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Tristan Unrau

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Education

2017 MFA, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2012 BA, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver, Canada

Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions
(* indicates a publication)

2026 *Hopes and Fears*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2024 *Re-Enactment*, Sebastian Gladstone, New York, NY

2023 *The Earth Not A Globe*, Sebastian Gladstone, Los Angeles, CA

2022 *Dramatic Pictures*, 56 Henry, New York, NY

2021 *Soap Bubble in a Rose Garden*, with Willy Reed, Stanley's, Los Angeles, CA
False Idols, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

2020 *50 Million Years*, Towards, Toronto, Canada

2018 *A New Day*, Phil Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2017 Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

Selected Group Exhibitions
(* indicates a publication)

2026 *Style is the Body Thinking*, curated by Michelle Grabner, SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL
Goodbye Sadness, Hello Sadness, Pace, Berlin, Germany
From the Xmas Trees of Lucy Bull 3, From the Desk of Lucy Bull, New York, NY

2025 *Second Body*, curated by Molly Everett, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Surface Streets, Marian Goodman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

A Certain Form of Hell, Karma, Thomaston, ME
America Unframed, American Art Projects, Berlin, Germany

2024 *Meet me by the lake*, CLEARING, New York, NY

2023 *Portals*, Stars, Los Angeles, CA
**50 Paintings*, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI

2021 *North by Northwest*, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

2019 *SUPER, NATURAL*, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada
Residue for Art Toronto, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

2018 *Drawings*, Clint Roenisch Gallery, Toronto, Canada

2017 *17:1*, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada
Cynthia Daignault: There is nothing I could say that I haven't thought before, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY

2016 *Vancouver Special: Ambivalent Pleasures*, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Selected Bibliography
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Zara, Janelle, "Tristan Unrau at David Kordansky Gallery," *ContemporaryArtReview.LA*, April 1, 2026
Schartz, Emma, "Tristan Unrau | Within, or In Spite of, Boundary," *Flaunt.com*, March 25, 2026

2025 Lauter, Devorah, "Can a Painter Eschew Style? A Look at Tristan Unrau's Big Swing," *News.Artnet.com*, December 1, 2025

2024 Unrau, Tristan, "Wet Paint in the Wild: L.A. Painter Tristan Unrau Opens a Pop-Up Show in New York, Then Hits the Spa," *News.Artnet.com*, September 11, 2024
Vartanian, Hrag, "10 Art Shows to See in New York Right Now," *Hyperallergic.com*, September 10, 2024

2023 *Andera, Margaret and Michelle Grabner, *50 Paintings*, Milwaukee: Milwaukee Art Museum, 2024
Darrow, Avery, "Milwaukee Art Museum Displays '50 Paintings'," *MarquetteWire.org*, December 12, 2023
Heinrich, Will, "NADA Art Fair Takes Chelsea With High Energy," *NYTimes.com*, May 19, 2023
Baratta, Franchesca, "Tristan Unrau | 'The Earth Not a Globe'," *Flaunt.com*, February 2023

2022 Diehl, Travis, "The Best Shows to See in New York During Frieze Week 2022," *Frieze.com*, May 20, 2022

2020 Anderson, Claressinka, "Exquisite L.A.: Volume 3," *ContemporaryArtReview.la*, March 17, 2020