

Forrest Bess

Born 1911 in Bay City, TX

Died 1977 in Bay City, TX

Select Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Forrest Bess Out of the Blue*, Camden Art Centre, London, UK
- 2020 *Forrest Bess*, cur. Moritz Wesseler, Fridericianum, Kassel, DE
- 2018 *Forrest Bess*, Modern Art (Helmet Row), London, UK
- 2016 *Forrest Bess Paintings*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2014 *Forrest Bess: Seeing Things Invisible*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 *Forrest Bess: Seeing Things Invisible*, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX
traveled to: Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY
University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive,
Berkeley, CA
- 2009 Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA
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- 1989 *Here is a sign*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
- 1977 Bay City Art League, Bay City, TX
- 1967 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 1963 New Arts Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1962 Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1959 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1958 André Emmerich Gallery, Houston, TX
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 1957 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1954 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
- 1951 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Texas A & M Student Center, Bryan, TX
- 1949 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1938 Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio, TX

Select Group Exhibitions

- 2019 *The World According To....*, Pace Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Outliers and American Vanguard Art*, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
traveled to: High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Forrest Bess | Joan Snyder*, Parrasch Heijnen Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Forrest Bess | Joan Snyder, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 *Human Interest: Portraits from The Whitney's Collection*, Whitney Museum of American
Art, New York, NY
When Modern was Contemporary, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- 2015 *It's Magic!*, Betty Cunningham, New York, NY
- 2014 *Pace Gems: Selections from the Pace Foundation Permanent Collection*, Linda Pace
Foundation, San Antonio, TX
- 2012 Whitney Biennial, New York, NY

- 2011 *Forest Bess: 100 Years*, Kirk Hopper Fine Art, Dallas, TX
Sets and Sutures, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *La maison et l'infini*, La collection de Christian Zacharias, Fondation de l'Hermitage,
Lausanne, Switzerland
Four Decades, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 *CORE*, Betty Cuninghame Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 *Disarming Matter*, Larissa Goldston Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *a point in space is a place for an argument*, David Zwirner, Inc., New York, NY
- 2006 *We Make Any Size Of Mirror*, Mitchell-Innes & Nash. Madison Av., New York, NY
- 2003 *Half Air*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 *Perfect Being: Paintings in code/Codes in painting*, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at
Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1988 *Texas Art: An exhibition selected from The Menil Collection*, The Museum of Fine Arts,
Houston and Trustees' Collections, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX
- 1982 *In Our Time: Houston's Contemporary Arts Museum 1948-1982*, Contemporary Arts
Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 1966 *Eighth Annual Painting Invitational*, Junior league, Long View, TX
- 1964 *Dealer's Choice: An Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Prints*, Contemporary Arts
Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 1962 *Wit and Whimsy in 20th Century Art*, American Federation of Arts, New York, NY
- 1959 *Walter Murch & Forrest Bess*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1958 M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1957 *Recent Contemporary Acquisitions - Houston*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston,
Houston, TX
Pacemakers, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 1952 Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa, OK
- 1939 Corcoran Gallery Biennial, Washington, DC
- 1938 Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Grants

- 1973 Mark Rothko Foundation