

Michael Harnish

Michael Harnish earned his bachelor and master degrees in painting from the Laguna College of Art and Design, finishing his education in 2010. Harnish was born and raised in Dana Point, moving to Los Angeles after graduating and has most recently taken up residence in Fullerton, CA where he also keeps his studio.

His paintings show a conscious departure from traditional methods of painting in favor of a bold, deconstructive approach to mark making. Currently, Harnish is working with collage, moving back and forth between paper and canvas, exploring the tension between inorganic and organic elements. The breakdown of tradition and the construction of new traditions through practice and discipline is something he has continuously sought from his early days as a graffiti artist to his current studio practice.

Michael has shown in several exhibitions at saltfineart in Laguna Beach as well as throughout Los Angeles and Orange County.

EDUCATION

MFA | Laguna College of Art and Design, 2010

BFA | Laguna College of Art and Design, 2008

SELECT EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** PINK LIGHT, saltfineart + RAWsalt gallery, Laguna Beach CA
LOVE POEMS, Basement Projects, Santa Ana, CA
WORKING TITLE, Third Street Studios, Long Beach, CA
MULTIPLES MULTIPLES MULTIPLES, Oof Cypress Park, Los Angeles, CA
IDYLLWILD ARTS SUMMER FACULTY SHOW, Idyllwild, CA
- 2016** PORTRAITS, saltfineart + RAWsalt gallery, Laguna Beach CA
NO NAME, DAX Gallery, Costa Mesa CA
IDYLLWILD ARTS SUMMER EXHIBITION, Idyllwild CA
THE NATURE OF ART, group show, saltfineart + RAWsalt gallery, Laguna Beach CA
- 2015** NEW WORKS, saltfineart + RAWsalt - solo exhibition, Laguna Beach CA
BEVERLY HILLS ART SHOW, Beverly Hills CA
UNDENIABLE, DAX Gallery, Costa Mesa CA
PHILHARMONIC HOUSE, Orange County, CA
RITZ CARLTON, Laguna Niguel CA
ORANGE COAST COLLEGE, Costa Mesa CA
GALLERY 533, Los Angeles CA
FESTIVAL OF ARTS, Laguna Beach CA (2013 - 15)
- 2014** GALLERY 825, Los Angeles CA

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latin contemporary

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gallery

Seaton Street Open Studios, Los Angeles, CA

2013 LAAA, Gallery 533 curated by Susan Cross of Mass MOCA

2012 Think Tank *Represent: A Group Exhibition*, Think Tank gallery, Los Angeles, CA