

RUSSO ▲ LEE GALLERY

JAMES ALLEN

Born: 1977, Illinois

EDUCATION

BFA, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee 2000

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

"Human/Nature," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2023
"You Are Living In A Poem," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2021
"Making New Memories," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2019
"Booked," Portland International Airport (Concourse A), Portland, OR 2018
"Book Work: Recent Excavations," Pendleton Center for the Arts 2017
"Northwest Bound," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2017
"Anesidora,," Kittredge Gallery, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA 2016
"Book Excavations," Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR 2015
"Excavations," Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle, WA 2008
"How Memory Works," One Nation Gallery, Milwaukee, WI 2000
"Lens-Bot," Institute of Visual Art, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 2000

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

"Flesh and Bones: The Art of Anatomy," Getty Center, The Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA 2022
"Holiday Group Exhibition, Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2019, 2021
"Group Exhibition of Gallery Artists," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2020
"Cut Up / Cut Out," Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue, WA; Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA;
Pensacola Museum of Art, Pensacola, FL; Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL; Museum of Arts
& Sciences, Daytona Beach, FL; Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI; Amarillo
Museum of Art, Amarillo, TX; Museum of West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV; Carnegie Arts
Center, Turlock, CA; Lamont Gallery at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH (traveling exhibition) 2017-2020
"Paperworks Refolded," City of Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA 2018
"In Bloom," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2018
"Book Art: A Novel Idea," Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ 2017-2018
"Built: Contemporary Artist Books," 23 Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR 2017
"Unbound Narrative," Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC 2016-2017
"2016 Portland Biennial Salon," Disjecta, Portland, OR 2016
"30 Years: New Work by Gallery Artists," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR 2016
"Chasing Paper," Invitational Exhibition, Lake Osego Festival of the Arts, Lake Oswego, OR 2016
"Ten Years of Artists' Books," Brooklyn Central Library, Brooklyn, NY 2015
"Unhinged: Book Art on the Cutting Edge," Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA 2015
"Measures of Depth," George Fox University, Newberg, OR 2015
"Codex," Seager Gray Gallery, Richmond, CA 2015
Tenth Annual Art of the Book, Seager Gray Gallery, Mill Valley, CA 2015
ArtMRKT San Francisco, CA 2015
Aqua Art Miami, Seager Gray Gallery, Miami FL 2014
"Bound and Beyond: Structure in Book Art," UWM Union Gallery, Milwaukee, WI 2014
"Altered Books and Mixed Media," Guardino Gallery, Portland, OR 2014
"Altered Visions," 23 Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR 2014
"Undercover Stories: The Secret Lives of Books," Art Up Front Gallery, Issaquah, WA 2014

Group Show, 23 Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR	2013
Group Show, Outerlands Gallery, Vergennes, VT	2013
Petit Tableaux, Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle, WA	2012
"Dream," Artist Trust Benefit Auction, Seattle, WA	2010
"Dress Envy," Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle, WA	2010
"Home," The Canoe, Seattle, WA	2010
"The Book Borrowers," Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA	2009
"The Edge of Excess," Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO	2007
Seattle Erotic Art Festival, The Fenix, Seattle, WA	2007
"Artists Only," Victrola Coffee and Art, Seattle, WA	2007
12th Annual International Exhibition, SOHO 20 Chelsea Gallery, New York, NY	2006
Juror: LILIAN TONE, Assistant Curator of Painting and Sculpture, Museum of Modern Art	2006
Artfutura 2006: Transformation, The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL	2006
Juror: JAMES RONDEAU, Curator of Contemporary Art, Art Institute of Chicago	2006
"Randomness Chance and Chaos," OK Hotel, Seattle, WA	2005
"Masters Mystery Art Show," Florida International University, Miami, FL	2005
"Gravity Racers: 10th Anniversary Show," Pierogi Gallery, Brooklyn, NY	2004
"Characterism: Pop Art, USA & Japan," Williamsburg Art and Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY	2003
"The Brooklyn Painters Show," Brooklyn Working Artists Coalition, Brooklyn, NY	2003
Pier Show 11, Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition, Brooklyn, NY	2003
Wearable Sculpture Fashion Show, The Oriental, Milwaukee, WI	2002
Pier Show 10, Brooklyn Working Artists Coalition, Brooklyn, NY	2002
"Digital Printmaking," Woodland Pattern Gallery, Milwaukee, WI	2000
Wearable Sculpture Fashion Show, Thai Joes, Milwaukee, WI	2000
Parkside National Small Print Exhibition, University of Wisconsin Parkside, Kenosha, WI	1999

COLLECTIONS

4Culture Public Art Collection, Seattle, WA
 Baylor University, Waco, TX
 Children and Family Justice Center, Seattle, WA
 Johns Hopkins University, Milton S Eisenhower Library, Baltimore, MD
 Middle Tennessee State University, Walker Library, Murfreesboro, TN
 Oregon Historical Society, Portland, OR
 Regional Arts & Culture Council, Portland Building, City of Portland, OR
 Ridgeview Elementary, Yakima, WA (Facilitated by Washington State Arts Commission)
 Ringling College of Art and Design, Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library, Sarasota, FL
 Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
 UCLA, Arts Library, Los Angeles, CA
 UCLA, Louise M Darling Biomedical Library, Los Angeles, CA
 University of Colorado, Special Collections Library, Boulder, CO
 University of Puget Sound, Collins Memorial Library, Tacoma, WA
 University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
 University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Golda Mier Library, Special Collections, Milwaukee, WI

AWARDS / HONORS

Artist Talk, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR	2018
Guest Lecturer, Puget Sound Book Artists, Tacoma, WA	2015
Regional Arts and Culture Council Professional Development Grant, Portland, OR	2014
Portland Community College Art Beat, Portland, OR	2014
Artist Trust Fellowship, Washington State	2011
Honorable Mention, Seattle Erotic Art Festival	2007
Honorable Mention, Artfutura 2006:Transformation, Chicago, IL	2006

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