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dots, gems, stars

1968 - 2023

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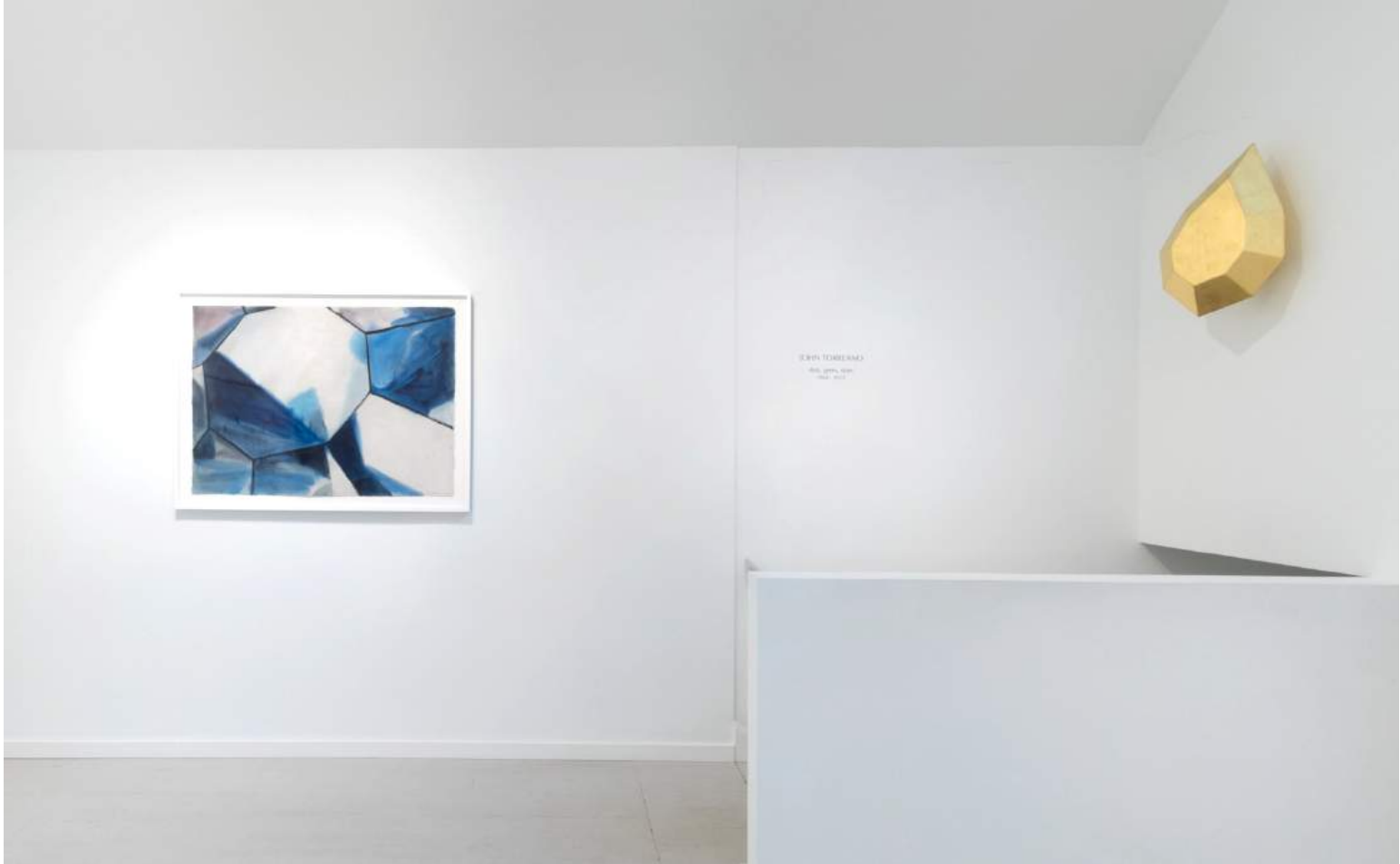
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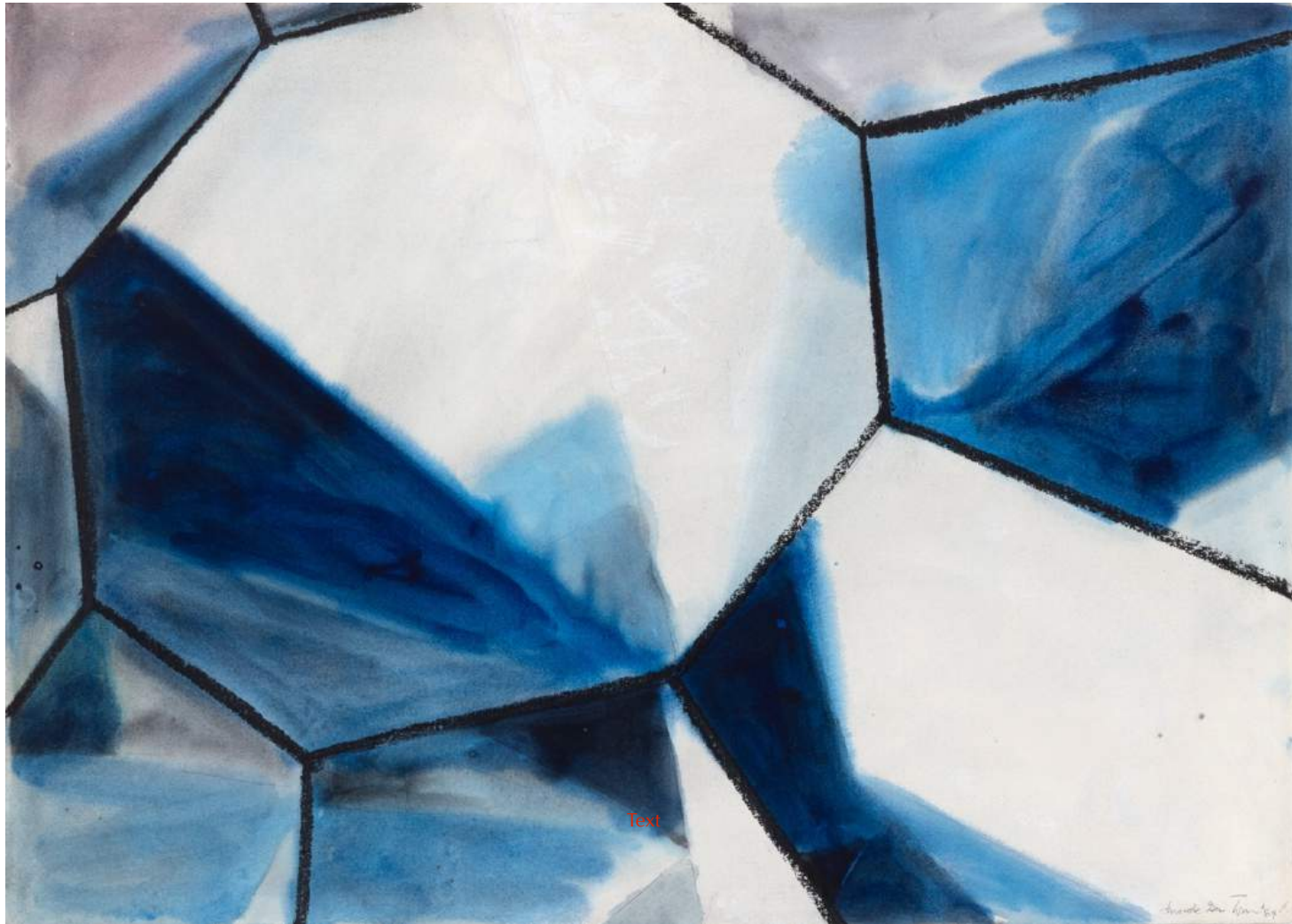
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*(cover) Sparkles from the Veil, 2023, acrylic paint and gems on stretched canvas, 60 x 60 inches*





*A Gold Tear for the Wall*, 1996-2022, gold leaf on plywood, 22 x 11 x 9 1/2 inches



*Inside Gem*, 1984, acrylic and pencil on paper, 29 1/2 x 41 inches



*Four Rubys [sic] and a Pearl, 1996, acrylic and pencil on paper, 22 1/2 x 30 inches*



*Ultra-Deep Field 1, 2023, charcoal, acrylic, gems on canvas, 60 x 60 inches*







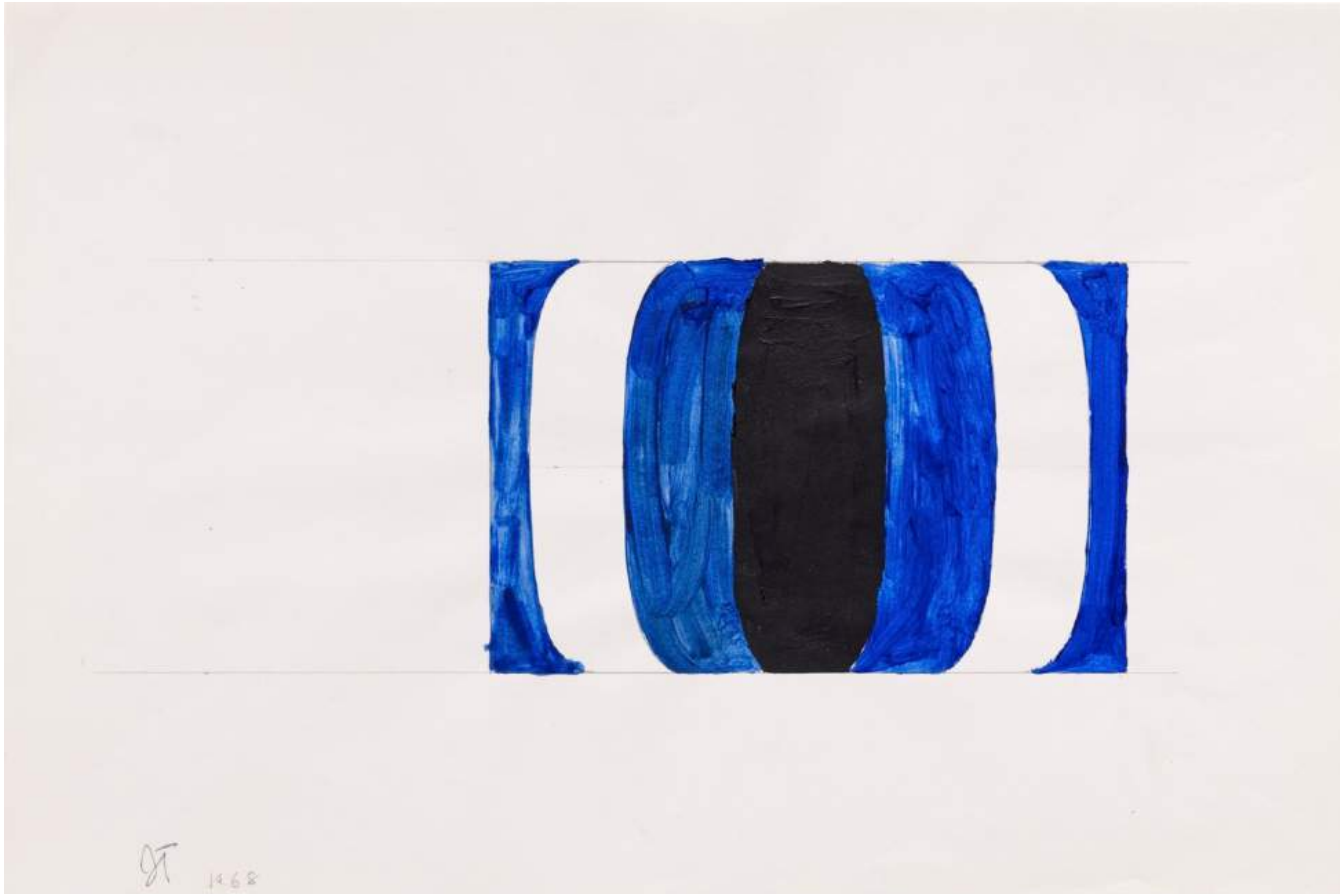
*Gem Wave*, 1998, acrylic and pencil on paper, 26 x 80 inches



*Gem Star Scape*, 1996, acrylic and pencil on paper, 26 x 79 inches



*Sky Above and Sky Below*, acrylic, charcoal, pencil and pastel on paper, 19 x 26 inches



*Sketch for Blue Bulge, 1968, acrylic and pencil on paper, 12 x 18 inches*



Untitled, 2023, acrylic on paper, 9 x 11 7/8 inches (sheet)





*Sparkles from the Veil, 2023 (detail)*







*Horizontal Stripes – Reds, 1969, acrylic and pencil on paper, 22 1/2 x 30 inches*





Untitled, 1969, acrylic and pencil on paper, 11 x 14 inches



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*Bat Shadow*, 2022, gesso and acrylic on paper, 22 5/8 x 30 1/8 inches



*Rosette Nebula, 2022, gesso and acrylic on paper, 22 5/8 x 30 1/8 inches*





*Cosmic Ornament 3*, 2021, gesso and acrylic on paper, 22 5/8 x 30 1/8 inches



## JOHN TORREANO

b. 1941 Flint, Michigan

1967 MFA, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

1963 BFA, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *John Torreano: Dots, Gems, Stars 1969-2023*, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY

2022 *John Torreano*, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI

2021 *John Torreano: Painting from the Universe*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY

*Giant Gem Le Quotidien De L'Art*, Tuileries, Paris, France

*John Torreano: Distant Objects and Dark Matters*, Keyes Art, Sag Harbor, NY

2020 *John Torreano*, Museo Ettore Fico, Turin, Italy

catalogue: *Torreano, Andrea Busto, Tools for Deciphering the Cosmos*, Terrie Sultan

*John Torreano: Painting from the Universe*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder CO

catalogue: *Welcome to the Cosmos*, Julie Augur; *Glorious Cacophonies of Color and Light*, Terrie Sultan

2019 *John Torreano: Column Paintings*, Thomas Brambillo Gallery, Bergamo, Italy

2018 *Dark Matters Without Time*, Lesley Heller Gallery, New York NY

*John Torreano, Gems, Gold, Balls*, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY

2017 *Abu Dhabi: Color and Material, Reflection and Apparition*, Photographs by John Torreano, NYUAD, New York, NY

*Dark Matters Without Time*, NYU, New York, NY

2016 *John Torreano: Above Below and Below Below*, Projects Space, NYUAD, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2015 *Ghost Gems*, Parrish Museum, Southampton, NY

*Sculpture After Artschwager*, David Nolan Gallery, New York, NY

2014 *John Torreano*, Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Ferndale, MI

*Ghost Gems*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY

2013 *Dark Matters Everywhere*, Carl Solway Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

2012 *John Torreano Stars on Broadway*, New York, NY

*Impossible Collisions*, Feature Inc., New York, NY

2011 *John Torreano Wall Constructions and Gems*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

2010 *The Jewel Thief*, Tang Museum, Saratoga, NY

2009 *Remembering: Neighborhoods and Factories*, Flint, MI

*Photo exhibition*, Wagner School of Social Service, NYU, New York, NY

2008 *Looking Close, Looking Far: A Survey of Artworks by John Torreano*, Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

- 2007 *Scapes*, Feature Inc., New York, NY
- 2005 *John Torreano*, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2004 *Torreano: Paintings*, Feature Inc., New York, NY
- 2003 Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- 2002 *John Torreano, Panel Paintings and Wall Balls*, Feature Inc., New York, NY
- 1999 *John Torreano: Material World*, JCCC Gallery of Art, Overland Park, KS  
*The Columns: Choreography of Perceptions*, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH  
*Paintings, Oddballs, and Wallgems*, Atlantic Center of the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- 1997 *John Torreano*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN
- 1993 *Every Gem is a Handheld Star*, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL  
*Ghost Gems*, McCarren Airport Sculpture Commission, Las Vegas, NV
- 1989 *John Torreano: Natural Models and Material Illusions*, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 1988 *Diamond Vases*, An Installation, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*John Torreano: Gems, Stars and Perpetual Thinking*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1987 *100 Diamonds*, Jamie Wolf Gallery, New York, NY
- 1976 *John Torreano*, Bykert Gallery, New York, NY
- 1974 *John Torreano - Selected by Chuck Close*, Artists Space, New York, NY
- 1968 *John Torreano*, The Whitney Museum School, New York, NY

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Artists Choose Parrish, Part 2*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY  
*Detour IV*, East End Arts, Riverhead, NY  
*Paintings' Paradox* MM Fine Art, Southampton, NY  
*Couples Keyes Art*, Sag Harbor, NY
- 2022 *All of the Witches*, Jeffrey Deitch Inc. Los Angeles CA
- 2018 *Winter Salon*, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY  
*Spring Forward*, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, NY
- 2017 *It was a Pleasure to Burn by The Sun that Never Sets*, New York, NY
- 2016 *A Hard Nut Containing the Whole Tree*, J & C Showspace Presents, Sag Harbor, NY
- 2015 *Thirty-Nine Years: Memorial for Suzanne*, Suzanne Hilberry Gallery, Ferndale, MI  
*Tiniest Art*, Pavel Zoubok Gallery, New York, NY  
Arts Faculty: The Exhibition Arts Center, NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*Artists of the Year: 2014's Greatest Hits*, The Curator Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *Five Centuries of Printmakers*, The Curator Gallery, New York, NY  
*Abstractly Speaking: Painting and Sculpture from the Parrish Permanent Collection*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY  
*Let's Go Let Go*, 33 Orchard Street, New York, NY  
*A Whale of a Show*, The Sag Harbor Whaling Museum, Sag Harbor, NY  
*New Dimensions in Sculpture*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL

- 2013 *Recent Acquisitions*, Parrish Art Museum, Watermill, NY  
*Primary Sources: Documenting SVA and the New York Art World 1966- 1985*, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sculpture After Artschwager*, David Nolan Gallery, New York, NY  
*Made in Sag Harbor*, Whaling Museum, Sag Harbor, NY  
*Illuminators*, OK Harris Gallery, New York, NY  
Inaugural Exhibition ART HOUSE 429, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2012 *Take A Nude Auction Exhibition for New York Academy of Art*, New York, NY  
*Alchemy*, 7eleven Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Art World Wizard* screening at SOFA, Santa Fe, NM  
Inaugural Exhibition, Corzine Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Reinventing the Landscape*, Mishkin Gallery, Baruch College, New York, NY  
*Alchemy*, 7Eleven Gallery, New York, NY  
*Art for Media*, Laurie Freidman, Walker Street, New York, NY  
*Upfront*, Feature Inc. New York, NY  
*Put Up or Shut Up*, MFA faculty from programs in the New York area  
Wilkinson Gallery, NY Academy of Art, New York, NY
- 2010 *I am the Cosmos*, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ  
*Plucking the Rainbow*, Nina Fruedenheim Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
*The Jewel Thief*, Tang Museum, Saratoga, NY  
*One and Three Quarters of an Inch*, The Former Convent at St. Cecelia's, Brooklyn, NY  
*Fifty Works for Maryland: Collecting the Vogel Way* Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD  
*Selections from the MCA Collection*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Make Yourself At Home*, 7eleven Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Pulp Fictions –PapierarbeitenI*, Ferenbalm-Gurbru Station, Karlsruhe, Germany  
*International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition*, University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
*Art at Straus: NYU Steinhardt Artists*, Joseph & Gwendolyn Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law & Justice, New York, NY  
*Mixed Greens: Artists Choose Artists on the East End*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY  
*If I Was the Cousin of My Mother's Sister's Son*, Gallery Bar, New York, NY  
*Populate This Form*, Feature Inc. New York, NY  
*Aligning with Beauty*, Varley Art Gallery, Ontario, Canada  
*International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition*, University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI
- 2008 *Inaugural 2008*, Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
*American Academy Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts*, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
The Takasago Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *Neointegrity*, Derek Eller Gallery, NY
- 2006 *SITE Unseen 4*, Site Santa Fe, NM  
*Ron Gorchov, Judy Pfaff, John Torreano*, Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Ferndale MI

- 2006 *The Downtown Show*, Grey Art Gallery, NYU, New York, NY  
*CCS at 100: Woodward Lecture Alumni*, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- 2004 *A Very Liquid Heaven*, Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2003 *Convergence*: Martyn Brouskila and John Torreano Center Galleries College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- 2002 *Archipelago: an Intimate Immensity*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO  
*Beyond Bounds 2002 Shine*, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS  
*A Way of Thinking, paintings and objects*, Susanne Højriis Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2001 *Salad Days*, Bill Maynes Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 Art Chicago 2000, Navy Pier (Jean Albano Gallery), Chicago, IL
- 1997 *Edge of Chaos*, Fatouhi Gallery, curated by John Torreano and James Drake, New York, NY
- 1996 *Getting Physical: New American Abstraction*, JCCC Gallery of Art, Overland Park, KS  
*Altered and Irrational: Selections from the Permanent Collection*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1995 *Painting Beyond Painting*, Corcoran Biennial Exhibition, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 1994 *Transparency and Metaphor*, California Crafts Museum, Putt-Modernism, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA
- 1991 *Pleasure*, Hallswalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo, NY  
*Cruciformed: Images of the Cross Since 1980*, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH  
*Glass, Material in the Service of Meaning*, Tacoma Museum, Tacoma, WA
- 1990 *Mel Kendrick, David Lloyd, John Torreano*, Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*With the Grain: Contemporary Panel Painting*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1989 *American Pop Culture Today*, La Foret Museum, Harajuku, Japan  
*Computers and Art*, Gallery of Science and Art, New York, NY  
*Faux Arts: Surface Illusions and Simulated Material in Recent Art*, La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA
- 1988 *Pilchuck: An Exhibition for Contemporary Glass Sculpture*, Walter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Artschwager-His Peers and Persuasion*, Leo Castelli Gallery, New York, NY  
*Computers and Art*, Gallery of Science and Art, New York, NY  
*Jack Goldstein, John Obuck, David Storey, John Torreano*, Dart Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1987 *America, America*, Amalfi-Arte, 84011 Amalfi (Salerno), Corso Roma Foundation Villa Rufolo, Ravello, Italy
- 1984 *Five Painters in New York*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*American Art Since 1970*, traveling exhibition organized by Whitney Museum of American Art
- 1982 *New Perspectives*, Wave Hill, Bronx, NY
- 1981 *35 Artists Return to Artists Space*, Artists Space, New York, NY
- 1980 *Trois Dimensions-Sept Americains*, Gillespie-Laage-Soloman, Paris, France  
*Three Dimensional Painting*, Contemporary Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
*The Fiftieth Anniversary Exhibition*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*Painting in Relief*, Whitney Museum of American Art at Phillip Morris, New York, NY
- 1979 *Pittura Ambiente*, Palazzo Reale, Milano, Italy  
*Ten Artists*, Artists Space, Neuberger Museum, Purchase, NY
- 1978 *Young America: Painters of the Seventies*, New Museum, New York, NY (Traveling exhibit to Eastern Europe)  
*American Art 1950 to Present*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

- 1978 *Thick Paint*, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, IL  
*Private Myths: Unearthing of Contemporary Art*, The Queens Museum, Queens, NY
- 1977 *A Painting Show*, Institute for Art and Urban Resources, PS 1, Long Island City, NY  
*Space Window*, Bell Gallery, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 1975 *Richard Artschwager, Robert Gordon, John Torreano, Joe Zucker*, Bykert Gallery, New York, NY  
*Universe Paintings*, Susan Caldwell Gallery, New York, NY
- 1974 *Three Artists: Elizabeth Murray, Marilyn Lenkowsky, John Torreano*, Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 *Invitation Exhibition*, Butler Institute of Art, Youngstown, OH

#### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Albright Knox  
 Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Bank One, Minneapolis, MN

Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, NY

Contemporary Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO

Eli Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Foundation Villa Rufolo, Amalfi, Italy

Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI

Honolulu Museum of Contemporary Art, Honolulu, HI

Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN

La Foret Museum, Harajuku, Japan

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

McCarren International Airport, Las Vegas, NV

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach FL

Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

New York Abu Dhabi University Grant, NYUAD, UAE

University Council Visual Arts Initiative Award, NYU, New York, NY

The Nancy Graves Foundation Grant for Visual Artists

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship

National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, Washington, DC

Creative Arts for Public Service Program, New York, NY