

# URBAN POP

**GIAN GAROFALO**

## **Artist Statement**

I'd like my work to visually alter the chemistry of a room and, in turn, give something to the viewer. I often utilize nontraditional materials to explore color, tone and texture. Meticulously applied medium brings to life vibrant stripes, intricate grids, shapes and repeated patterns. Intriguingly suspended paint droplets sometimes gravitate to the base, ultimately punctuating the work. Textdrips often incorporate evocative lyrics and whimsical expressions. I enjoy immersing myself in the challenge of understanding a process and strive for the sense of accomplishment associated with the mastering of a new technique.

I thrive on overcoming the obstacles that are present during these countless hours of trial and error. Ultimately, the discoveries made during these sessions fuel new ideas and plant seeds for future study and experimentation. My work is influenced by several modern day masters including Ian Davenport, Gene Davis and Markus Linnenbrink. Family life, music and living in an urban environment inspire me on a daily basis.

~Gian Garofalo

## **Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions**

- 2022 "In Vivid Color," Samuel Owen Gallery; Boston, Massachusetts
- 2021 "Over the Rainbow," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas Texas
- 2018 "Flora & Fauna," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.
- 2017 "Private Archipelagos," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.
- 2016 "Threadbare Cliches," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.
- 2014 "In Rainbows," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.
- 2013 "Ain't That America," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.

## **Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions (continued)**

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2012 "Taradiddles," Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois

## **Selected Group Exhibitions and Art Fairs**

2024 "ELEVEN," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas

2023 "Wild Child," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"Into the Blue," Samuel Owen Gallery; Palm Beach, Florida  
"DECADE," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas  
Gefen Gallery; San Francisco, California

2022 "Chroma," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"Superspectra," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"Resin d'être," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.  
"On Cloud 9," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas  
"The Trunk Show," Simon Breitbard Fine Arts; San Francisco, California

2021 "Imagine," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"On View," Samuel Owen Gallery; Palm Beach, Florida  
"ReFresh XI," Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.  
"Small Works," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas  
"Summer Open," Samuel Owen Gallery; Nantucket, Massachusetts

2020 "Seeing 2020," Laura Rathe Fine Art; Dallas, Texas  
Palm Beach Modern & Contemporary Fair; West Palm Beach, Florida  
"Inaugural Exhibition," Samuel Owen Gallery; Palm Beach, Florida

2019 "Here and Now," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas  
"Celebrating Twenty Years," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"Summer Open," Samuel Owen Gallery; Nantucket, Massachusetts  
"Menlo Park Opening," Simon Breitbard Fine Arts; San Francisco, California

2018 "Dream Weaver," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"To the Future," Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas  
Group Exhibition, Stella G. Contemporary; Charlotte, North Carolina  
"Summer Collective," Laura Rathe Fine Art; Dallas, Texas  
"Summer Open," Samuel Owen Gallery; Nantucket, Massachusetts

## **Selected Group Exhibitions and Art Fairs (continued)**

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- 2018    Group Exhibition, Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois
- 2017    "Come Together," Stella G. Contemporary; Charlotte, North Carolina  
"Summer," Samuel Owen Gallery; Nantucket, Massachusetts  
"Upcycle," Samuel Owen Gallery; Greenwich, Connecticut  
Group Exhibition, Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois
- 2016    SCOPE; Miami, Florida  
Art Boca Raton; Boca Raton, Florida  
LA Art Show; Los Angeles, California  
Group Exhibition; Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois
- 2015    "Seeing Double," Laura Rathe Fine Art; Dallas, Texas  
SCOPE; Miami, Florida  
Art Hamptons; Bridgehampton, New York  
"Spectrum," Laura Rathe Fine Art; Dallas, Texas  
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair; Palm Springs, California  
LA Art Show; Los Angeles, California  
Texas Contemporary; Houston, Texas  
Art Aspen; Aspen, Colorado
- 2014    "Red Show," Cheryl Hazan Contemporary Art, New York  
"New Works," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
"Opening Exhibition," Art Angels; Los Angeles, California  
Houston Fine Art Fair; Houston, Texas  
Art Aspen; Aspen, Colorado  
"Texas Contemporary," Laura Rathe Gallery; Houston, Texas  
Love Contemporary; Toronto, Canada  
"Surface Sounds," Cheryl Hazan Contemporary Art, New York  
"Geometric Concepts," Tub Gallery; Miami, Florida  
Dallas Fine Art Fair, Laura Rathe Gallery; Dallas, Texas  
Art Palm Beach; West Palm Beach, Florida  
"ONE," Laura Rathe Fine Art; Dallas, Texas  
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair; Palm Springs, California  
Group Exhibition; Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois  
"Made in Ratio," Cheryl Hazan Contemporary Art, New York
- 2013    "Beyond the Linear Expression," Tub Gallery; Miami, Florida  
**Selected Group Exhibitions and Art Fairs (continued)**
- 2013    SCOPE; Miami, Florida

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- Design Harvest, Buckingham ID; Chicago, Illinois  
“Memory of Linear and Broken Boundaries,” Tub Gallery; Miami, Florida  
Affordable Art Fair, New York  
Houston Fine Art Fair; Houston, Texas  
Art Hamptons; Bridgehampton, New York  
Group Exhibition, Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois  
“Refresh,” Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.  
Art Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2012 “Color Schooled—The Influence of the Washington Color School Movement,”  
Long View Gallery; Washington, D.C.  
SCOPE; Miami, Florida  
SOFA Chicago; Chicago, Illinois  
Houston Fine Art Fair; Houston, Texas  
Art Hamptons; Bridgehampton, New York  
Art Naples, Gruen Gallery; Naples, Florida
- 2011 Art Chicago; Chicago, Illinois  
Group Exhibition, Gruen Galleries; Chicago, Illinois  
Design Harvest, Julia Buckingham ID; Chicago, Illinois
- 2008 “The Artists Project,” Artropolis; Chicago, Illinois

## **Selected Press**

- 2022 Sills, Stephen; *A Vision For Design*.
- 2020 *ELLE Decor*, October.  
*Interiors Magazine*.
- 2019 *Better Homes & Gardens*, January.  
*The Houston Chronicle*, January.
- 2017 Buckingham, Julia. *Modernique*.  
*Greenwich Times*, February 18.

## **Selected Press (continued)**

- 2016 Jordan, Eliza. *Whitewall Art*, December 2.  
*Daily Herald*, September.

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Jenkins, Mary. *The Washington Post*, January 1.

2014 "In the Galleries," *The Washington Post*, November 21.

2013 "Style/Going Out Guide," *The Washington Post*, January 25.

2012 Jenkins, Mary. *The Washington Post*, November 8.

## **Selected Commissions and Collections**

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Dallas, Texas

The Meeschaert Collection, New York

Water Street Healthcare Partners; Chicago, Illinois

Ogletree Deakins; Chicago, Illinois