### **Karen Leibowitz**

### **Biography**

1997	B.F.A., Carnegie Mellon University, College of Fine Arts, Pittsburgh, PA.
2002	Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, MN.
2006	M.F.A., University of California, Los Angeles.

Lives in Los Angeles

### **One Artist Exhibitions**

1995	"Landscapes of America and Israel," Forbes Gallery, Pittsburg, PA.	
1997 - 1998	"Visions on Site," Jewish Community Center, Cherry Hill, NJ.	
2000	"Chaos and Kiddush," SOIL Art Gallery, Seattle, WA.	
2001	"Cycles of Judgment: The Solomon Series," King County Art Gallery,	
	Seattle, WA.	
2003	"The Summit," curated by Billy Howard, Howard House, Seattle, WA.	
2005	"Paintings and Drawings," The Dortort Center for Creativity in the Arts at	
	UCLA Hillel, Los Angeles.	
2008	"Leviathan (from The Manifesting Prophecy Series)," Rosamund Felsen Gallery,	
	Santa Monica.	
2012	"Magical Thinking," Rosamund Felsen Gallery, Santa Monica.	

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

1996	"Response Responsa," Perlow Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA.		
1997 - 1998	"Hidden, Concealed and Revealed: A Search for Jewish Identity," curated I		
	Philip Pearlstein, Perlow Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA.		
1998	"Journeys to Freedom," The Bellevue Art Museum, Seattle, WA.		
1999	"Introductions," Seattle Art Museum Rental/Sales Gallery, Seattle, WA.		
2000	"2000 Northwest Annual," Center on Contemporary Art (COCA), Seattle, WA.		
2001	"Encountering the Second Commandment," American Jewish Museu		
	Pittsburgh, PA.		
	Nathan D. Rosen Museum Gallery, Boca Raton, FL; Starr Gallery, Newton,		
	MA.		

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	"Pleasure Craft: Sixth Northwest Biennial," Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA.
2002 2003	"SOIL Does Houston," Houston Gallery, Seattle, WA. "Dress Me Up: Seven Women," SOIL Art Gallery, Seattle, WA.
2005	"The Fall of the House," California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA.
2006	"Greater LA MFA," California State University, Long Beach.  "New American Talent: The 21 <sup>st</sup> Exhibition," curated by Aimee Chang, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin, TX. (Catalogue)  "LA Weekly Biennial," Track 16, Santa Monica, CA.  "25 Bold Moves," House of Campari, Venice, CA.
2007 2008	Art Miami. Miami, FL (Fair) PULSE Contemporary Art Fair. New York, NY (Fair)
2009	1999– Ten Year Anniversary Show. China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles. Lovable Like Orphaned Kitties and Bastard Children. Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI.
2010	Fresh Voices. (Jewish Artists Initiative exhibition). Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles.
2013	The Archaic Revival. Zic Zerp, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
2015	"Drawings   Fridges," Greene Exhibitions, Los Angeles
2016	"Closing Celebratory Show," Rosamund Felsen Gallery, Los Angeles,

### Residencies

2000	Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT.
2002	Ragdale Foundation, Chicago, IL.

### Lectures

1996	Spoke on "Jewish Art" at a workshop for SAJS, Pittsburgh, PA.	
1997	Spoke on the "Importance of Art" at a fundraiser for Hillel, Pittsburgh, PA.	
	Slide Lecture as part of the "Jewish Women Artists" series, J.C.C.	
	Pittsburgh, PA.	
	The Gift of the Sabbath Bride, Performance at "Artivent." The Foundry,	
	Pittsburgh, PA.	
1998	Exhibiting Artist Slide Lecture at the Bellevue Art Museum, Seattle, WA.	
2000	Slide lecture at a benefit for the National Council of Jewish Women, Seattle, WA.	
2005	Student Speaker at the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture Honors	
	Reception, Los Angeles.	
2006	Graduate Student Commencement Speaker, UCLA School of the Arts and	
	Architecture, Los Angeles.	
2008	Artist Lecture, Advanced Painting, UCLA	
2009	Artist Lecture, Figure Painting, Pomona College, CA	
2010	Artist Lecture, Fundraiser for Harvard-Westlake School, Beverly Hills, CA.	
2010 & 2011	Invited Lecturer, First-Year Graduate Students, UCLA.	
2015	Artist Lecture, Undergraduate Painting, Pomona College, CA.	
2016	Artist Lecture/Visiting Artist, Azusa Pacific University, MFA Program, CA.	

#### **Grants & Awards**

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1993	Samuel Rothenberg Freshman Award, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.
1994	John L. Porter Sophomore Award. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.
1995	SURG Grant, for a project titled "Paintings of Israel," Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh, PA.
1996	The Hillel Award, for a painting "Response Responsa," Pittsburgh, PA.
1996 - 1997	Artist/Researcher for "Rhythm in Art" Project, Studio for Creative Inquiry,
	Perlow Gallery,
1997	Pittsburgh, PA.
1997	Artist Award, Juror: Phillip Pearlstein at Hidden, Concealed and Revealed, Perlow Gallery,
	Pittsburgh, PA.
	John L. Porter Senior Award, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.
1998	First place for painting through the Art House at Bumbershoot, Seattle, WA.
1999	Seattle Collects Purchase Award, Public Works Collection, Seattle Arts
2001	Commission.  Juror's Award.  Juror: Robin Cembalest, at Encountering the Second
2001	Commandment.
	Juror's Award. Juror: Gladys Nilsson "Pleasure Craft," Tacoma, WA.
2003	D'Arcy Hayman Award for "outstanding artistic and academic achievement."
	Gap Grant (Grants for Artist Projects), funding from Artist Trust, Seattle, WA.
	The Shirley Foundation Award for the production of "Dress Me Up," Seattle, WA.
2004	Art Council Award for outstanding artistic and academic achievement, UCLA.
	Werner Hirsch Award for Drawing.
	Elaine Krown Klein Fine Arts Scholarship, through The Affiliates, UCLA, Los
2005	Angeles. Shapiro Katz Scholarship. "In recognition of artistic and academic promise,"
2005	Lillian
	Levinson Scholarship for "demonstrating superior achievement," UCLA, Los
	Angeles.
2006	Palos Verdes Art Center's Beverly G. Alpay Memorial Award for Visual Art,
	Palos Verdes Estates, CA.
	The Hoyt Scholarship, UCLA, Los Angeles.
2007	The Durfee Foundation, Los Angeles.

### **Public Art Commissions**

1995	Muralist, "Jerusalem 3000," mural at the Jewish University Center,
	Pittsburgh, PA.
1998	Muralist, WOMAD, Seattle, WA.
	Muralist/ Arts Organizer for the Celebration of Israel's Fiftieth Festival at the
	Seattle Center, sponsored by the United Jewish Federation of Seattle,
	Seattle, WA.
1999	Muralist, King County Metro Mural Project/Public Art Program, Seattle, WA.
2006	Paintings for the album covers of the Masada Series, on John Zorn's Tzadik
	label.

### **Teaching**

Adjunct Lecturer, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
 Lecturer, Studio Art, Claire Trevor School of the Arts, University of California,
 Irvine.
 Lecturer, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles.
 Lecturer, Department of Art, Chapman University, Orange, CA
 Lecturer, Roski School of Art & Design, University of Southern
 California.
 Present Assistant Professor, Roski School of Art and Design, University of Southern
 California.

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1996	Ed.	"The artist and history: Photos by London," The Jewish Chronicle, (Pittsburgh), Nov 21.
	Thomas, Mary.	"New Ideas Grow From Rich Mix," <i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i> , Dec 7.
1997	Thomas, Mary.	"Who are we? 'Contemporary Works Reach Beyond Their Jewish Context," <i>Pittsburgh</i> <i>Post-Gazette</i> , Dec 12.
1998	Ed.	"Bellevue Art Museum Celebrates Journeys to Freedom," <i>The Jewish Transcript</i> , April 24.
	Im, Soyon.	Highlight Box, Visual Arts section, <i>The Seattle Weekly</i> , May 21, reprod.
2000	lm, Soyon Hall, Emily. Ed.	"Soiled art." Seattle Weekly, June 21, reprod. "Nab a Thief," The Stranger, Jun 25, repod. "Spotlight," "GO" cover, The Seattle Weekly, Jun 1, reprod., p 67.
	Hall, Emily.	"Stranger Suggests," <i>The Stranger</i> (Seattle), Jun 1, reprod., p 43.
	Im, Soyon.	"Soiled Art," The Seattle Weekly, Jun 22, reprod., p 10.
2001	Deasy, Deborah	"Taboo against religious icons explored in Squirrel Hill exhibit," <i>Pittsburgh-Review</i> , Sept. 1.
	McNair-Huff, Natalie.	"Eclectic pleasures at TAM," Tacoma Weekly, Aug.
	Blankenship, Donna.	The Jewish Transcript, (Seattle), Sept 14, reprod.
	Fahey, Anna.	"Spotlight Box," <i>The Seattle Weekly</i> , Nov 8, reprod., pp 67, 70.
	Hall, Emily.	"Stranger Suggests," <i>The Stranger</i> , Seattle, Nov 1, reprod. p. 43.
	Esquivel, Karla.	"Cycles of Judgment, New Paintings by Karen Liebowitz," <i>The Tablet</i> , Nov 1, reprod., p 18.
	Cembalest, Robin.	"Encountering the Second Commandment," catalogue.

	Wilson, Ellen	"Encounters with the Second Commandment," <i>Post-Gazette.com</i> , Sep 18, <web>.</web>
2003	Stoesz, David.	"Dress Me Up," <i>The Seattle Weekly</i> , May 1, reprod., p 33.
	Ed. Esquivel, Karla.	"Dress Me Up", <i>Tablet</i> , May 1. "Dress Me Up," <i>The Tablet</i> , May 15, p 29.
2005	Schoenkoph, Rebecca.	"Where's the Crazy," <i>OC Weekly</i> , Sept 2, reprod., p 37-38, 42.
2006	Christie, Tom; Myers, Holly. reprod., pp 36-38, 42.	"After School Art," LA Weekly, Sept 8,
2008	Pagel, David.	"Realism with a dose of whimsy," The Los Angeles Times, Jan 11.
	Miles, Christopher.	"Leviathans, Vessels: Stories, metaphors and processes of transformation at L.A. Galleries," <i>L.A. Weekly</i> , Jan 25-31.
2012	Ed.	"Weekend Gallery Rounds," <i>The Buddha Diaries</i> , Jan 26, <online>.</online>
	Geoff Tuck.	"Karen Liebowitz at Rosamund Felsen".  Notes on Looking, Jan 30, <web>.</web>
	Diane Calder.	"Continuing and Recommended." ArtScene, Jan.
2013	Ed.	"The Archaic Revival Review," edited by Dani Tull & Edoud Van Rijn Risograph. Limited edition of 200, Printroom, Rotterdam, Netherlands.