



CHRISTOPHER OWEN NELSON | Resume

EDUCATION

1999 | Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver CO

AWARDS

2017 | The Governor's Exhibition, Recipient of Second Place Award and Prize, Lincoln Gallery, Loveland CO

2016 | The Cambridge Art Association National Prize for Painting - Cambridge, Massachusetts, Juror: Paul Ha

2013 | Landscapes, International Art Competition, Light Space and Time Gallery, Jupiter, Florida

2012 | Fish International Art Competition, Lightwell Gallery, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, Curator: Cedar Marie

2012 | Northern National Art Competition, Audience Choice Award, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Juror: Sarah McKenzie

Northern National Art Competition, Special Merit Award, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Juror: Sarah McKenzie

2008 | Southwest Art Magazine, Featured Artist: 21 Under 31 Emerging Artists, National

1998 | Most Promising Artist Scholarship Award, Jefferson County, Colorado

SOLO EXHIBITS

2021 | Lucidum, Tierra Mar Gallery, Santa Fe NM

2019 | Pattern Disruption, Mark White Fine Art, Santa Fe NM

2018 | Rhythm of the Afterlife, Aspen Art Gallery, Aspen CO

Shapeshift: An Introspection, Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada CO

- 2016 | Sentience, Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe NM
- 2015 | Clarity, Aspen Art Gallery, Aspen CO
 Out of the Darkness, The Gallery at 350 Bleecker Street, New York NY
 Running From Time, Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe NM
- 2014 | Subconscious Space, Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe NM
- 2013 | The Fortune Tellers, Horizon Fine Art, Jackson Hole WY
 Absorb and Connect, Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe NM
- 2012 | Anchored and Drifting, Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe NM
- 2011 | Howard Schepp Fine Art, Palm Desert CA
 Horizon Fine Art, Jackson, WY
- 2010 | Vickers Collection, Aspen CO
- 2009 | VC Gallery of Fine Art, Sedona AZ
 Vail Village Arts, Vail CO
- 2008 | Vickers Collection, Beaver Creek CO
 Wood River Gallery, Ketchum ID
 Vail Village Arts, Vail CO

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 | Reality Under Construction, The Collective, Curated by Arika Von Ed
- 2017 | 50th Arts International Exhibition 2017, International Museum of Art, TX
 Recipient of Second Place Award and Prize , Lincoln Gallery, Loveland CO
 27th Annual ArtsThrive: Art Exhibition & Benefit, formerly Miniatures & More, 2 2 Albuquerque, NM
- 2016 | Fall Group Exhibition, Thornwood Gallery, Houston TX
 Gala and Exhibition, Taos Art Museum at Fechin House, Taos NM
 FRESH! The Modern Portrait, JanKossen Contemporary, New York NY
 Governor's Art Show, Loveland Museum, Loveland CO

- Branches, Bramble and Roots: an Exhibition Celebrating Trees, View, Old Forge, NY
ArtPrize 2016 – Grand Rapids MI
First Peek: Inaugural Exhibition, Southern Utah Museum Of Art, Cedar City UT
Cambridge National Prize Exhibition – Cambridge MA, Juror: Paul Ha
The City, Susquehanna Art Museum – Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Jurors: Elody Gyekis and Tanya Garcia
80x80: An Art Show, Mint Museum – Charlotte NC
Spring Exhibition, Thornwood Gallery, Houston TX
Social Justice: It Happens to One, It Happens to All, Gutfreund Cornett Art Exhibition, St. Mary's College Museum of Art, Moraga CA
Stanthorpe Global 2016, Queensland, Australia, Juror: Ron Ramsey
- 2015 | Holiday Group Exhibition, Thornwood Gallery, Houston TX
Annual Contemporary Art Survey, Lincoln Center, Fort Collins CO
Holiday Show, Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe NM
30th Annual International Exhibition, Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL
Portrait Exhibition, Monmouth Museum, Lincroft NJ
Art of Our Century, Woodbury Art Museum, Utah Valley University, Orem UT
Expressions West 2015, Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay OR, Juror: Brian Hoover
X Florence Biennale, Florence Italy, Artistic Director: Rolando Bellini
Incite Insight, Lincoln Center, Fort Collins CO, Juror: Ivar Zeile
Murmurations, Hinge Modern, Culver City CA, Curator: Caspar Martin
Less is More, The Mitchell Gallery at St. John's College, Annapolis MD, Juror: Dominic Iacono
International Sculpture Exhibition, Middle Tennessee State University, Todd Art Gallery, Murfreesboro TN, Juror: Michael Aurbach
- 2014 | Intersections, Redline Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2013 | Landscapes, Light Space and Time Gallery, online exhibition
Mythical Beasts, One Mile Gallery, Kingston NY
Scapes, Studio 12 Gallery, Denver CO

- 2012 | Fish, University of Oklahoma, School of Art and Art History NNAC, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander WI
- 2011 | Fools Gold, Sasha Noe, New York NY
Illuminations, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder CO
- 2010 | Haro Gallery, Culver City, California *Art In Bloom, The Art Museum at the University of Kentucky, Lexington KY
- 2007 | Tour D'Arte, Unspoken Word, Boulder CO
- 2006 | The Art of Living, Colorado Springs CO

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Permanent Collection: Meow Wolf, Denver, Colorado

Permanent Collection: City of Houston, Houston, Texas

Private Residence, Aspen, Colorado (multiple pieces)

Permanent Collection, State of New Mexico, New Mexico State University (multiple acquisitions)

Permanent Collection: Colorado Mesa University

Tomlinson Library, Grand Junction Colorado

Private Corporation: Houston, Texas

The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe, California

Wisdom Tree Investments, New York, New York

William Low, New York, New York

Jeff & Lis Coors, Golden, Colorado

Edward Burton, Hampshire, United Kingdom

Nancy Zeckendorf, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Lynn Kagan, Vancouver, British Columbia

St. Julien Hotel, Boulder, Colorado

Richard Avanzino, Danville, California

John & Sharyn Clark, Queensland, Australia

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, Denver, Colorado

Chris Daughtry, Recording Artist
Christopher Dean, Olympic Gold Medalist
Hale Westfall, LLP, Denver, Colorado
Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance, Memphis, Tennessee
Face & Body Cosmetic Surgery, Miami, Florida
Amesur Eye Associates, Ridgewood, New Jersey
El Paso Animal Hospital, El Paso, Texas
Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Boulder, Colorado
Steamboat Orthopedics, Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Sacha Millstone, Millstone Evans Group, Boulder, Colorado
Steve & Cindy Laporta, Newtown, Connecticut
Debbie Birkhauser, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Boulder County Open Space Building, Boulder, Colorado
Goodwill Industries, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Jefferson County Laramie Building, Golden, Colorado
Central Bank and Trust, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Broomfield Event Center, Broomfield, Colorado
Law Offices of Thompson & Thompson, Denver, Colorado
Ron D. Thoman, DDS, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Dave & Kelly Mecartney, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Tony Horton, Television Personality
Jae Hyung Cho, Billiards Champion
Horan and McConaty, Denver, Colorado
Colorado Precision Machining, Arvada, Colorado
Distant Cellars Vineyard, Fiddletown, California

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PUBLICATION

- 2021 | Meow Wolf, "Christopher Owen Nelson: Crystal Future," Mini Docs (video), August Tiney Ricciardi,
"Meet the Colorado Artists bringing Denver's Meow Wolf to life," The Denver Post. May 2021
- 2019 | Ben Thompkins, "You've never seen Aspen tree like this before. . ." Aspen Art Gallery (blog). March 2019
- 2017 | Vine Leaves Literary Journal, Issue #19, November 2017
- Whitefish Review, "Rising Voices", Fall 2017
- Rumble Fish Quarterly, Fall 2017
- Ground Fresh Thursday, November 2017
- Cover, New Mexico Bar Bulletin, the official publication of the New Mexico State Bar, July 2017
- Rathalla Review , Summer 2017
- LandEscape Art Review, London, England, May 2017
- Woven Tale Press, May 2017
- A5 Magazine, April 2017
- WotisArt Magazine, April 2017

Gravel: A Literary Journal, Spring 2017

CODAworx, CODAmagazine, Transformative Walls III, March 2017

Cover, New Mexico Bar Bulletin, the official publication of the New Mexico State Bar, January 2017

Dancing Flame featured in episode of "Bull" - CBS Television Studios (Steven Spielberg executive produced)

2016 | Museum Catalog "Social Justice: It Happens to One, It Happens to All", Saint Mary's College Museum of Art, Moraga, CA

Saatchi Art: Inspired by Klimt Collection - Christopher Owen Nelson, selected by Chief Curator Rebecca Wilson of Saatchi London, July 2016

Heart and Mind Zine, Publication: Summer 2016

Saatchi Art: Artist Of The Day - Christopher Owen Nelson, selected by Chief Curator Rebecca Wilson of Saatchi London, May 2016

Temenos: Returning Home, Summer 2016

Willow Creek Journal, 25th Anniversary Season, Creede Arts Council, Creede, Colorado

Advocate For The Arts by John O'Hern, American Art Collector, June 2016, Issue 128, Scottsdale, Arizona

Cover, New Mexico State Bar Bulletin, the official publication of the New Mexico State Bar, March 2016

Fredericksburg Literary And Art Review, Spring Edition 2016, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Creative Loafing, 80x80: An Art Show named Best Exhibit of Charlotte, North Carolina

The Saltlake Tribune, "Iconic building to house new Southern Utah Museum of Art", Ellen Fagg Weist, June 24, 2016

USA Today Network: Cincinnati.com, "Five exhibits open at new Southern Utah Museum of Art", Brian Passey, July 2, 2016

MLive, "ArtPrize 2016 Top 100 public favorites: Installation entries", John Serba, September 27, 2016

The Detroit News, "ArtPrize 2016", Daniel Mears, September 2016

Reporter-Herald: Loveland News, "2016 brings new artwork, programs to Loveland museum", Jessica Benes, January 2, 2016

Southwest Art, "Show Preview | Governor's Art Show", April 2016

Northern New York Living Magazine, "Five Things Friday event calendar - June 24", June 23, 2016

The Charlotte Observer, "2016-17 visual arts preview: Look for zing in small places", Justine Miller, September 7, 2016

- Manhattan Arts International, "Social Justice Art Exhibition Curated by Gutfreund Cornett Art", Renee Phillips, September 18, 2016
- The Northern Daily Leader, "Guyra art on show at Stanthorpe Art Festival", May 26, 2016
- Harrisburg Magazine, "Susquehanna Art Museum", Tony Conte, June 30, 2016
- 2015 | Coast Explorer, "Coos Art Museum, Expressions West 2015", March 5, 2015
- Oregon Today, "Coos Art Museum, Expressions West 2015 Exhibition at Coos Art Museum, April 24", April 2015
- Saatchi Art: New This Week, featured artist Christopher Owen Nelson, selected by Chief Curator Rebecca Wilson of Saatchi London, October 2015
- Coast Explorer Magazine, Coos Art Museum, Expressions West 2015, March 2015
- The World Link, Winners at Coos Art Museum, Expressions West 2015 Named, May 2015
- Painted Sky: 106 Artists of the Rocky Mountain West, E. Ashley Rooney, December 2015
- Cover, New Mexico State Bar Bulletin, the official publication of the New Mexico State Bar, August 2015
- Saatchi Art: New This Week, featured artist Christopher Owen Nelson, selected by Chief Curator Rebecca Wilson of Saatchi London, September 2015
- Studio Visit Magazine, Winter 2015 Edition
- Itch: The Creative Journal, featured artist Christopher Owen Nelson, Issue #15
- On View Magazine, 30th Annual International Exhibition, Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2015
- MA-CO Italia s.r.l. macoitalia.it, featured artist Christopher Owen Nelson, July 2015
- The Rising Artist magazine, featured artist: Christopher Owen Nelson, projected
- 2014 | Western Art Collector, Preview: Christopher Owen Nelson, July, pages 102-103
- Southwest Art Magazine, Where Are They Now, May, page 101
- Luxe Interiors and Design, Volume 12, Issue 1, Winter 2014
- Green Art: Trees, Leaves and Roots, E. Ashley Rooney, pages 124-125, 228
- 2013 | Western Art And Architecture, Illuminations, October, pages 54,55
- Jackson Hole News And Guide, September 5th
- 2012 | Santa Fean, review, April, page 43
- American Art Collector, May issue

- 2009 | Denver Syntax, Issue 17, Spring 2009 Featured Artist
- 2008 | Vail Daily, Front page and feature article, December 20th
Plum TV Interview, Vail, Colorado
Southwest Art Magazine, 21 Under 31 Emerging Artists
- 2007 | TV 8 Interview, Beaver Creek, Colorado
Wood River Journal, Ketchum, Idaho