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PAUL FENNIAK

BORN: Toronto, Canada, 1965

EDUCATION:

1994 M.F.A., Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
1988 B.F.A., Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

2016 *New Paintings*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2009 Paul Fenniak, Forum Gallery, NY
2004 *Recent Paintings*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2002 Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada
2000 *Paul Fenniak*, The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Canada (traveling to McLaughlin Art Gallery, Oshawa, Ont.)
1999 Forum Gallery, New York, NY
1996 Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2025 *Favorite Things*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
Dawn to Dusk, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
25 New Works for the New Year by Forum Gallery Artists, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
Surprises Unknown, The Art of Wrapping, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, New York
2024 *What's New?*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
Out of Town, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
Spring Forward, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2023-24 *Big Stories*, The Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus State University, Columbus, GA (traveling to New York Academy of Art, New York, NY)
2023 *At First Blush*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2022 *COUPLINGS*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

Stillness of Life: Robert Bauer, Paul Fenniak, G. Daniel Massad, Anthony Mitri, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2021 *Memento Vivere,* curated by Jordon Sokol, Lyme Academy, Old Lyme, CT

2020 *First Impressions: New Works and New Acquisitions*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2019 *Person to Person*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2018 *There's Still Life!*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2018 *Artists by Artists: The Artist as Subject*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2017-18 *Favorite Things: A Holiday Exhibition*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2017 *Forum Gallery Celebrates 55 Years of Modern and Contemporary Art*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2016-17 *Contemporary Old Masters*, Louisiana Art & Science Museum, Baton Rouge, LA

2016 *20/21 – VISIONARY ARTISTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

Truth and Vision: 21st Century Realism, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE

Behind the Easel: The Unique Voices of 20 Contemporary Representational Painters, Somerville Manning Gallery, Greenville, DE

The Painted Figure, Tew Galleries, Atlanta, GA

2015 *Slow Hand*, Grunwald Gallery of Art, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

2014 *Resonating Images III* in conjunction with The Representational Art Conference 2014, William Rolland Gallery of Fine Art, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

Wives, Daughters and Lovers, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2013 *Singular Vision,* Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2012 *Perception of Self*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

Five Decades: Art and Artists of Forum Gallery 1962-2012, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

The Figure in Contemporary Art, Cypress College, Cypress, CA

2011 *Vantage Point*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2010 *Contemporary Paintings, Drawings & Sculpture: A Summer Selection*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

A Contemporary View of Women Reading-An Exhibition in Honor of the Publication: Forbidden Fruit: A History of Women and Books in Art, The Forbes Collection, New York, NY

2009 *Summer Selections,* Forum Gallery, New York, NY

Enchantment: The Sixth Annual International Distinguished Artist Symposium and Exhibition. The Joseloff Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT.

2008 *New Acquisitions*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2007 *The Fine Art of Drawing: Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

About Face, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA

The Storm, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

2006 *Worth a Thousand Words*, Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
2005 *Figurative Impulse*, Forum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
New Old Masters, Naples Museum of Art, Naples, FL
Important New Works by Forum Gallery Artists, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2004 *Collector's Show*, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
Contemporary Works on Paper, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
Modern and Contemporary Portraits, curated by Townsend Wolfe, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
2002 *Representations: The Art of Drawing*, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
2001 *Made in Canada*, Plattsburg State Art Museum, Burke Gallery, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, NY
Inaugural Exhibition," Forum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2000 *Drawings by 20th Century and Contemporary Masters*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
Contemporary Art from a Figurative Perspective, Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT
Re-presenting Representation IV, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY
The Human Figure in Contemporary Art, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada
1999 *Indomitable Spirits: The Figure at the End of the Century*, The Art Institute of Southern California, Laguna Beach, CA
1998 *The Figurative Impulse*, Miami Dade Community College, Kendall Campus Art Gallery, Miami, FL
1997 *New Faces*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

HONORS/AWARDS:

2000 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, New York, NY
1998 Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts Grant, New York, NY
1996 Commission: Portrait of Mr. Rod Steiger, Malibu, CA
1994 Commission: Portrait of Dr. Gilles Bertrand for the Montreal Neurological Institute, Montreal, Canada
1993, 94 Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant, Montreal, Canada
1988 Andre Bieler Prize, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

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Stull, Rick, "Details of the Mystery," the Artist's Magazine, March 2012, vol. 29, no. 2, pp. 28-35.
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Paine, Janice T., "Shock of the Old," *Naples Daily News*, Nov. 4, 2005
Hum, Debbie, "Painterly Reflections," *Concordia Magazine,* March 2005, pg. 18 and cover.
Amy, Michaël. "Paul Fenniak at Forum," *Art in America*, Jan. 2005.
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Paul, April, "Internal Dialogue: The Disturbing Hypnotic Figures in the Paintings of Paul Fenniak," Public Lecture, *College Art Association Annual Conference*, February 26, 1998.
Pomerantz, Shelly, Interview, "All in a Weekend," *CBC Radio 1*, November 15, 1997.
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CATALOGUES:

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Maxwell, Douglas F, "Paul Fenniak, New Paintings", Forum Gallery, February 18 - March 19, 2016.
Tim Kennedy, *Slow Hand*, Essay for the exhibition *Slow Hand*, Grunwald Gallery of Art, Indiana University, Bloomington, Jan 16 - Feb 13, 2015.
Thomas Butler, *The Figure in Contemporary Art*, Cypress College Art Gallery, Cypress College, Cypress CA, Sept 20 - Nov 1, 2012.
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Trippi, Peter, "The Past Casts its Spell on Artists Today," catalogue essay for the exhibition "Enchantment", Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, CT. Nov 2009- Jan 2010.
Krulik, Barbara S., *The Virtuosity of 'New' Old Masters,"* catalogue essay for the exhibition "New Old Masters", Naples Museum of Art, Naples FL, Oct 2005- Jane 2006.
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Kuspit, Donald, *Paul Fenniak, Psychosocial Realist*, Exhibition Catalogue Essay, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, 2002.
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FILM:

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WRITING:

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Fabian Jean - Paintings, Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montreal, Quebec, 2010, Catalogue essay.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

7 Bridges Foundation, Greenwich, CT
The Citadelle Art Foundation, Canadian, Texas
Montreal Neurological Institute, Montreal, Quebec

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS:

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