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Education

2000 BFA, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
1996 Summer Studies at Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions

(* Indicates a publication)

2025 *PILINGS*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2024 *Studiosis*, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY

2023 *Bhabha Williams*, with Huma Bhabha, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2022 The Power Station, Dallas, TX
Frogs 1 – 9, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Vienna, Austria

2021 *MAKE PLANS GOD APPLAUDS*, Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, Lokremise, St. Gallen, Switzerland

2020 *Opening*, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY

2019 **New Paintings*, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
Michael Williams & Carroll Dunham, curated by Cornelius Tittel, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany

2018 **Fructis*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2017 *The Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
Gladstone Gallery, NY
Tobias Pils, Michael Williams, Le Consortium, Dijon, France

2016 *Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
*Gladstone Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2015 *Yard Salsa*, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montreal, Montreal, Canada
Tribal Frog Tattoo, Gallery Met, New York, NY

- 2014 *New Paintings*, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
 5 Paintings, Karma, Amagansett, NY
 **Morning Zoo*, Michael Werner, London, England
- 2013 **Paintings*, CANADA, New York, NY
- 2012 **This Means Something to My Horse*, VeneKlasen/Werner, Berlin, Germany
 Michael Williams and John Altoon, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Montgomery's Tubercles*, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY
 **Straightforward as a Noodle*, CANADA, New York, NY
- 2010 *Puzzle Paintings*, LTD Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *Uncle Big*, CANADA, New York, NY
 If God Could Draw, with Nick Lowe, The Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2008 *Wood*, Perugi Arte Contemporanea Gallery, Padova, Italy
 Fried Paint, Christina Wilson Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007 *Cuncuned and Other Paintings from 2007*, CANADA, New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

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- 2024 *Day for Night: New American Realism*, organized by the Aishti Foundation, Palazzo Barberini, Rome
- 2023 *Drunk vs. Stoned 3*, The Ranch, Montauk, NY
 **20*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *The Beatitudes of Malibu*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 *.paint*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
 Group Show, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
 Contemporary Art + Design: New Acquisitions, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
 Drawing 2020, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *INPUT / OUTPUT: PAINTING AFTER TECHNOLOGY*, Galerie Max Hetzler, London, England
 Fatherhood, Over the Influence, Los Angeles, CA
 Samaritans, curated by Dan Nadel, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, New York, NY
- 2018 **TRANCE*, curated by Albert Oehlen, Aishti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon
 Joe Bradley, Oscar Tuazon, Michael Williams, The Brant Foundation Art Study Center, Greenwich, CT
 Mixed Bag: Drawings, curated by Joe Bradley and Jeremy Willis, Real Estate, Brooklyn, NY
 Kinder Gentler Nation, Karma, New York, NY
 Selections from the Marciano Collection, Marciano Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
 Crossroads: Carnegie Museum of Art's Collection, 1945 to Now, organized by Eric Crosby, Carnegie Art Museum, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017 **The Trick Brain*, curated by Massimiliano Gioni, Aishti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon
 Drawing Island, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY

- 2016 *High Anxiety: New Acquisitions*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL
Make Painting Great Again, CANADA, New York, NY
Colliding Alien Cargo, Marlborough Chelsea, New York, NY
Inside Out, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
Surreal, König Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 *Love for Three Oranges*, Gladstone Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Call and Response, Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, NY
Image Search, Hannah Hoffman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Works on Paper, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
**Artists and Poets*, curated by Ugo Rondinone, Secession, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 **The Forever Now: Contemporary Painting in an Atemporal World*, organized by Laura Hoptman, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Live and Let Die, Stuart Shave/Modern Art, London, England
This One's Optimistic: Pincushion, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
Never Enough: Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Art, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Comic Future, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH
LIFE, curated by The Journal Gallery, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY
Fractured Realities, Delaware County Community College, Media, PA
Imaginary Portraits, Gallery Met, New York, NY
The Age of Small Things, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY
New Image Painting, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Draw Gym*, organized by Brian Belott, 247365 & Know More Games, New York, NY
Tumescence, Michael Werner Gallery, New York, NY
Comic Future, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX
Alexandre da Cunha, Michael Rey, Michael Williams, B. Wurtz, Office Baroque, Antwerp, Belgium
Summer Drawings, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Bernhardt, Frost, Kitaj, Rivers, Schumann, Williams*, Marlborough Chelsea, New York, NY
The Beatles, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
The Art of The Joke, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
East West Shift to The Middle Pt. 1, Bill Brady KC, Kansas City, MO
- 2011 *Dadarhea*, CANADA, New York, NY
Time Wounds All Heels, White Flag Projects, St. Louis, MO
New York Minute, Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow, Russia
Copper Kettle, curated by The Journal Gallery, ReMap3, Athens, Greece
Go Figure, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY
Dirt Don't Hurt, Jolie Laide, Philadelphia, PA
One Dozen Paintings, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY
Canada, Galerie Bernard Ceysson, Paris, France
Facemaker, Royal/T, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Salad Days*, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY
The Craft, Lehman College Art Gallery, New York, NY
Tuesday Afternoon in a Cage, LTD Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Big Picture, Priska Jushka, New York, NY
DADARHEA, OHWOW Gallery, Miami, FL
Not Quite Open for Business, The Hole, New York, NY
In There, Out Here, Leo Koenig Gallery, New York, NY

With Walls, Museum 52, New York, NY
Inside/Outside, Portugal Arte, Lisbon, Portugal
Clean Break, Charlie Horse, New York, NY

- 2009 *Jr. and Sons*, curated by Joe Bradley, Zach Feuer Gallery, New York, NY
 Nice Sizes, Good Prices!, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Warren Oates in the Economic Crisis of 2008, Okay Mountain Gallery, Austin, TX
- 2008 *My Brain's a Cliff and My Heart's a Bitter Buffalo*, Jonathan Viner, London, England; castillo/corrales, Paris, France
 Peanut Gallery, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *Macronauts*, Andreas Melas Presents, Athens, Greece
 New Mutants, CANADA, New York, NY
 Crystal Crunch, Perugi Arte Contemporanea Gallery, Padova, Italy
 From the Froth, Stairwell Gallery, Providence, RI
 Contact, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
 Time Booth, The Journal Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *Cosmic Satellites*, Triple Base Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 Searching for Love & Fire, David Castillo Modern & Contemporary, Miami, FL
 Ulrich Project Series: General Store, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS
 Mr. Ravestic's Mess Age, Sagamore Hotel, Miami, FL
 2nd worst performance ever, MoMA PS1, New York, NY
 Goose Steppin', ATM Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *Half Hour of Power*, Cavalier Hotel, Miami, FL
 Tedious Limbs, Deitch Projects, New York, NY
- 2004 *Brothers*, Fresh Up Club, Austin, TX
 The Skull Show, Hanna, Tokyo, Japan
 Tedious Limbs, Flynn Farm, Los Angeles, CA
 Beat The Reaper!, Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston, MA
 Rowdy Remix, ATM Gallery, New York, NY
- 2003 *You Are My Sunshine, You Is My Sunshine*, CANADA, New York, NY
 Barkley's Barnyard Critters, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL; Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, NY
 Worst performance ever, Space 1026, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 *Group Show*, Matthew Berliant, St. Louis, MO
- 2000 *The Bowling Show*, Arcade Lanes, St. Louis, MO

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 Zheng, Elaine YJ, "Los Angeles Lowdown: Must-See Exhibitions," *Ocula.com*, February 8, 2023

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 Herriman, Kat, "Frieze Los Angeles and Felix Art Fair Say Go Big or Go Home," *CulturedMag.com*, February 18, 2022
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- 2020 **Michael Williams: New Paintings*, Zurich: Galerie Eva Presenhuber, 2020
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 "Michael Williams: 'Opening' at Gladstone Gallery, New York," *ArteFuse.com*, April 27, 2020
 Kort, Pamela, "Michael Williams," *Artforum*, February 2020, pp. 215-216
- 2019 **Michael Williams*, with texts by Richard Shiff and Bill Powers, New York and Zurich: Gladstone Gallery and Galerie Eva Presenhuber, 2019
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