

SHANE MCCLATCHEY

Shane McClatchey is a painter based in Laguna Beach, California. His body of work explores the relationship between people and the ocean. Evoking the Dutch Golden Age of painting in the 17th century, McClatchey's figures are suspended in moments of sacred joy while going about their everyday activities.

Although classically trained in representational painting, McClatchey brings a more modern flair to his compositions. Pulling inspiration from Andrew Wyeth and Wayne Thiebaud, as well as the writings of naturalists like Rachel Carson and Oliver Sacks, McClatchey constructs methodical compositions that are simultaneously fastidious and dazzling. Every painting captures a memory or feeling rather than an exact place.

Holding a BFA and MFA from the Laguna College of Art & Design, McClatchey lives a bi-coastal life. Though he spends most of the year in Laguna Beach, teaching drawing and painting for Citrus College and Santa Ana College, McClatchey is drawn to the east coast every summer. Working as an ocean lifeguard gives him the opportunity for long stretches of uninterrupted observation of the marine ecosystem and life surrounding him.

McClatchey lives in Laguna Beach with his wife and son. Outside of painting and teaching, Shane is an avid waterman and lover of the ocean.

"Modern life can be so comfortable it's hard to tell what's real, and the ocean just flips that on its head. When I'm in the water, I can see and feel clearly what's me and what's not. That interaction between the inner and outer world feels a lot like the beach, and how the sand and water are in an endless conversation, shaping each other. There's no clean divide, the edge between them is more of a place we occupy than where the line on the map ends. There's space in the lines that we draw, and their truth is approximate." - Shane McClatchey



Born 1993, New York City, NY

Lives and works in Laguna Beach, CA

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Newport Beach, CA - Kennedy Contemporary

Manasquan, NJ - Main Street Gallery

EDUCATION

2018, MFA Laguna College of Art & Design

2015, BFA Laguna College of Art & Design

EXHIBITIONS

2022

24 x 24, Group Exhibition at Kennedy Contemporary, CA

Frame of Reference: Shane McClatchey, WillBo, Laguna Beach, CA

2021

Noah Presents Shane McClatchey, NOAH Hideout, Amagansett, NY

2020

Made in California, Brea Gallery, Brea, CA

2019

40th Anniversary Show, Main Street Gallery, Manasquan, NJ

LCAD Alumni Show, Gallery 805, Laguna Beach, CA



2018

Naturescape, CAP Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

Idyllwild Faculty Show, Idyllwild Arts Gallery, Idyllwild, CA

The Next Wave: New Masters of Fine Art, Gallery 805, Laguna Beach, CA

Regarding Reality, Q Art Salon, Santa Ana, CA

RELISH LA, Joseph Gross Gallery / Coagula Curatorial, Los Angeles, CA

SoCal MFA Juried Exhibition, Millard Sheets Art Center, Pomona, CA

2017

Lea Colie Wight / Shane McClatchey, Main Street Gallery, Manasquan, NJ

Emerging Masters, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA

2016

Taking Measure, Laguna Beach City Hall, Laguna Beach, CA

Face Yourself, Cast of Crowns Art Collective, Laguna Beach, CA

Let There Be Surf Art, Asbury Park Yacht Club, Asbury Park, NJ

2015

Strong Currents, LCAD Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

All You Need Is Love (Juried Exhibition), Art on 30th, San Diego, CA

REVIEWS & ARTICLES

3 June 2021, *Studio Visit: Shane McClatchey*, NOAH Blog

16 February 2021, *Santa Clara Review*, Volume 108, Issue 1

8 May 2018, *Relish: Los Angeles Contemporary Artists*, Relish, Volume 2