MCCLAIN GALLERY

AARON PARAZETTE

1960 Born in Ventura, California

Lives and works in Houston, Texas

EDUCATION

1987	Bachelor of Arts, Fine Art/Painting, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
1990	Master of Fine Art, Painting, The Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California
1990	Residency/Fellowship, Museum of Fine Art, Houston, Texas
1992	Residency/Fellowship, Museum of Fine Art, Houston, Texas

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022	Stray Cats with Kittens, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
2018	Each to the Other: Sharon Engelstein + Aaron Parazette (2-person exhibition), McClain Gallery, Houston,
	Texas
2016	Irregular Quadrilaterals, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
2013	Skywriting, Aaron Parazette & Daniel Auguilu (2-person exhibition), Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas
2012	FLYAWAY: New Work by Aaron Parazette, Art League Houston, Houston, Texas
2011	North Swell, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
	Cloud Break: New Color Key Paintings, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
2010	Snow White Tan, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
	Site Objects, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
	Snap: Sharon Engelstein, Aaron Parazette (2-person exhibition), Decorative Center Houston, Texas
2009	Air Drop, Gregory Lind Gallery, San Francisco, California
	Site Flavor, with Sharon Engelstein (2-person exhibition), Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge,
	Louisiana
2008	Surf Trip, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
	New Paintings, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
2006	All on Up, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
2005	Drive Thru, The Suburban, Chicago, Illinois
2004	Aaron Parazette, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas
2003	New Paintings, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, Texas
2002	New Paintings, Mark Moore Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2001	Aaron Parazette & Ken Price (2-person exhibition), Austin Museum of Art, Austin, Texas
2000	South Swell, Angstrom Gallery, Dallas, Texas
1997	Pleasure Provision, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
1994	New Paintings, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
1993	New Paintings, Kim Light Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1992	Paintings with Subtitles, Davis McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
1991	Empty Abstraction, Lloyd Shin Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
	Not Perfect, Davis McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025	American Minimal, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
2024	Do You Really Believe That?, The Art Galleries at TCU, Fort Worth, TX. Travelled to UTSA.
2020	Multiple Choice, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
2018	Stacks, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
2015	a pointy toe boot up the backside, Wilding Cran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
	Destination Unknown, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
	Texas Abstract, ArtScan Gallery, Houston, Texas
2014	Dallas Art Fair, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
2014	MAC@20 Part I, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
	Texas Abstract, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas
	Summer Time Blues, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
2012	Summer, Octavia Gallery, New Orleans, Texas
2013	Back Room, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
	50 Humans, The Brandon, Houston, Texas
2012	L'esprit de l'escalier, Diverseworks, Houston, Texas
2012	A Multitude of Multiples, Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, Texas
	The Medium is the Message, The Gallery at UT Arlington, Arlington, Texas
	Espoused. Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas Geometric Showcase, Museum of Geometric Art, Dallas, Texas
	INTERFACE: Artists and the Digital Age, Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, Texas
	IN PLAIN SIGHT, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas Red and White, B55 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
	Core Program, Texas Fine Arts Fair, Houston, Texas
	Red and White, Don Soker Contemporary Art, San Francisco, California
	Decade, Gregory Lind Gallery, San Francisco, California
2011	San Antonio Collects: Contemporary Art, San Antonio Museum of Art, Texas
2011	Skin Freak, Inman Gallery Annex, Houston, Texas New Variations, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas
2010	Skin Freak, Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
2009	The Armory Show, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
2007	Coordinates, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
2008	More Than Words, Von Lintel Gallery, New York, New York
2000	Fundamental Abstraction II, Cheryl Haines Gallery, San Francisco, California
	In the Beginning, University Art Gallery, University of California, San Diego, California
	Option H, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
2006	Summer Group Show, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
2000	Blurring the Line, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
2005	Project Space, ARCO, Madrid, Spain
2003	Artadia at Diverseworks, Diverseworks, Houston, Texas
	Wall Paintings, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
2004	Group Show, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
2001	Perspectives at 25: A Quarter Century of New Art in Houston, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston,
	Texas
	Camp Lucky: Summer of Carnage, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas
2003	New Paintings: Esposito/Parazette/Rosmarin, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
	Painting By Design, Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
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Beautiful Pressure, Rocket Projects, Miami, Florida Still/Motion, Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, California Size Matters, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas Digitally Assisted, Galveston Art Center, Galveston, Texas Art Positions, Kevin Bruk Gallery, Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami, Florida Boston Drawing Project, Bernard Toale Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts Works on Paper, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, Texas Fast Forward, Nash Hotel, Miami, Florida Boomerang, Exit Art, New York, New York Braille, Angstrom Gallery, Dallas, Texas Dazzling, Bernard Toale, Boston, Massachusetts Reductive, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, Texas Color Code, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, Texas Sources: Art and the Universal, Paradigm Art Space, Atlanta, Georgia New Orleans Triennial, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana Group Show, Patricia Faure Gallery, Los Angeles, California Post Hypnotic, The Tweed Museum, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota Post Hypnotic, Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples, Florida Art on Paper 2000, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, Greensboro, North Carolina What's So Funny about Color, Elias Fine Art, Boston, Massachusetts Imported, The Gallery at Green Street, Boston, Massachusetts Maximal Minimal, Feigen Contemporary, New York, New York Post Hypnotic, The Atlanta College of Art Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia Post Hypnotic, The Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois Post Hypnotic, SECCA, Winston-Salem, North Carolina Material, Process, Memory, Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Austin, Texas Size Matters, Gale Gates et al. Brooklyn, New York Optopussy, Angstom Gallery, Dallas, Texas Post Hypnotic, University of Illinois, Normal, Illinois Post Hypnotic, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, Texas Post Hypnotic, The Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio Fabstraction, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada Fabstraction, Patricia Faure Gallery, Los Angeles, California Fabstraction, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas

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Abstract Painting Once Removed, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas

On the Beach in Galveston, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas

Tendances Actuelles de la Peinture au Texas, Saintes Museum of Art, Saintes, France

Primary Colors, Galerie Barbara Farber/Rob Jurka, Amsterdaam, The Netherlands

Oktoberfest, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas

Post Pop, Post Pictures, The Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Buttered Side Up, The Loggia Gallery, Toronto, Canada (catalogue)

Equal Pay, Revolution Summer Gallery, Houston, Texas

Disiptoey, Angstram Gallery, Dallas, Texas

The Mediation of Ornament, Transco Tower Gallery, Houston, Texas

1996 Buttered Side Up, Hall Walls, Buffalo, New York

Bliss Project, LACE, Los Angeles, California (catalogue)

1995 Wallpaper Works, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas (catalogue)

Texas Abstract: New Painting, Art Pace, San Antonio, Texas, traveling through 1997 (catalogue)

Contact: The 114th Annual Exhibition, San Francisco Art Institute (catalogue), San Francisco, California

Summer Serial, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas

The Home Show, University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas

Analogs of Modernism, McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, Texas (catalogue)

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AWARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2015	Cousins Property Mgt., Dallas, permanent mural commission, <i>Blue Norther</i>
2015	Mid-Town Partnership, Houston, temporary crosswalk project
2014	Metro National, Houston, permanent mural commission, Tree House
2013	University of Houston, permanent mural commission, Remembering Next Summer
2012	Texas Artist of the Year, Art League Houston, Houston, Texas
2010	Stars of Design Award for Art, Decorative Center Houston
2005	Award, Artadia Fund for Art and Dialogue, New York
1994	Mid-America Arts Alliance, National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Award

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2016	"Aaron Parazette", John Zotos, <i>Visual Art Source</i> , Dec. 2016
2015	"Juror's Comment", Evan Garza, New American Painting, Nov. 2015, p. 10-11
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	"To Paint and Sculpt in LA", Paula Newton, Glasstire.com, Sept. 11, 2015
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2014	"Professor Paints Red Spirit", Courtney Gregory, The Daily Cougar, January 22, 2014, p. 7
2013	Male Order Modern, Chris Kelly, Houston Magazine, April 2013, p. 64-66
	"Graffiti Artist and Respected Painter", Tyler Rudick, CultureMap.com, March 24, 2013
	"Posh Pedigree", Modern Luxury Interiors, Fall 2013, p. 98 & 100 (images)
2012	"Brave New Art", Nancy Cohen Israel, <i>Patron</i> , Winter 2012, p. 62-69
	"Noted Visual Art: Dallas Contemporary", Patron, Winter 2012, p. 18
2011	"Cover Art", commission, Patron Magazine, Winter 2011
	"Jenifer RubellMade in Texas", Desiree Espada, D Magazine blog, Sept. 23, 2012
	"Aaron Parazetteat The Dallas Contemporary", Steve Jansen, Houston Press Visual Arts Blog, Oct. 2012
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1997	"Aaron Parazette at Texas," Frances Colpitt, <i>Art in America</i> , July 1997
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	"True Bliss at Lace," Lisa Auerbach, <i>L.A. Weekly</i> , Jan 2, 1997
1996	"Visual Pleasure," Richard Huntington, the Buffalo News, October 11, 1996
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1991	"Art of Change," Susan Chadwick, <i>The Houston Post</i> , March 26, 1991
1990	"Two Artists Work," <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> , March 28, 1990

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2012	IN PLAIN SIGHT, McClain Gallery
	FLYAWAY, Art League Houston
2009	Federal Reserve Bank, Houston Branch, Collection of Art
2007	New Paintings, essay by Frances Colpitt, Marlborough Gallery
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2005	Restless, Essay by Valerie Olsen, The Museum of Fine Arts Houston
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2002	Neo Painting, essay by MiJin Kim, Young Eun, Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea
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Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
Metro National, Houston, Texas
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
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