

## Sam McKinniss

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### Education

- 2013 MFA, Steinhardt School, New York University, New York, NY  
2007 BFA, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, CT  
2005 Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, Scotland

### Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions

(\* indicates a publication)

- 2025 *Law and Order*, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY  
*The Perfect Tense*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *Misery*, Almine Rech, Paris, France  
*Mischief*, JTT, New York, NY
- 2021 \**Costume Drama*, Ovitz Family Collection, Los Angeles, CA  
*Country Western*, Almine Rech, London, England
- 2020 \**Jonathan Taylor Thomas*, JTT, New York, NY
- 2019 *Neverland*, Almine Rech, Brussels, Belgium
- 2018 *Daisy Chain*, Team Bungalow, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 *Egyptian Violet*, Team Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *Dear Metal Thing*, Team Bungalow, Los Angeles, CA  
*Black Leather Sectional*, Joe Sheftel Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *Nighttime in New York: Doron Langberg and Sam McKinniss*, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2013 *Joachim 'Yoyo' Friedrich + Sam McKinniss*, envoy enterprises, New York, NY
- 2012 *La Liseuse*, 80WSE Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *Ultra Sensitive*, Proof Gallery, Boston, MA

*Sam & Dave: New Paintings by Dave Whelan and Sam McKinniss*, By And By Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2008 *FIERCE DOUBT*, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT  
*\*TRUE LOVE*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT

2007 *Portraits*, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, CT

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

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2026 *\*Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture*, Perez Art Museum, Miami, FL  
*Lord Arthur Savile's Crime*, Sadie Coles, London, England

2025 *Walking on Air*, DACRA, Miami, FL  
*Natural Mystics*, The Warehouse, Dallas, TX  
*A Certain Form of Hell*, Karma, Thomaston, ME  
*\*Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

2024 *\*Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*Flowers of Romance – Act One*, curated by Charlie Fox, Ludovico Corsini, Brussels, Belgium  
*Post-Human*, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA  
*Tulips*, Kapp Kapp, New York, NY  
*Day for Night: New American Realism*, Palazzo Barberini, organized by the Aishti Foundation, Rome, Italy

2023 *Friends & Lovers*, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY  
*"Pictures Girls Make": Portraits*, curated by Alison M. Gingeras, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA

2022 *\*Luncheon on the Grass*, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA  
*Dark Light: Realism in the Age of Post-Truths*, curated by Massimiliano Gioni, Aishti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon  
*Sea Show*, Winter Street Gallery, Edgartown, MA  
*Pictus Porrectus: Reconsidering the Full Length Portrait*, Isaac Bell House, Newport, RI

2021 *Salon de Peinture*, Almine Rech, New York, NY

2020 *Painting Someone*, Almine Rech, Shanghai, China  
*Drawing 2020*, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY  
*Painting is Painting's Favorite Food: Art History as Muse*, curated by Alison Gingeras, South Etna, Montauk, NY

2019 *Tulips*, Kapp Kapp, Philadelphia, PA  
*Lineup*, Almine Rech, New York, NY  
*My Head is a Haunted House*, curated by Charlie Fox, Sadie Coles HQ, London, England

2018 *SAFE*, curated by Cooke Maroney, Gladstone 64, New York, NY  
*The Lure of the Dark: Contemporary Painters Conjure the Night*, curated by Susan Cross, Mass MoCA, North Adams, MA

2017 *Dirge*, JTT, New York, NY  
*Botanica*, curated by Todd von Ammon, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Hors D'oeuvres*, Half Gallery, New York, NY

- 2016 9999, The Fireplace Project, East Hampton, NY  
*Catastrophe*, curated by John Waters, Albert Merola Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2014 *Nick Farhi, Sam McKinniss, Cassie Raihl*, Robert Blumenthal Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
*Beyond the Pale*, Interstate Projects, Brooklyn, NY  
*Haunted*, Louis B. James, New York, NY  
*NIGHT TIDE*, curated by Jarrett Earnest, Gallery Diet, Miami, FL  
*First Responders*, Good Work Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012 *The Dorian Project*, Second Guest Projects, New York, NY  
*ReMixed Messages: A(I)DS, Art + Words*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
*The Dorian Project*, Ana Cristea Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Figural*, DNA Gallery, Provincetown, MA  
*Mixed Messages: A(I)DS, Art + Words*, curated by John Chaich for Visual AIDS, La Mama La Galleria, New York, NY  
*SWAP MEET*, Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
- 2010 *Boston does Boston III*, Proof Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2009 *Casual Males*, Sherman Gallery, Boston University, Boston, MA  
*New Work*, La Motta Fine Art, Hartford, CT
- 2007 *No-Mad II*, curated by Hirokazu Fukawa, The Design Center, Hartford, CT  
*Collaborations*, Herndon Gallery, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH
- 2005 *Duty Free*, curated by Niko Solorio, Cal Arts, Valencia, CA

## Awards

- 2009 New Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, Greater Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, CT
- 2008 GO!, Emerging Artist Contest Winner, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT
- 2007 Artist Grant and Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
 Rudolph Zallinger Painting Prize, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT

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