

# URBAN POP

## KENNY SCHARF

### Biographical Information

1958 Born; Los Angeles, California

### Education

1980 B.F.A., School of Visual Arts, New York

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 "Vaxi Nation," Almine Rech Gallery; Matignon, Paris  
"Phlatscreenz TVOD," Honor Fraser Gallery; Aspen, Colorado  
"Earth," Almine Rech Gallery; Shanghai, China
- 2020 "Dystopian Painting," Almine Rech, New York  
"Moodz," Jeffrey Deitch; Los Angeles, California  
"Moodz," Jeffrey Deitch; Miami, Florida
- 2019 "Optimistically Melting," Honor Fraser Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"Anxiously Optimistic," Baik Gallery; Seoul, South Korea  
"Universalis," La Nave Salinas; Ibiza Spain  
"Blue Blood," Totah, New York  
"Viva Lo Vivo," After & Again; Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 "Super Pop Universe," Lotte Museum of Art; Seoul, South Korea  
"Inner and Outer Space," Leila Heller Gallery; Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
"Scharftopia: The Far Out World of Kenny Scharf," Gustavus Adolphus College;  
St. Peter, Minnesota  
"Kenny Scharf," David Klein Gallery; Detroit, Michigan  
"Paradis Perdu," Galerie Enrico Navarra; Paris, France
- 2017 "Blox and Bax," Honor Fraser Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"Inner and Outer Space," Jeffrey Deitch, New York
- 2016 "Kenny Scharf," Nassau County Museum of Art; Roslyn Harbor, New York

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## **Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)**

- 2015 "Born Again," Honor Fraser Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"SCHOW," Frederic Snitzer Gallery; Miami, Florida
- 2014 "Pace Face," Pace Prints, New York  
"Kenny Scharf," Colette; Paris, France
- 2013 "Kolors," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York  
"Amerikulture," Eric Firestone Gallery; East Hampton, New York  
"Pop Renaissance," Honor Fraser Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 2012 "Hodgepodge," Honor Fraser Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 2011 "Naturafutura," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York
- 2009 "Barberadise," Honor Fraser Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 2008 "Superdeluxa," Waddington Gallery; London, England  
"'80s Back," Seomi & Tuus; Seoul, South Korea
- 2007 "NEW!" Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York
- 2006 "Astro Cumulo Nimbus Uber Express," Raleigh Hotel; Miami Beach, Florida
- 2005 "Superpop," Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York  
"Outer Limits," Patrick Painter Gallery; Santa Monica, California
- 2004 "Groovenian Drawings," Kanto Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"Schablobz," Kenny Schachter/Rove New York, New York  
"California Grown," Pasadena Museum of California Art; Los Angeles, California  
"Face Value," Kevin Bruk Gallery; Miami Beach, Florida
- 2003 "Nightlight," Patrick Painter Gallery; Santa Monica, California  
"Paintings: 1990–1997," Cotthem Gallery; Brussels, Belgium
- 2002 "Muted," Chac Mool Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 2001 "Car Nation," UC Fullerton Grand Central Art Center; Santa Ana, California

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## **Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)**

- 2001 "Portraits," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Hollywood Stars," Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions; Los Angeles, California
- 2000 "Kenny Scharf," Gagosian Gallery; Beverly Hills, California  
"Small Paintings & Bronzes," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Closet #18," Permanent exhibit, Young at Art Children's Museum; Davie, Florida
- 1999 "Heads, Small Paintings and Closet #16," Galerie Hans Mayer; Berlin, Germany  
"New Sculpture," Portland Institute for Contemporary Art; Portland, Oregon  
"Heads and Small Paintings," Galerie Hans Meyer; Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1998 "Kenny Scharf," Galerie Ramis Barquet; Monterrey, Mexico  
"Kenny Scharf," McIntosh Gallery; Atlanta, Georgia  
"Kenny Scharf," Kantor Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York
- 1997 "Pop Surrealist," Salvador Dali Museum; St. Petersburg, Florida  
"When Worlds Collide," Illinois State University Galleries  
"Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Ultraelektrik," Paintings, sculpture and customized appliances, Sony Building, New York
- 1996 "Kenny Scharf: New Work," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"El Mundo de Kenny Scharf," Museo de Art Contemporaneo de Monterrey; Monterrey, Mexico  
"Kenny Scharf," Heads Center for the Fine Arts; Miami, Florida  
"Kenny Scharf," Galerie 56; Budapest, Hungary
- 1995 "Kenny Scharf: Early Paintings 1975-78," Yoshi Gallery, New York  
"Kenny Scharf," Galerie Cotthem-Hedwig Van Impe; Knokke, Belgium  
"Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Scharf-O-Rama 1978-1995," Museum of Art; Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 1994 "Wildlife," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York
- 1993 "Works on Paper," Galerie Burkhard R. Eikermann; Düsseldorf, Germany

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## **Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)**

- 1993 "Closet #11," Café Click; Düsseldorf, Germany  
"Closet #10," World Gallery; Miami, Florida
- 1992 "Kenny Scharf," Edward Totah Gallery; London, England  
"Kenny Scharf," Galeria Rocca 6; Torino, Italy  
"Kenny Scharf," Galeria Seno; Milan, Italy
- 1991 "Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Kenny Scharf," Studio Trisorio; Naples, Italy  
"Kenny Scharf," AC & T Corporation; Tokyo, Japan  
"Kenny Scharf," Galerie Hans Mayer; Düsseldorf, Germany  
"Kenny Scharf," Akira Ikeda Gallery; Tokyo, Japan
- 1990 "Kenny Scharf," Galerie Beaubourg; Paris, France
- 1989 "Kenny Scharf," Michael Kohn Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 1988 "Kenny Scharf," Akira Ikeda Gallery; Tokyo, Japan
- 1987 "Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York
- 1986 "Kenny Scharf," Akira Ikeda Gallery; Tokyo, Japan
- 1985 "Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Kenny Scharf," Galerie Bruno Bischofberger; Zurich, Switzerland
- 1984 "Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Kenny Scharf," Gagosian Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 1983 "Kenny Scharf," Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York  
"Kenny Scharf," American Graffiti Gallery; Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1982 "Kenny Scharf," Fun Gallery, New York
- 1981 "Kenny Scharf: National Studio Artists," P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, New York  
"Customized Appliances," Club 57, New York  
"The Jetsons," Fun Gallery, New York

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## **Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)**

1979 "Celebration of the Space Age," Club 57, New York

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2019 "Happy," NSU Art Museum; Fort Lauderdale, Florida

2018 "Auto-didactic the Juxtapoz School," Petersen Automotive Museum; Los Angeles, California  
"Warhol & Friends: New York in the '80s," Palazzo Albergati; Bologna, Italy  
"Under One Roof," Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art; Berlin, Germany  
"Donald Baechler, Ross Bleckner, Enoc Perez & Kenny Scharf Inaugural Show," Allouche Benais; Athens, Greece

2017 "Bombay Beach Biennale," Salton Sea, California  
"Animal Farm," Brant Foundation; Greenwich, Connecticut  
"Fast Forward: Painting from the 1980s," Whitney Museum of American Art of American Art, New York  
"Club 57: Films, Performance and Art in the East Village 1978–1983," The Museum of Modern Art, New York

2016 "Around the World in 86 Days," Ludwig Forum; Aachen, Germany  
"DESIRE," Gagosian & Deitch, Art Basel Miami Beach; Miami Beach, Florida

2014 "Urban Theater: New York Art in the 1980s," The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth; Fort Worth, Texas  
"Fun and Games," Montalvo Art Center; Saratoga, California

2013 "Artist Engage The Automobile," Pistonhead, Art Basel Miami Beach; Miami Beach, Florida  
"Futures Project," Center for the Living Arts; Mobile, Alabama  
"Contemporary Magic," Tarot Deck Art Project, The Dali Museum; St. Petersburg, Florida  
Virginia MOCA; Virginia Beach, Virginia

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## **Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 2012 "Times Square Show Revisited," Leubsdorf Gallery, Hunter College, New York
- 2011 "The Artist Museum," MOCA; Los Angeles, California  
"Art in the Streets," MOCA; Los Angeles, California  
"New York Minute," Garage Center for Contemporary Culture; Moscow, Russia  
"Unfinished Paintings," Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions; Los Angeles, California  
"From Here to Eternity," Scion Installation Space; Culver City, California
- 2010 "Pause," Cosmopolitan Hotel; Las Vegas, Nevada  
"Art Shack," Laguna Art Museum; Laguna Beach, California
- 2009 "Wynwood Walls," Outdoor Mural Project, Deitch Projects; Miami, Florida  
"Primary Flight" Site, Specific street-level mural; Miami, Florida
- 2008 "American Standard," Design District; Miami Beach, Florida  
"Juxtapose School," Laguna Art Museum; Laguna Beach, California
- 2004 "East Village USA," New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York  
"100 Artists See Satan," Grand Central Art Center; Santa Ana, California
- 2003 "Quest," Vincent Van Gogh Museum; Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
"Splat, Boom, Pow," Contemporary Arts Museum; Houston, Texas  
"Faces and Figures," The Art Museum at Florida International University; Miami, Florida
- 2002 "Pucherrimae Strade," Installation; Pordenone, Italy
- 2001 "Seeing," Interactive exhibition, LACMA LAB; Los Angeles, California  
"Animations," P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center; Long Island City, New York
- 1996 "New Figuration," Tucson Museum of Art; Tucson, Arizona  
"Hot off the Press: New Editions," Pace Prints, New York
- 1995 "Altered and Irrational: Selections from the Permanent Collection," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
"Recent Acquisitions," Bass Museum of Art; Miami, Florida  
"Art + Architecture, MIAMI," Center for Contemporary Art; Miami, Florida

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## **Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 1995 "A New York Time: Selected Drawings from the Eighties," Bruce Museum;  
Greenwich, Connecticut
- 1993 "About Nature," Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art; Cleveland, Ohio  
"Art and Environment," National Arts Club, New York  
Russisches Kulturzentrum; Berlin, Germany
- 1992 "1492," Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey; Monterrey, Mexico  
"Variations Gitance," Grande Halle de la Villette; Paris, France  
"Balade de l'Amour," Halle de l'Union des arts Decoratifs, Palais de Louvre;  
Paris, France
- 1991 "American Art of the '80s," Palazzo delle Albere; Trento, Italy  
"Closet #9," Queens Museum of Art; Flushing, New York  
"Just What is it That Makes Today's Home So Different, So Appealing," Hyde  
Collection, New York  
"The 1980s: A Selected View from the Permanent Collection," Whitney  
Museum of American Art, New York
- 1989 "The Studio American Collection," Witkacy Theater; Zakopane, Poland
- 1988 "Figure as Subject: The Revival of Figuration Since 1975," Whitney Museum of  
American Art, New York  
"The Weisman Collection," California State University; Fullerton, California.  
(Traveling exhibition.)
- 1987 "Comic Iconoclasm," Institute of Contemporary Art; London, England
- 1986 "An American Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture from 1940 to Present,"  
Museum of Art; Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 1985 "Biennial 1984," Whitney Museum of American Art of Contemporary Art, New  
York  
"Eight Artists/Eight Years," School of Visual Arts, New York  
"Investigations," Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania;  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
"Sights for Small Eyes," Heckscher Museum; Long Island, New York  
"Vernacular Abstraction," Wacoal Art Center; Tokyo, Japan

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## **Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 1985 "Art in Action," Sogetsu Museum; Tokyo, Japan  
"Out of the Ooo Cloud," Edith C. Blum Art Institute, Bard College; Annandale on Hudson, New York
- 1984 "Via New York," Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art; Montreal, Canada  
"Aperto 84," Venice Biennale; Venice, Italy  
"The Human Condition," Museum of Modern Art; San Francisco, California  
"Contemporary Perspectives 1984," Bucknell University; Lewisburg, Pennsylvania  
"New Attitudes: Paris/New York," Pittsburgh Center for the Arts; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1983 "Morton G. Neuman Family Collection," Kalamazoo Institute of Art; Kalamazoo, Michigan  
"The Comic Art Show," Whitney Museum of American Art of American Art, New York
- 1983 "Back to the U.S.A.," Kunstmuseum Luzern; Luzern, Switzerland  
"Tendencias en Nueva York, Palacio de Cristal; Madrid, Spain  
"Clocktower Open Studio Show," P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, New York  
Bienalle de Sao Paulo; Sao Paulo, Brazil  
"References," Palais de Beaux-Arts; Charleroi, Belgium
- 1982 Installation, Project Room, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center; Long Island City, New York
- 1981 "Open Studio Show," P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center; Long Island City, New York  
"The Times Square Show," Times Square, New York  
"New York, New Wave," P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center; Long Island City, New York  
"Drawing Show," Mudd Club, New York  
"Beyond Words," Mudd Club, New York

## **Special Projects**

- 2019 Mural, The Bluffs at Playa Vista; Los Angeles, California



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## **Special Projects (continued)**

- 2019 Mural, City Club; Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2018 "La Villa UGC," Mural; Cannes, France  
"Peanuts Murals," Worldwide  
Mural, Museum of Contemporary Art; Detroit, Michigan  
Mural, Freetown Christiania, Denmark
- 2017 "Spotlight: Kenny Scharf NYC," Frieze Fair, New York  
International Church of Cannabis; Denver, Colorado
- 2016 Mural, Hammer Projects Lobby, Hammer Museum; Los Angeles, California
- 2015 Installation, The Rose Bar, Gramercy Park Hotel, New York  
"Cosmic Cavern #33," Portland Art Museum; Portland, Oregon  
Mural, Hammer Projects Lobby, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, California  
"MALAGA," permanent mural, Spain
- 2014 "COSMIGOGO," textile design for Louis Vuitton
- 2013 "Tonywood," The Wynwood Walls Memorial Garden; Miami, Florida  
Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Whitewall Suite 5000, New York  
"Back to Supersonica," Spray painted 1960s Lockheed Jetstar, Pina Air &  
Space Museum; Tucson, Arizona  
"Squirtz" and "Red Scary Guy," installations, The Standard Hotel, The Highline,  
New York
- 2013 "MOBLOBZ," monumental mural, Center for the Living Arts; Mobile, Alabama  
Mural installation, Kings County Children's Hospital; Brooklyn, New York  
Mural, Davis Bros. Tires; Los Angeles, California
- 2012 Kiehl's for Children's Charity  
"Jello Bacchanalia," Art Rio; Rio De Janeiro, Brazil  
"Chunk Pack," Cedars Sinai Children's Wing; Los Angeles, California  
Mural; Salem, Massachusetts  
Wynwood Walls; Miami, Florida  
Mural, Careyes, Mexico
- 2011 "East Village West," Royal T Lounge; Los Angeles, California

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## **Special Projects (continued)**

- 2011    Arena mural, Miami Marlins; Miami, Florida  
         WeHo Walls, MOCA Public Library Mural; West Hollywood, California  
         Arts Big Picture Project; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
         Mural, Brooklyn Children's Hospital; Brooklyn, New York
- 2010    "Bowery Wall," Mural, New York
- 2009    "Stages Touring Exhibit," Galerie Emmanuel Perrotin; Paris, France  
         Custom bike designed for Lance Armstrong ridden in the Tour de France
- 2004    Americans for the Arts Awards Installation, Cipriani's, New York
- 2002    "The Groovenians, " Animated special, Cartoon Network
- 2001    "Tikitotemoniki," Permanent installation of four 30-foot totems, Pearl Arts  
         District; Portland, Oregon
- 1998    MOCA Mural Project; San Diego, California  
         "Ultrazoomazipamapopdeluxe," Lobby entrance  
         Line of mannequins designed for Pucci International
- 1997    "In Your Face: Haring, Basquiat & Scharf," Leo Malca Fine Art, New York  
         "Art and Provocation: Images from Rebels," Boulder Museum of Contemporary  
         Art; Boulder, Colorado

## **Selected Publications**

- "Kenny Scharf: Born Again." Los Angeles: Honor Fraser Gallery, 2015.
- "Kenny Scharf: Kolors." New York: Paul Kasmin Gallery, 2013.
- "Kenny Scharf: Hodgepodge." Los Angeles: Honor Fraser Gallery, 2012.
- "Kenny Scharf: NEW! New Paintings and Carzy Roy AI." New York: Paul Kasmin  
Gallery, 2007.
- "Kenny Scharf: Superpop." New York: Paul Kasmin Gallery, 2005.
- William, Robert. "Kenny Scharf: Groovenian Drawings." Los Angeles: Kantor Gallery,  
2004.
- "Made in the USA, 1970-2001: Keith Haring, Robert Longo, Kenny Scharf, Bill  
Beckley." Oberhausen, Germany: Ludwig Galerie.

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## **Selected Publications (continued)**

"The Universals." New York: Pucci International, 1998.  
Radcliff, Carter; Robert Farris Thompson and Dennis Hopper. "Kenny Scharf." New York: Tony Shafrazi Gallery, 1998.  
Blinderman, Barry; Gregory Bowen, Bill McBride, Ann Magnuson and Robert Farris Thompson. "Kenny Scharf." Normal, Illinois: University Galleries, 1998.  
"In Your Face." New York: Malca Fine Art, 1997.  
"Kenny Scharf: Pop Surrealist." St. Petersburg, Florida: Salvador Dali Museum, 1997.  
De James, Jan. "Pop Art." London: Phaidon, 1996.  
"El Mundo de Kenny Scharf." Monterrey, Mexico: Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey, 1996.  
Grachos, Louis. "Kenny Scharf." Miami, Florida: Center for the Fine Arts Miami, 1996.  
Adams, Brooke; and Laurence Parmer. "Kenny Scharf." Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, 1995.  
Adams, Brooke. "Kenny Scharf." London: Edward Totah Gallery, 1992.  
"Kenny Scharf." Paris: Galerie Beauborg, 1990.  
"The Last Decade: American Artists of the '80s." New York: Tony Shafrazi Gallery, 1990.  
"Phamakon 90 Mukuhari Messe Contemporary Art Exhibition." Tokyo: 1990.  
"Kenny Scharf: Jungle Book (Art Random Series)" Kyoto: Kyoto Shoin International Company, 1989.  
"Kenny Scharf: Three Portfolios." Tokyo: AC & T Corporation, 1989.  
"An American Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture from 1940 to the Present." Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, 1986.  
"Vernacular Abstraction." Tokyo: Wacoal Art Center, 1985.  
"Figuration Libre: France-USA." Paris: Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, 1984.  
"New Attitudes: Paris/New York." Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, 1984.  
"Via New York." Montreal: Musee d'Art Contemporain, 1984.  
"Reference." Brussels: Palais de Beaux Arts de Charleroi, 1983.  
"Back to the USA." Luzern, Switzerland: Kunstmuseum Luzern, 1983.  
"Kenny Scharf." New York: Tony Shafrazi Gallery, 1983.  
"Morton G. Neuman Family Collection." Kalamazoo, Michigan: Kalamazoo Institute of Art, 1983.  
"Champions." New York: Tony Shafrazi Gallery, 1983.

## **Public Collections**

The Bass Museum of Art; Miami Beach, Florida

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## **Public Collections (continued)**

Brant Foundation; Greenwich, Connecticut  
The Dannheisser Foundation, New York  
The Broad Foundation; Los Angeles, California  
Groninger Museum; Groninger, The Netherlands  
The Jewish Museum, New York  
Ludwig Museum; Cologne, Germany  
Miami Art Museum; Miami, Florida  
Museo D'Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey; Monterrey, Mexico  
Museu de Arte Moderna; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Museum of Contemporary Art; Los Angeles, California  
Museum of Contemporary Art; San Diego, California  
Museum of Modern Art, New York  
New England Center for Contemporary Art; Brooklyn, Connecticut  
Pasadena Museum of California Art; Pasadena, California  
Paterson Museum; Paterson, New Jersey  
Patrick Lannan Foundation; Los Angeles, California  
Pearl Arts Foundation; Portland, Oregon  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; San Francisco, California  
Sogetsu Museum; Tokyo, Japan  
Stedelijk Museum; Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York