

## Sam McKinniss

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### Education

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| 2013 | MFA, Steinhardt School, New York University, New York, NY |
| 2007 | BFA, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, CT      |
| 2005 | Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, Scotland                  |

### Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions

(\* indicates a publication)

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| 2025 | <i>The Perfect Tense</i> , David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA   |
| 2022 | <i>Misery</i> , Almine Rech, Paris, France<br><i>Mischief</i> , JTT, New York, NY   |
| 2021 | * <i>Costume Drama</i> , Ovitz Family Collection, Los Angeles, CA<br><i>Country Western</i> , Almine Rech, London, England                                    |
| 2020 | * <i>Jonathan Taylor Thomas</i> , JTT, New York, NY   |
| 2019 | <i>Neverland</i> , Almine Rech, Brussels, Belgium   |
| 2018 | <i>Daisy Chain</i> , Team Bungalow, Los Angeles, CA   |
| 2016 | <i>Egyptian Violet</i> , Team Gallery, New York, NY   |
| 2015 | <i>Dear Metal Thing</i> , Team Bungalow, Los Angeles, CA<br><i>Black Leather Sectional</i> , Joe Sheftel Gallery, New York, NY                                |
| 2014 | <i>Nighttime in New York: Doron Langberg and Sam McKinniss</i> , Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart, Germany   |
| 2013 | <i>Joachim 'Yoyo' Friedrich + Sam McKinniss</i> , envoy enterprises, New York, NY   |
| 2012 | <i>La Liseuse</i> , 80WSE Gallery, New York, NY   |
| 2010 | <i>Ultra Sensitive</i> , Proof Gallery, Boston, MA<br><i>Sam &amp; Dave: New Paintings by Dave Whelan and Sam McKinniss</i> , By And By Gallery, Brooklyn, NY |

2008      *FIERCE DOUBT*, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT  
\**TRUE LOVE*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT

2007      *Portraits*, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, CT

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

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- 2025      *A Certain Form of Hell*, Karma, Thomaston, ME  
*Law and Order*, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY  
\**Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
- 2024      \**Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*Flowers of Romance – Act One*, curated by Charlie Fox, Ludovico Corsini, Brussels, Belgium  
*Post-Human*, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA  
*Tulips*, Kapp Kapp, New York, NY  
*Day for Night: New American Realism*, Palazzo Barberini, organized by the Aishti Foundation, Rome, Italy
- 2023      *Friends & Lovers*, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY  
“*Pictures Girls Make*”: *Portraitures*, curated by Alison M. Gingeras, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022      \**Luncheon on the Grass*, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA  
*Dark Light: Realism in the Age of Post-Truths*, curated by Massimiliano Gioni, Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon  
*Sea Show*, Winter Street Gallery, Edgartown, MA  
*Pictus Porrectus: Reconsidering the Full Length Portrait*, Isaac Bell House, Newport, RI
- 2021      *Salon de Peinture*, Almine Rech, New York, NY
- 2020      *Painting Someone*, Almine Rech, Shanghai, China  
*Drawing 2020*, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY  
*Painting is Painting’s Favorite Food: Art History as Muse*, curated by Alison Gingeras, South Etna, Montauk, NY
- 2019      *Tulips*, Kapp Kapp, Philadelphia, PA  
*Lineup*, Almine Rech, New York, NY  
*My Head is a Haunted House*, curated by Charlie Fox, Sadie Coles HQ, London, England
- 2018      *SAFE*, curated by Cooke Maroney, Gladstone 64, New York, NY  
*The Lure of the Dark: Contemporary Painters Conjure the Night*, curated by Susan Cross, Mass MoCA, North Adams, MA
- 2017      *Dirge*, JTT, New York, NY  
*Botanica*, curated by Todd von Ammon, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Hors D’oeuvres*, Half Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016      9999, The Fireplace Project, East Hampton, NY  
*Catastrophe*, curated by John Waters, Albert Merola Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2014      *Nick Farhi, Sam McKinniss, Cassie Raihl*, Robert Blumenthal Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
*Beyond the Pale*, Interstate Projects, Brooklyn, NY

*Haunted*, Louis B. James, New York, NY  
*NIGHT TIDE*, curated by Jarrett Earnest, Gallery Diet, Miami, FL  
*First Responders*, Good Work Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

- 2012     *The Dorian Project*, Second Guest Projects, New York, NY  
          *ReMixed Messages: A(I)DS, Art + Words*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
          *The Dorian Project*, Ana Cristea Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011     *Figural*, DNA Gallery, Provincetown, MA  
          *Mixed Messages: A(I)DS, Art + Words*, curated by John Chaich for Visual AIDS, La Mama La Galleria, New York, NY  
          *SWAP MEET*, Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
- 2010     *Boston does Boston III*, Proof Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2009     *Casual Males*, Sherman Gallery, Boston University, Boston, MA  
          *New Work*, La Motta Fine Art, Hartford, CT
- 2007     *No-Mad II*, curated by Hirokazu Fukawa, The Design Center, Hartford, CT  
          *Collaborations*, Herndon Gallery, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH
- 2005     *Duty Free*, curated by Niko Solorio, Cal Arts, Valencia, CA

## Awards

- 2009     New Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, Greater Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, CT
- 2008     GO !, Emerging Artist Contest Winner, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT
- 2007     Artist Grant and Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
          Rudolph Zallinger Painting Prize, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT

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