

# NOHRA HAIME GALLERY

VALERIE BLACKWELL HIRD

Born July 6, 1955, Springfield, Massachusetts  
Lives and works in Burlington, Vermont since 1979

## EDUCATION

2005-07 Vermont College at Union Institute and University, VT (MFA)  
1990 Restoration studies, Courtauld Institute, London, England  
1977-78 Apprentice Restorer, Morton Bradley, Arlington, MA  
1975-78 Rhode Island School of Design, BFA Painting, Providence, RI  
1973-74 Beloit College, Beloit, WI

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015-16 Adjunct Faculty, CORE Division, Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont  
2013 Artist in Residence, The Studios of Key West, FL  
2003-04 Adjunct Faculty, Community College of Vermont, VT  
2000-18 Adjunct Faculty, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT  
1996-2002 Trustee Vermont Art Council  
1988-89 Advisory Board Member, Vermont Council on the Arts, Montpelier, VT  
1978 Teaching Assistant, printmaking, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
1977-78 Conservator, Assistant to the curator Museum of Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
1976-78 Framer, Assistant to the Curator, Museum of Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

## AWARDS

2013 Residency - The Studios of Key West  
2009 Commission for The Art of Action: Shaping Vermont's Future through Art  
2008 Grant award from the Community Foundation of Vermont, Vermont Endowment Fund  
1992 Fellowship, Vermont Council on the Arts  
1985 Jurors Award, Stratton Mountain Arts Festival  
Featured Artist, Stratton Mountain Arts Festival  
1984 Fellowship, Vermont Council on the Arts  
Jurors Award, Stratton Mountain Arts Festival

## LECTURES

2017 "Tweets from Another World," Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord, NH and Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont  
2014 "Visual Language," American University of Dubai, UAE  
"Visual Language," Art Students League, New York  
"Nomadic Connections," Friends of the Key West Library Lecture Series, The Armory, Key West, FL  
2013 The Center For Book Arts, New York  
2010 "Maiden Voyages," American Corner, Jordan University, Amman, Jordan  
United States Embassy, Amman Jordan and Jerusalem, Israel  
Nabad Gallery, Amman, Jordan  
2009 "Maiden Voyages," Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
"Maiden Voyages," University of Southern Florida, Panama, FL  
"Nomadic Travels and Traditions," Amy Tarrent Gallery, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington

"Nomadic Travels and Traditions," School of Visual Arts, New York  
University of Jordan  
Saint Michaels College, Colchester, VT

#### ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 The Windows at Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2017 "Nomadic Connections," McGowan Fine Art, Concord, NH  
2016 "The Genesis Tree," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2015 "Origin of Birds," MCLA Gallery, North Adams, MA  
"Origin of Birds," Gallery 51, North Adams, MA  
ArtPrize, Monroe Community Church, Grand Rapids, MI  
2014-15 "Los Cuatro Elementos," NH Galería, Cartagena de Indias  
2014 "Origination," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2013 "Maiden Voyages Project," The Center For Book Arts, New York  
"Origin of Birds," The Studios of Key West, Key West, FL  
2012 "The Fifth Day," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2011 "Trinity," NH Galería, Cartagena de Indias  
2010 "Valerie Hird: The Maiden Voyages Project: An Exhibition of Visual Blogs," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2009 "Maiden Voyages," Amy Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center for the Arts, Burlington  
2008 "Everybody Wants to be a Superhero," DIVA, Nohra Haime Gallery, Paris, France  
2007 "Everyone Wants to be a Superhero," Art Chicago, Nohra Haime Gallery, Chicago, IL  
"Hero Worship," Red Dot, Nohra Haime Gallery, Miami, FL  
2006 "Myths Then and Now," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
"On the Road," Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, FL  
2004 "Cycles of Faith Cycles of Fiction," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
"Faith Based Facts," Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, FL  
2003 "End of the Silkroad," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2001 "Trekking Through Asia Minor," Amy Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington  
"Nomadic Connections," Visual Arts Museum, New York  
"Portraits of Time: Mountain Profiles," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
2000 "From Andalusia to Kurdistan," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
"Nomadic Connections," Peter Pap Oriental Rugs, San Francisco, CA  
1999 "Nomadic Connections," Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, VT  
1998 "Andalusian Landscapes - Paisajes Andaluces," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
"Valerie Hird," MAC, New York  
1997 "Nightscapes in the Palmirs," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
"The Nile and Beyond - Works on Paper," The Armory, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
1994 "Anatolian Journeys," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
1993 "Nomadic Reflections," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
1992 Gallery North Star, Stratton, VT  
1991 Gallery North Star, Stratton, VT  
Zimmermann Saturn Gallery, Nashville, TN  
Passepartout Gallery, Wisnooski, VT  
1990 Gallery North Star, Stratton, VT  
Besides Myself Gallery, Arlington, VT  
1989 Passepartout Gallery, Wisnooski, VT  
1988 Gallery Two, Woodstock, VT  
Beside Myself Gallery, Arlington, VT  
1987 Passepartout Gallery, Wisnooski, VT

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 "New Place, New Space," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
"Juried Watercolor Exhibition: Traditional to Modern," Monmouth Museum, Lindcroft, NH  
"Here and There," Atlantic Works Gallery, Boston, MA  
"Dreaming of Another World: Nomadic Reflections," McGowan Fine Art, Concord, NH

- "Feminist Feminine," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Visiones Algoritmicas," NH Galería, Cartagena
- 2016 "Introspection: Major Works by Gallery Artists," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 2015 Art Madrid, NH Galería, Madrid, Spain
- 2014 "Crossing the Line 2, Drawing in the Middle East," JamjarvGallery, American University Dubai, UAE. Travels to Global Center for Drawing, Langford 120 Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2013 Art Miami, Nohra Haime Gallery, Miami, FL  
 "Islam Contemporary," Lichtenstein Center for Art, Pittsfield, MA
- 2012 "Bird," Furchott Sourdiff Gallery, Shelburne, VT  
 "StoryTime," Studio Place Arts, Barre, VT  
 "Priene Hali," School of Visual Arts, New York
- 2011 "An Exchange with Sol LeWitt," MassMoCA, North Adams, MA  
 "Superheroes: Casita Maria," Casita Maria Center for Arts and Education, Bronx, NY  
 "Digital Checkpoints: Maiden Voyages Project," Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF)  
 "On-line digital exhibition," Sharon Lin Tay (London), Dale Hudson (Abu Dhabi) co-curators
- 2010 "Objects of Desire," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Sacred and Profane," The Portsmouth Museum of Fine Art, NH  
 "Art of Action," Vermont Arts Council, Senate Rotunda, Washington, D.C.  
 "The Maiden Voyages Project: An Exhibition of Visual Blogs, Diaries and Drawings by Valerie Hird," in Tri-Fold: New Perspectives on Book Arts, Williamsburg Art and Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY  
 "Fiction Project," Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY  
 "Metamorphosis," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 Art Chicago, Nohra Haime Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 "Lucky Again," Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, FL
- 2009-10 "Art of Action," Vermont Arts Council, touring exhibition to 28 venues in Vermont
- 2009 Art Miami, Nohra Haime Gallery, Miami, FL  
 "Art in Embassies," United States Embassy, Santiago, Chile  
 "Gullubahce/Rose Garden Benefit," Priene, Turkey
- 2008 DIVA, Nohra Haime Gallery, Paris, France  
 Art Chicago, Nohra Haime Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 "The Art Show," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Peopled People," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Drawing Beyond the Plane," Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL  
 "Selections," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Landscape and Fabric," Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville, VT  
 "Contemporary Drawings, 69th Street Armory, NY
- 2007 "Presentis Alteratum," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 LA Art Show, Nohra Haime Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
 "Experimenting," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "New Vistas," Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville, VT  
 "Sublimis Interruptus," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 Bridge London, Nohra Haime Gallery, London, England  
 Art20, Nohra Haime Gallery, The Armory, New York  
 "Celebration of the Book," Chaffee Art Center, Rutland, VT  
 "Graduate Exhibition," Vermont College, Montpelier, VT  
 "Collectors Show," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AK  
 "Artist Plates," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 2006 "The Art of War, Fotofest Biennial," Gremillion Fine Art, Houston, TX  
 TAF Exhibition, Nashville, TN  
 Art20, Nohra Haime Gallery, The Armory, New York
- 2005 "Images of Time and Place: Contemporary Views of Landscape," Elaine E. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
 "Faceless Faces Body Files," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "State of the Art 2005 Biennial Watercolor Invitational," Art Gallery, Parkland College, Champaign, IL  
 "Body Human," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 Art of the Twentieth Century, The Armory, New York  
 "Salon 2005," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York

- 2004 "Food, Clothing and Shelter," Onisbaro Gallery, Interfaith Center of New York  
 "Art at War," Aldo Castillo Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 "Art at War," Illinois State University, Chicago, IL  
 "Past Present Future: The State of the World," The Arts Center, Okaloosa-Walton Community College, Niceville, FL  
 Art of the Twentieth Century, The Armory, New York  
 "In the Back Room," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Crossing Borders: Key West Literary Seminar," Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, FL
- 2003 "Beautiful Changes: Artists and Poets," Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, FL  
 Art of the Twentieth Century, The Armory, New York  
 Hunter Kirkland Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2002 "Destinations: Artists as Travelers," Southern Vermont Arts Center, Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, Manchester, VT  
 "Contemporary American Art," United States Embassy, Seoul, Korea  
 Hunter Kirkland Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM  
 "Works on Paper," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 Lucky Street Gallery, Key West, FL  
 Art of the Twentieth Century, The Armory, New York  
 Art Deco Fair, 26th Street Armory, New York
- 2001 "The Artist as Traveler," Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, VT  
 "Selections," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "20th Anniversary Exhibition," Gallery North Star, Manchester, VT  
 "Member's Exhibition," Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester, VT
- 2000 "Major Work by Gallery Artists," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 1999 Antique Fair, Peter Pap Oriental Rugs, San Francisco, CA  
 "The Use of The Hand," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "Into the New Century," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 1998 "Il Uovo nel arte," Turin, Italy  
 "The Collector Show: The Collection of Bonnie Reid Martin," The Firehouse Gallery, Burlington  
 FIAC, Nohra Haime Gallery, Paris, France  
 Grayson Gallery, Woodstock, VT  
 Graystone Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 "Important Works by Gallery Artists," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 1997 "On Paper, With Paper and Drawings by Gallery Artists," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 "The Power of Color," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 1996 "Libre Donne del Arte e di Carta," Biblioteca Civica, Turin, Italy  
 "Masks," AKIM, Sotheby's, New York  
 Art Miami, Nohra Haime Gallery, Miami, FL  
 The Art Show, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 Art Chicago, Nohra Haime Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 "Fifteenth Anniversary," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- 1995 The Art Show, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 Art Miami, Nohra Haime Gallery, Miami, FL  
 "Works on Paper," Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 FIAC, Nohra Haime Gallery, Paris, France
- 1994 "In Vermont," Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, VT  
 "Excellence in Watercolor," New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, Summit, NJ  
 Art Miami, Nohra Haime Gallery, Miami, FL  
 The Art Show, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York  
 FIAC, Nohra Haime Gallery, Paris, France
- 1993 "12 X 12," Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
 FIAC, Nohra Haime Gallery, Paris, France
- 1990 "Art and the Law," West Collection, West Publishing Co. Minnesota, traveling exhibition
- 1989 "Seven Women Artists - New Talent," Katherina Rich Perlow, New York  
 "Art's Alive Invitational," Robert Hull Fleming Museum, Burlington
- 1984-92 Stratton Mountain Arts Festival, Stratton, VT

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Biblioteca Luis Angel Arango, Bogotá, Colombia  
Fleming Museum, Burlington  
Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
U.S. Department of State, Art in Embassies, United States Embassy, Turkey and South Korea

## SELECTED CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Advance Corporation, Miami, FL  
Cargill Investment Service, New York  
Exxon Corporation, Dallas, TX  
Fletcher Allen Health Center, Burlington  
Garwin, Bronzaft, Gerstein & Fisher, New York  
Greenwich Investment Management, Inc., Stamford, CT  
Lavandoo, Geneva, Switzerland  
Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, Burlington  
Pfizer Inc., New York  
Pizzagalli Construction, Burlington  
Standard Chartered Bank, New York  
Ventura, Miami, FL  
Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA

## TRAVELS

Morocco, Spain, Turkey, Scotland, Peru, Uzbekistan, Kirghistan, Egypt, Turkey, England, Belgium, Netherlands, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, UAE

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