

## CLEVE GRAY

1918 Born in New York City  
 2004 Died December 8<sup>th</sup> in Hartford, CT

## EDUCATION

1940 BA, Princeton University, Princeton New Jersey

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Flat File: Works on Paper by Cleve Gray*, Tremaine Art Gallery, Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut  
*Cleve Gray: The Hawaiian Paintings*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York  
*Cleve Gray*, McClain Gallery, Houston

2017 *Cleve Gray: Abstracted Calligraphies*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York

2015 *Cleve Gray: Auguries 1963-64*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York

2014 *Cleve Gray: Considering All Possible Worlds*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York  
*Cleve Gray's Threnody*, Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, Purchase, New York

2013 Gallery Select Exhibition, Morrison Gallery, Kent, Connecticut

2012 *Cleve Gray: 1967 Silver Paintings*, McClain Gallery, Houston  
*Perne Series*, Morrison Gallery, Kent, Connecticut  
*Cleve Gray: Silver and Gold, 1967*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York

2009 *Cleve Gray*, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, Florida  
*Cleve Gray: Man and Nature*, Neuberger Museum of Art, SUNY Purchase; traveled to Boca Raton Museum of Art, FL, Columbia Museum of Art, South Carolina

2008 *Cleve Gray*, The Morrison Gallery, Kent, Connecticut

2006 *Cleve Gray*, Ameringer McEnergy Yohe, New York  
*Cleve Gray*, The Morrison Gallery, Kent, Connecticut

2002 *Cleve Gray: New Paintings*, Berry-Hill Galleries, New York

2001 *Cleve Gray: The Seventies*, Berry-Hill Galleries, New York

1998 *Cleve Gray: Painter, A Quarter of a Century*, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH; traveled to Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, Maine, Neuberger Museum of Art, SUNY Purchase, William Benton Museum, Storrs, Connecticut

1996 *Cleve Gray: The Art of Memory—Threnody; Zen Gardens Series; In Prague Series*, Neuberger Museum of Art, SUNY Purchase, New York  
*The Eumenides Series*, Berry-Hill Gallery, New York

1991 *Cleve Gray: New Work*, Berry-Hill Gallery, New York  
*Cleve Gray*, Eva Cohon Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

1990 *Cleve Gray: The Painted Line*, Berry-Hill Gallery, New York

1988 *Cleve Gray: A Decade of Work*, The Art Guild, Farmington, Connecticut

1987 *Cleve Gray*, The Choate Rosemary Hall School, Wallingford, Connecticut  
*Cleve Gray: Works on Paper 1940-1986*, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York  
*Cleve Gray*, Armstrong Gallery, New York

1986 *Cleve Gray: A Small Retrospective, 1934-1986*, Gallery Two Nine One Atlanta, Georgia  
*Cleve Gray, Zen Gardens*, Fairweather Hardin Galleries, Chicago, Illinois  
*Ressurrection Series*, Benjamin Mangel Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1981 *New Paintings—Roman Walls*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York

1980 *Roman Walls*, American Academy, Rome, Italy  
*Roman Walls*, Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela  
*Cleve Gray*, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

- 1979 *Perne and Hatshepsut*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York  
*Perne and Warren*, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 1977 *Cleve Gray: Paintings 1966-1977*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo NY; traveled to Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, Illinois
- 1976 *The Conjugation and Conjunction series*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York
- 1973 *29 Bronzes*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York  
*Threnody*, Neuberger Museum, SUNY Purchase, New York  
*Triptychs*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York
- 1972 *Hawaiian Paintings*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York
- 1970 *Paintings and Painted Forms*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York  
*Cleve Gray*, Sneed Hillman Gallery, Rockford Illinois  
*Cleve Gray: Prints and Drawings*, The Graphics Gallery, San Francisco, California  
*Cleve Gray Retrospective*, The Art Museum, Princeton University; traveled to the Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1967 *Ceres*, Saidenberg Gallery, New York
- 1966 *Recent Still Lifes*, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design
- 1964 *Recent Paintings*, Staempfli Gallery, New York  
*Drawings*, The Art Center in Hargate, St. Paul's School, New Hampshire
- 1963 *Cleve Gray*, Jerrold Morris International Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
*Cleve Gray*, Galeria Grattaciolo, Milan, Italy  
*Cleve Gray*, Solo Gallery, Richmond, Virginia
- 1960 *Cleve Gray*, Staempfli Gallery, New York
- 1958 *Cleve Gray*, Solo Gallery, Richmond, Virginia
- 1957 *Cleve Gray*, Philadelphia Art Alliance, Pennsylvania
- 1950 *Works by Cleve Gray, American Artist*, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- 1948 *London Ruins*, Jacques Seligmann Gallery, New York

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Mixed: Group Exhibition*, Cavalier Galleries, New York
- 2016 *The New York School: Abstract Expressionism*, Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, Connecticut  
*Rockwell and Realism in an Abstract World*, Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge  
*End of Year Review*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York
- 2015 *Winter Selections*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York
- 2013 *Fall Group Show*, Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, Connecticut  
*June Group Show*, Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, Connecticut  
*February Group Show*, Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, Connecticut
- 2012 *A Golden Time of Day*, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2010 *Recent Acquisitions*, McCormick Gallery, Chicago
- 2009 *Expanding Boundaries: Lyrical Abstraction Selections from the Permanent Collection*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton
- 2008 *A Work in Progress: Fifty Years of Collecting Contemporary Art at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum*, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London
- 1989 *Connecticut Artists*, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Connecticut  
*Barnard Collects: The Educated Eye*, Slander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
*Connecticut Biennial*, The Bruce Museum, Greenwich, Connecticut
- 1986 *Jewish Themes/ Contemporary American Artists*, The Jewish Museum, New York
- 1984 *From the East: Eastern Influence on Western Artists*, Fairweather Hardin Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1981 *Classic Americans: XX Century Painters and Sculptors*, Stamford Museum and Nature Center, Connecticut
- 1980 *Painting and Sculpture Today*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indiana

- 1979 *A Selection from the Last Ten Years*, Parsons School of Design, Los Angeles and Parsons School of Design, New York
- 1978 *Sacred Images East and West*, Cathedral Museum of Art, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York
- 1977 *New Acquisitions*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
- 1972 *European and American Art from the Princeton Collections*, The Art Museum, Princeton University, New Jersey
- 1969 *Contemporary American Painting*, Phillips Collection, Washington D.C.  
*American Painting and Sculpture, 1948-1969*, Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois  
*Seven Decades—Seven Alumni of Phillips Academy*, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts
- 1967 *Selections 1967*, University Art Museum, Berkeley, California  
*National Lithography*, Florida State University Art Gallery, Tallahassee, Florida
- 1965 *Annual Exhibition*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
*American Drawing Biennial*, Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, Virginia  
*New England Regional Drawing Exhibition*, Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts
- 1964 *159<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
*Friends Collect*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1963 *28<sup>th</sup> Biennial Exhibition*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.  
*Annual Exhibition*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1962 *157<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1961 *Abstract Expressionists and Imagists*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
*6<sup>th</sup> International Art Exhibition*, Tokyo, Japan  
*27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Exhibition*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.
- 1960 *2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Exhibition*, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan
- 1959 *Contemporary American Painting and Sculpture*, Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
- 1958 *1<sup>st</sup> Biennial Exhibition*, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan
- 1955 *24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Exhibition*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.  
*Italy Rediscovered*, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica New York
- 1953 *63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition*, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1951 *International Watercolor Exhibition*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York  
*The City by the River and the Sea*, Dayton Art Institute, Ohio  
*146<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1950 *Young American Painters*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
- 1949 *58<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition*, Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois

## COMMISSIONS

- 1972 "Threnody," a suite of 14 panels each 20 sq. ft. for the Neuberger Museum, SUNY Purchase, where the gallery space had recently been designed by architect Phillip Johnson.
- 1988 636-foot-long mural, "Movement in Space" for the Outdoor Art at the Station Competition, Union Station, Hartford Connecticut

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Shirey, David L. "Wall to Wall: Painting by Gray Nears Heroic Proportions," *New York Times*, August 12, 1979, sec. 12, p. 17.

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Sozanski, Edward J. "From an Abstract, 'Cool' Painter, a Lively New Style," *Philadelphia Enquirer*, April 10, 1986, p. SC.

Tallmer, Jerry. "Meet a Lucky Man," *New York Post*, November 17, 1979, p. 18.

Zimmer, William. "Connecticut Artists Are Given Rooms of Their Own," *New York Times*, March 26, 1989, section CT, p. 18.

## COLLECTIONS

Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts

The Brooklyn Museum, New York

Columbia University Art Gallery, New York

Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

Honolulu Academy of the Arts, Hawaii

The Jewish Museum, New York

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas

The Museum of Modern Art, New York

National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

The Neuberger Museum, SUNY Purchase, New York

The Newark Museum, New Jersey

Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida

Oklahoma City Art Center, Oklahoma

The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.

The Art Museum, Princeton University, New Jersey

Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut