

Tristan Unrau

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Education

- 2017 MFA, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2012 BA, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver, Canada

Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions

(* indicates a publication)

- 2026 *Hopes and Fears*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2024 *Re-Enactment*, Sebastian Gladstone, New York, NY
- 2023 *The Earth Not A Globe*, Sebastian Gladstone, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *Dramatic Pictures*, 56 Henry, New York, NY
- 2021 *Soap Bubble in a Rose Garden*, with Willy Reed, Stanley's, Los Angeles, CA
False Idols, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada
- 2020 *50 Million Years*, Towards, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 *A New Day*, Phil Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

Selected Group Exhibitions

(* indicates a publication)

- 2026 *Goodbye Sadness, Hello Sadness*, Pace, Berlin, Germany
From the Xmas Trees of Lucy Bull 3, From the Desk of Lucy Bull, New York, NY
- 2025 *Second Body*, curated by Molly Everett, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Surface Streets, Marian Goodman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
A Certain Form of Hell, Karma, Thomaston, ME

- America Unframed*, American Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2024 *Meet me by the lake*, CLEARING, New York, NY
- 2023 *Portals*, Stars, Los Angeles, CA
**50 Paintings*, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
- 2021 *North by Northwest*, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *SUPER, NATURAL*, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada
Residue for Art Toronto, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada
- 2018 *Drawings*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2017 *17:1*, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada
Cynthia Daignault: There is nothing I could say that I haven't thought before, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY
- 2016 *Vancouver Special: Ambivalent Pleasures*, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Selected Bibliography

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- 2023 *Andera, Margaret and Michelle Grabner, *50 Paintings*, Milwaukee: Milwaukee Art Museum, 2024
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Heinrich, Will, "NADA Art Fair Takes Chelsea With High Energy," *NYTimes.com*, May 19, 2023
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- 2020 Anderson, Claessinka, "Exquisite L.A.: Volume 3," *ContemporaryArtReview.la*, March 17, 2020