Froelick Gallery, Portland (June 2021)

Circle of Intimates, Jason McCoy, New York, NY (May 2021)

Bright Shores, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX (March 2021)

2020

Break in to Enter, Jason McCoy, Inc., New York, NY

2019

Rinsing the Eye, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Fable, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2018

Postulates, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK

2017

Soto View, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2016

Hover, Texas Artist of the Year Exhibition, Art League, Houston, TX

Remembering the Poison Tree, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK

Heretics, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2014

Divided Sight, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Four Decades, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2013

Maritime Forest, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

2012

Troupe: New Paintings, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2011

Terrell James: Field Study, Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC

Four Paintings, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Citizen, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2010

Mooring, Jason McCoy, Inc., New York, NY

Studio Windows and Field Studies, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2009

Terrell James: Announcement, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2008

Preoccupations, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Terrell James, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas TX

Plants & Animals, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2007

Place for Two Stones, Jason McCoy, Inc., New York, NY

Terrell James, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

2006

Drawing into Painting, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2005

Paintings, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Terrell James, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

2004

The Paintings of Terrell James, Jason McCoy, Inc., New York, NY

Drawings and Monoprints, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

2003

Terrell James: New Paintings, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX

2002

Terrell James: Painting, Devin Borden Hiram Butler, Houston, TX

Terrell James, Marfa Book Company, Marfa, TX

Los Invitados, Casa de Chavon, Fundacion Centro Cultural, Santo Domingo, DR

2001

Quisqueya, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Impression and Sensation: The Painting of Terrell James, Pillsbury Peters Fine Art, Dallas, TX

Ring of Seas and Summers, City Gallery at Wells Fargo Plaza, Houston, TX

2000

Rising, Devin Borden Hiram Butler, Houston, TX

1999

Fissure, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR

1998

Field Studies, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Lean Addition: Terrell James and Elizabeth McBride, Brazos Bookstore, Houston, TX

1997

Shields, Devin Borden Hiram Butler, Houston, TX

Rock Bridge Cloud, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR

Terrell James, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

1995

Shaker Rag Hollow and Other Perimeters, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

1994

Monotypes and Etchings, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

1993

Landscape with Memory of Bone, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

1992

The Quiet Birth of an Island, Loyola Gallery Downtown, New Orleans

1991

The Lure of Things That Are Seen and Heard, C.G. Jung Center, Houston, TX

Shroud of Field and Stone, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

1989

Archaic Figures, Graham Gallery, Houston, TX

1985

Scarred Enclosures, Sacred Walls, Graham Gallery, Houston, TX

Terrell James: Tropical Cities, Delgado College Gallery, New Orleans, LA

1982

Mixed Media on Paper + Wall Constructions, Graham Gallery, Houston, TX

1981

Works on Paper, Bishop's Common, University of the South, Sewanee, TN

1978

Terrell James: Recent Work, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, TX

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

Topographics: Steve Dennie, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Terrell James, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Life Lessons: Winter Group Show, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2025

Sleight of Hand, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

a way to mend, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, TX

A Group Exhibition, Cadogan Gallery, London, UK

Celebration of Women Artists, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

30th Anniversary Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2024

Winter Group Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2023

Winter Group Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2022

Texas Artists: Women of Abstraction, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

Works on Paper, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Spring Group Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Learning to Draw, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2021

The Marzio Years: Transforming the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 1982-2010, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX

25th Anniversary Group Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2020

Texas Women: A New History of Abstract Art, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX

Women on Top, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Ubiquitousness of Viewpoints 2, Yamaguchi Institute of Contemporary Art, Yamaguchi City, Saikote, Japan

A Collection of Friends: Selections from the William F. Lassiter Estate, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX

July Exhibition, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK

40th Anniversary Exhibition, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK

2019

Absolutely Abstract, Yucca Valley Arts Center, Joshua Tree, CA

Monumental II, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Alumni Review I: 1960-2010, Glassell School of Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

2018

Four Artists / Four Rooms: Fox, Havel, James, Shepherd, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

44 Artists from Texas, Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, Lubbock, TX

Contemporary Artists in Houston from the Collections of William J. Hill and MFAH, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Summer Group Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Works: Terrell James & Ann Stautberg, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Winter Group Exhibit, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2017

Overhead and Under Foot: Contemporary Topographies on Paper, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX

Summer Group Exhibit, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

It's Only Black and White... But I Like It, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Fall Group Exhibit, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2016

Ninth International Biennial Ink Art Exhibition, Shenzhen Art Institute, Shenzhen, China

30, Thirtieth Anniversary Exhibition, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Paintings, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Portland, OR

Cole Street Grand Opening, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Honoring Rick Bartow, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

American Summer, Cadogan Contemporary, London, UK

Tangled Up in Blue, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

On Site in 16 Cities, Berlin Collective, Berlin, Germany

Dragon Street Inaugural Exhibit, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2015

WET: Fresh Fictions, Williams Tower, Houston, TX

In Situ, Jason McCoy Gallery, New York, NY

Texas Abstract, Barry Whistler Gallery, TX

Red, Yellow, Blue, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Chill: Winter Group Exhibition, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2014

Texas Artists, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Fall Exhibition, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2013

Drawing, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Now, Then & Again, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

2012

Southern/Pacific, Gallery Homeland, Portland, OR

Large Inventory, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Palm Springs Pop-Up, Froelick Gallery, Palm Springs, CA

2011

70 Years of Abstract Painting - Excerpts, Jason McCoy Gallery, New York, NY

Plastic is the New Paper: Works from the Collection, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Palm Springs Pop-Up, Froelick Gallery, Palm Springs, CA

Working in the Abstract: Rethinking the Literal, Glassell Studio School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX,

2010

Berliner Geschichten: Terrell James, Bo Joseph, Adam Raymont, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

I Am Nature, Jason McCoy Gallery, New York, NY

2009

SAVE BERLIN!, Stadtbad Wedding, Berlin, Germany

Kunsthalle: Deutschland nach Portland, Gallery Homeland, Portland, OR

Abendlicht, Jason McCoy, Inc. New York, NY

Summer Exhibit, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Winter Group Show, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2008

Inaugural Desoto Building Exhibit, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Painters, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Chicago Art Fair, Jason McCoy, Inc., Chicago, IL

2007

Spring Exhibit, Jason McCoy Inc., New York, NY

Amistad, Museo de la Nacion, Lima, PE

Contemporary Painters, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX

2006

Out of Abstraction, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX

Houston Contemporary, Museum of Shanghai, China

Three Americans, Sin Sin Fine Art, Hong Kong

Bestiary, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2005

Paper, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX.

Empty Bowls Project, Houston Museum of Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX

Empty Bowls Project, Heritage Gallery, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Houston, TX

Winter Group Show, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

Independent Vision, Art League of Houston, Houston, TX

Barrett Collection, Meadows Museum, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Abstract Paintings, Heritage Gallery, J.P. Morgan Chase Building, Houston, TX

2004

Faculty Exhibition, Glassell Studio School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX,

Drawing, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Modern and Contemporary Artists, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM Gallery Artists,
Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR

2003

Recent Acquisitions, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX

Ongoing Installation, Free International University World Art Collection, Zeiss, The Netherlands

One of a Kind: Monotypes from the Collection, Portland Art Museum, OR

2002

Selections from the Permanent Collection, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, OR

Liquid Corporation, Sin Sin Fine Art, Hong Kong, China

Small Projects, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX

2001

Sublime: The Landscape Re-Envisioned, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX

Contemporary Work, Sin Sin Fine Art, Hong Kong, China

Women Rule, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Lay it Down, Dramos Studio, Houston, TX

Winter Exhibit, MacKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX

2000

Works on Paper: Acquisitions, 1997-2000, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Four Artists: Leandro Erlich, Joseph Havel, Terrell James, Dean Ruck, Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX

Monoprints, John Calaway and Terrell James, Tembo Cerling Print Studio, Houston, TX

Recent Works on Paper: Vernon Fisher, Joseph Havel, Terrell James, Dean Ruck, Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Printwork, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR

Miniatures, Hooks Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX

Teeny Weenie, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX

Winter Group Show, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR

Fotofest: Photography and Printmaking, Tembo Cerling Print Studio, Houston, TX

A Few Friends, Meredith Jack Studio, Houston, TX

Thirteen Artists on October 13, Stewart Gallery, Boise, ID

Art League Houston Invitational, Art League Houston, Houston, TX

1999

Sensibilities: From Representation to Abstraction, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, Hong Kong, China

BIO: Between Image and Object, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX

New American Sublime, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

XCXL: Exquisite Corpse Extra Large, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX

Twentieth Century American Women, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

1997

With a Quiet Strength: Virgil Grotfeldt/Terrell James, Galveston Arts Center, TX

Coleccion Permanente, Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, DF

Wabi Sabi, Takara Gallery, Houston, TX

Faculty Exhibition, Glassell Studio School, Houston, TX

1996

Anne Burke/Terrell James, Froelick Adelhart Gallery, Portland, OR

Vernacular: Lawndale Art and Performance Space, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX

Cerling Etching Studio: The First Five Years, Transco Tower Gallery, Houston, TX

Cerling Etching Studio: The First Five Years, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX

Intimate, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, TX

1995

Texas Modern and Postmodern, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Faculty Exhibition, Glassell School of Art, Houston, TX

1994

Works on Paper from the Permanent Collection, Centro Cultural-Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, DF

1993

Seeing the Forest Through the Trees, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX

1992

Art and Nature, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

The Improvisational Spirit, Transco Tower Gallery, Houston, TX

1991

Recent Acquisitions, Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, DF

Texas Dialogues, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX

5: An Anniversary Exhibition, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

1990

Direct References: Drawing by Texas Artists, Glassell School of Art, Houston, TX

Project Houston, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX

1989

Water, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

Messages From the South, Sewall Art Gallery, Rice University, Houston, TX

Another Reality, Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX

Another Reality, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX

Another Reality, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR

Large Scale/Small Scale, Sewell Art Gallery, Rice University, Houston, TX

1988

Drawn from Life: Contemporary Interpretive Landscape, Sewell Art Gallery, Rice University, Houston, TX

Group Exhibition, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY

1987

Small Wonders, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Abstract Sensibilities Now, Lawndale Annex, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Painting, Graham Gallery, Houston, TX

1986

Group Artists, The Wise Collection, Bronxville, NY

Works on Paper, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX

Prisoners of Conscience: Amnesty of International Exhibit, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX

1985

Poland/Houston Art Exchange, Houston artworks toured Warsaw and Lodz, Poland

East End Show, Lawndale Annex, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Art for Art's Sake, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA

HWCA Exhibition, Southern California Gallery for Contemporary Arts, Los Angeles, CA

Prints from the Collection, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Soiree Noir, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX

1984

Art in Public Places, Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX

Reflections, Rachel Davis Gallery, Houston, TX

1984 Show, Two Houston Center, Houston, TX

On/Off the Wall: Six Artists, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX

1983

A Roster of Artists, Graham Gallery, Houston, TX

Untitled: The Sequel, Lawndale Annex, University of Houston, Houston, TX

A Salute to Houston Artists, Lawndale Annex, University of Houston, Houston, TX

1982

Inaugural Exhibition, Center for Art and Performance, Houston, TX

Untitled: An Exhibition of Houston Area Artists, Lawndale Annex, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Small Works, 3221 Milam, Houston, TX

1979

Pow-Wow (Inaugural Exhibition), Lawndale Annex, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Dimensions XV, Art League Houston, Houston, TX

1978

Twelfth Annual Art Exhibit, Baytown, TX

1977

Virginia Deck/Terrell James, St. Luke's School of Theology, Sewanee, TN

Four Painters, Multi-County Mental Health Center, Tullahoma, TN

Group Exhibition, First Federal Bank of Winchester, TN

1976

Juried Exhibition, Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, TN

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Weaver, Suzanne and Meador, Lana. Texas Women: A New History of Abstract Art. San Antonio: San Antonio Museum of Art, 2020.

Jun, Chen. New Territories of Ink Art. The 9th International Ink Art Biennale of Shenzhen and the 8th Shenzhen Forum for Ink Painting, vol 2. Shenzhen, China: Shenzhen Art Institute, 2016.

Gershon, Pete. Collision: The Contemporary Art Scene in Houston, 1972–1985. Texas A&M University Press, 2018.

Paglia, Michael and Jim Edwards. Texas Abstract. Albuquerque: Fresco Books, 2014.

Della Monica, Lauren P. Painted Landscapes. Schiffer Books, 2013.

de Lima Greene, Alison. Texas: 150 Works from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 2000.

Welch, Frank D. Philip Johnson & Texas. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2000.

Hicks, Tracy and Michael Odum. BIO: Between Image and Object. Arlington: Arlington Museum of Art, 1999.

Edwards, Jim, et al. Texas Dialogues: Dallas, Houston, San Antonio. San Antonio: Blue Star, 1992.

Moore, Sylvia, and Donna Tennant. No Bluebonnets, No Yellow Roses: Essays on Texas Women in the Arts. New York: Midmarch Arts Press, 1988.