

## MERNET LARSEN

1940 Born in Houghton, MI  
Lives and works in New York City, NY and Tampa, FL

## EDUCATION

1965 M.F.A., Indiana University Summer Sessions, Bloomington, IN; San Francisco Art Institute, CA; Art Students League, New York, NY  
1962 B.F.A., University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Mernet Larsen: Thinking about Cézanne*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
2020 *Mernet Larsen*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
2019 *Mernet Larsen: The Ordinary Reoriented*, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH  
2018 *Situation Rooms*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
2017 *Getting Measured: 1957-2017*, Tampa Museum of Art, FL  
2016 *Vantage Points: Paintings by Mernet Larsen*, Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg, FL  
*Things People Do*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
2015 *Chainsawer, Bicyclist, and Reading in Bed*, Various Small Fires Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*UG50: Class of (circa) '65*, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
2012 *Three Chapters*, Vogt Gallery, New York, NY  
2011 *Mernet Larsen and Jonathan Butt*, Regina Rex, Queens, NY  
*Mernet Larsen*, Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
2010 *The Sly, Wry Paintings of Mernet Larsen*, Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL  
2008 Tampa Museum of Art (lobby exhibition)  
2005 *The Geometric Figure Paintings*, New York Studio School Gallery, New York, NY  
1997 *Mernet Larsen*, Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art, Sarasota, FL  
*Mernet Larsen*, Eastern Illinois University Gallery, Charleston, IL  
1994 *Mernet Larsen*, Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art, Sarasota, FL  
*Mernet Larsen*, Clayton Gallery, Tampa, FL  
1993 *Mernet Larsen: Recent Work*, Florida Gulf Coast Art Center, South Fort Myers, FL  
1992 *Mernet Larsen: Three Decades*, DeLand Museum of Art, DeLand, FL  
1986 *Mernet Larsen*, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
1978 *Mernet Larsen*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
1977 *Mernet Larsen*, Montana State, Bozeman, MT

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Come a Little Closer*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY  
*Florida Contemporary 2023-24*, The Baker Museum, Artis-Naples, FL  
*Spinning in Place*, curated by Sophie Landres, 601Artspace, New York, NY
- 2021 *Stretching the Body*, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy.  
*How Long is Now?*, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem  
*The Talking Stone*, Moskowitz Bayse, Los Angeles, CA.  
*Off Kilter*, 601Artspace, New York, NY
- 2020 *Between Us*, Dunedin Fine Arts Center, Tampa, FL  
*Some Mysterious Process*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- 2019 *Making of a Museum: 100 Years / 100 Works*, Tampa Museum of Art, FL  
*The Self, The Work, The World*, Fabian Lang, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Borders*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
*Here we are*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- 2017 *Something Living: Contemporary Figurative Painters*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
*Dream Machines*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2016 *SIX: A benefit for Regina Rex*, Regina Rex, New York, NY  
*3 Shifts: Garth Evans, Mernet Larsen, and Rebecca Ward*, Johannes Vogt Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *Tightrope Walk: Painting Images After Abstraction*, curated by Barry Schwabsky. White Cube, London  
*Let's Get Figurative*, Nicelle Beauchene Gallery, New York, NY  
*Group Show*, Michael Jon, Detroit, MI  
*June: A Painting Show*, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK  
*I Dropped The Lemon Tart*, Lisa Cooley, New York, NY  
*Say Ah (SA+AH) Alumni Invitational: Images, Objects and Meanings*, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2014 *Poetics of Space*, Dunedin Art Center, FL
- 2013 *Artissima*, Turin, Italy
- 2011 *Memory of a Hope*, Ceri Hand Gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom  
*The Fitting Room*, Vogt Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *Decameron*, New York Studio School Gallery, New York, NY  
*Fringe*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL  
*Selections from Permanant Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL  
*Utility and Beauty*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2006 *Dragon Veins*, USF Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
- 2004 *Transitory Patterns*, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC  
*Group Exhibition*, Beaker Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 2002 *Made In Florida Abstraction*, Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL  
*Beached / Not Stranded*, Beaker Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 2001 *Tradition and Innovation in Later 20th Century Art*, Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg, FL  
*Florida Spectrum*, Florida Museum of Art, Tallahassee, FL  
*All Florida Invitational*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL  
*Painting Abstraction II*, New York Studio School Gallery, New York, NY

- 1999 *Inaugural Exhibition*, Gulf Coast Museum of Art, Largo, FL  
 1997-99 *Undercurrent/Overview*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL  
 1989 *41st Annual Purchase Exhibition*, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
*Critic's Choice*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL  
*Made In Florida*, FL; traveled to Hasselt, Belgium; Barcelona, Spain; Marseille, France  
 1988 *Southern Abstraction*, City Gallery of Contemporary Art, Raleigh, NC  
*Southern Abstraction*, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA

### SELECTED AWARDS

- 2018 Tampa Bay Business for Culture and the Arts Lifetime Achievement Impact Award, Tampa, FL.  
 2013 Distinguished Alumna Award, P.K.Yonge Developmental Research School (Class of 1958)  
 2010 "Best of the Bay" in Painting, Creative Loafing Magazine, Tampa, FL  
 2008 Anonymous Was A Woman nominee, New York, NY  
 2007 Tiffany Award nominee, New York, NY  
 2003 "Best of the Bay" in Painting, Creative Loafing Magazine, Tampa, FL  
 2002 University of South Florida Research Grants for Painting, Tampa, FL  
 2001 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Southern Florida, Tampa, FL  
 1993 TIP award for outstanding teaching, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
 1990 University of South Florida Research Grants for Painting, Tampa, FL  
 1989 Florida Individual Artist Fellowship, Tallahassee, FL  
 1988 Southern Arts Federation and National Endowment for the Arts Artist Grant, Atlanta, GA  
 1986 University of South Florida Research Grants for Painting, Tampa, FL  
 1985 The Jerry Krivanik Distinguished Teacher Award, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
 1966 MacDowell Fellowship, Peterborough, NH

### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH  
 Alberto Sampaio Museum, Guimaraes, Portugal  
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
 Boston Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA.  
 Brunetti Collection, Rome, Italy  
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Contemporary Art Museum, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
 Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Rollins College, Orlando FL  
 Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy

Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK  
 Grinnell College Art Collection, Grinnell, IA  
 Hall Art Foundation, Reading, VT.  
 Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel  
 Levy Collection, Paris, France  
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
 Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL  
 Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota FL  
 Rollins Museum of Art, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL  
 Rose Museum of Art, Brandeis University, Boston, MA  
 Tampa Museum, Tampa, FL  
 Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
 X Museum, Beijing, China  
 Zabłudowicz Collection, London, England

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- 2020 Fateman, Johana, "Goings On About Town: Mernet Larsen," *The New Yorker*, December 17, 2020  
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- 2019 Baudot, Laura, "Closer Reading," *The POINT*, Issue No. 19, Summer 2019  
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- 2017 Albritton, Caitlin, “Carefully calculated: Mernet Larsen at TMA,” *Creative Loafing*, December 4, 2017
- Larsen, Mernet, “The Vertigo Effect,” *Modern Painters*, May 2017
- 2016 Weitz, Julie, “Interview with Mernet Larsen,” *Contemporary Art Review Los Angeles*, Fall 2016
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- Brody, David, “Built Differently: Mernet Larsen’s Strange Constructions,” *Arctcritical.com*, March 11, 2016
- Ray, Eleanor, “Mernet Larsen: *Things People Do*,” *The Brooklyn Rail*, March 4, 2016
- Goodrich, John, “The Dynamic Distortions of a Formal Painter,” *Hyperallergic*, February 12, 2016
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- Griffin, Jonathan, “Mernet Larsen ‘Chainsawer, Bicyclist and Reading in Bed,’” *ArtReview*, May, 2015
- Zellen, Jody, “Mernet Larsen,” *Artillery*, May/June, 2015
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- Metz, Dustin, “Don’t Look at These Paintings on a Computer,” *Staring at the Wall*, April 9, 2015
- Mizota, Sharon, “Mernet Larsen probes perception and experience,” *LATimes.com*, April 1, 2015
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- 2013 Yau, John, “Marnet Larsen’s Achievement,” in Mernet Larsen, ed. Johannes Vogt, (Bologna, Italy: *Damiani Press*, 2013)
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- 2011 Geha, Katie, “Top 10, 2011,” *Glasstire*, December, 2011

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- 2010 Bennett, Lennie, "All the Corners of Her World: Inside the Singular Mind of Painter Mernet Larsen," *St. Petersburg Times*, May 2, 2010
- 2005 Naves, Mario "Mernet Larsen's Tilting Panoramas: Methodical and Inspired Work," *The New York Observer*, January 31, 2005
- 2004 Schwartz, Joyce, *Transitory Patterns* (Washington, D.C.: National Museum of Women in the Arts, 2004)

#### SELECTED LECTURES ON WORK

- 2021 University of Houston, Houston, TX  
New York Studio School, New York, NY
- 2020 James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
- 2018 Hamill Lecturer, Boston University, MA
- 2014 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2013 St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, FL
- 2010 Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL
- 2007 *Meanings and Functions of Narrative*, CAA National Conference, New York, NY
- 2004 *5 East Asian Provocations*, CAA National Conference, Seattle, WA
- 2002 New York Studio School Lecture Series, NY  
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH
- 1997 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- 1993 Ringling School of Art, Sarasota, FL
- 1991 Nanjing Normal University, China

**TEACHING**

- 1967-2003 Professor Emeritus at University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 1983 Initiated and taught the University of South Florida's New York City Spring Term, Tampa, FL
- 1978 Yale/Norfolk Summer School, Norfolk, CT
- 1977 Visiting artist, winter quarter, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
- 1976 Initiated and taught the University of South Florida's New York City Spring Term, Tampa, FL
- Visiting Assistant Professor-Fall semester, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 1965-1967 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
- 1975 Initiated and taught the University of South Florida's New York City Spring Term, Tampa, FL
- 1970 Catholic University of Milan's Rome Summer session for Americans, Italy
- 1996 University of South Florida's Paris Program – Summer, Tampa, FL