

# moniquemeloche

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## JUSTIN COOPER

American, born 1976, lives New York

### Education

- 2005 MFA, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2003 BFA, The University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, graduated summa cum laude
- 2002 studied at the Maison Des Etudiants through the Sorbonne, Paris, France

### Solo Exhibitions (performances where noted)

- 2017 *Light into Night*, OMI International Arts Center, Ghent, NY (performance)
- 2016 *Wallpapering the Infinite*, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Justin Cooper in the project space*, Storefront Ten Eyck, Brooklyn, NY  
*Canopy*, Living Arts, Tulsa, OK  
*Contingent Doodle Relief*, Rosenberg Gallery at Hoffstra University, Hempstead, NY
- 2014 *Spreadsheet*, Time Equities Inc. Art-in-Buildings, 55 Fifth Ave; New York, NY  
*Homestretchbody*, testsite, Austin, TX, exhibition catalog available
- 2012 *Board*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL  
*Thin Lines*, Beta Pictoris Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL (performance)
- 2011 *Like You*, curated by Cortney Stell, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, CO (performance)
- 2010 *Studio Visit*, New Media Wall at Tufts University art Gallery, Medford, MA
- 2009 *Nexus*, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN  
*Interrogation*, Le Flash 2009, Atlanta, GA (performance)  
*Here/Not There*, curated by Tricia Van Eyck, MCA, Chicago, IL (performances)  
*Paranormaldise*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Log Roll*, in collaboration with Benjamin Bellas, Pedestrian by Art in Odd Places, New York, NY (performance)  
*Thread*, Art at the Edge, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL (performances)
- 2006 *Middle Management*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL (performances)  
*We'll Miss you...* as part of the Sight Unseen Festival, Cultural Center, Chicago, IL (performance)  
*Sharks don't ever sleep, and they don't have any bones*, as part of *An Incomplete Map of Everything*, Links Hall, Chicago, IL (performance)
- 2004 *Sharks don't ever sleep and they don't have any bones*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO (performance)

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 *Spatial Flux: Contemporary Drawings from the JoAnn Gonzalez Hickey Collection*, Gregory Allcar Museum of Art, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- 2016 *Escape Routes*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
*Winter Experiment: SAIC at MMG*, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Economy Candy*, Harbor Gallery, New York, NY  
*Terrarium*, Roger Smith Hotel, New York, NY
- 2013 *Headcase*, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY  
*Backyard Paradise*, Swamptspace, New York, NY
- 2012 *The Chair tranceformed*, Hotel Particulier, New York, NY  
*Afterimage*, Curated by Dahlia Tulett and Thea Nichols, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
*Phase*, Redline, Milwaukee, WI (performance)  
*hi • a • tus*, Grand Rapids Art Center, Grand Rapids, MI  
*[under construction]*, Curated by Omar Lopez-Chahoud, Hotel Particulier, New York, NY
- 2011 *Pulp*, Beta Pictoris Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL  
*The Open Daybook Exhibition*, curated by David P. Earle, LACE, Los Angeles, CA

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## Selected Group Exhibitions Continued

- 2010 *New Work*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL  
*Knock Knock*, Fred Torres Collaborations, New York, NY (performance)  
*Production Site: The Artist's Studio Inside-Out*, Curated by Dominic Molon, MCA, Chicago, IL
- 2009 *Thank you* as part of The 7th Annual Midwestern Assorted Produce Snuff Shorts Film Triennial,  
Boots Contemporary Arts Space, St. Louis, MO (performance)  
*i.e. Illusions*, Lawton Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI
- 2008 *Only Blue Deer Lonely American (Illinois Art Council Re-mix)*, Alogon Gallery, Chicago, IL (performance)  
Video screening, AOT Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*The Drawing Show*, Curated by Brian Ritchard, The Beverly Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2007 *IRRATIONAL EXHIBITS 6*, Curated by Deborah Oliver, Track 16, Los Angeles, CA (performance)  
*Interiority*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL (performance)  
*i.e. Between*, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL  
*i.e. Illusion*, performance/exhibition, 1a:space, Hong Kong, China
- 2006 *Working Frameworks*, Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, (Skylab Gallery, Columbus, Oh; Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL)  
*The World Is Flat*, Gallery Lifebomb in Berlin, Germany  
*Patheticize*, Open End Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Amorph!06*, International Performance Art Festival; Helsinki, Finland  
18th Evanston+ Vicinity Biennial, Evanston, IL  
*Pixel Dance '06*, Thessaloniki, Greece  
*Ballroom Blitz*, The James Hotel in Chicago, IL (performance)  
Signal and Noise performance festival in Vancouver, British Columbia  
*In Feed*, video screening at the University of Toronto in Mississauga, Ontario  
*Smoke and Mirrors: Photography and Performance*, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2005 Pixelfestival: Video, Experimental Film, and Electronic Music Festival, Berlin, Germany  
Uppsala International Short Film Festival in Uppsala, Sweden  
Prog:Me Festival of Electronic Media, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*This, this, this, this, this, this, this, this and this*, Gallery 2, Chicago, IL  
*Rooftop Films Summer Series*, Brooklyn, NY  
*Small Change Film Screening Series*, Philadelphia, PA  
Portland Documentary and Experimental Film Festival, Portland, OR  
*Alchemy*, Betty Rymer Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Island Art Film and Video Festival 2005, Prenelle Gallery, London, UK  
Spark Video 4.4 Screening, Spark Contemporary Art Space, Syracuse, NY
- 2004 *One Night Stand*, PAC/edge Performance Festival, Chicago, IL  
LA Shorts Film Festival, Hollywood, CA  
*Emerging Illinois Artists*, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
- 2003 *Remark/eted Trade Show*, 1926 Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Colorado Biennial: "10+10"*, Denver Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver, CO  
*Dreams and Dream Makers*, Escuela Nacional de Artes Plasticas, Xochimol, Mexico

## Performances

- 2016 *STRATEGIES IN THE GEOMETRY OF HOMECOMING*, in collaboration with Ross Moreno,  
Torrance Shipman Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Justin Cooper Presents: Justin Cooper*, University of Wisconsin; Madison, WI
- 2015 *Justin Cooper: Mowers of Ten*, Art in Buildings 55 Fifth Ave; New York, NY  
*Comedy Night*, Marlborough on Broome Street; New York, NY

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## Performances Continued

- 2014 *The Big Draw: It's Our World*, in collaboration with Ross Moreno, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
*The Introducing Series*, in collaboration with Ross Moreno, Window 125, New York, NY
- 2013 *Backyard Paradise*, Swampspace; Miami, FL  
*New York I Love You Sometimes*, New York, NY  
*SkowheganPerforms!*, Socrates Sculpture Park; Queens, NY
- 2012 *Yeti and Firebush Presents*, in collaboration with Ross Moreno, Gallery Cabaret, Chicago, IL  
*Phase and Bio*, Redline Milwaukee; Milwaukee, WI  
*Thin Lines*, Beta Pictoris Maus Contemporary Art; Birmingham, AL  
*SkowheganPERFORMS*, Socrates Sculpture Park; Queens, NY  
*Sculpture Center LIC Block Party*, Kristen Chappa, curator – Sculpture Center, Queens, NY  
*Ryan Travis Christian Presents*, Synchronicity Space LA – Los Angeles, CA  
Chuckles + Avant Garde Comedy Festival, host – Cameo Gallery, New York, NY  
Chuckles + Avant Garde Comedy Festival, host – 1027 Grand Street Studios, Brooklyn, NY  
*Club Nutz*, Scott and Tyson Reader, curators – Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA  
*Cult Logic*, Julie Torres, curator – Airplane Gallery – Brooklyn, NY  
*hi°at°us*: – Urban Institute for Contemporary Art – Grand Rapids, MI  
Chuckles + Avant Garde Comedy Festival, host – Gershwin Hotel Theater, New York, NY  
*Like You*, Curated by Cortney Stell, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, CO
- 2010 *KnockKnock: That Joke's Not Funny Anymore*, Fred Torres Collaborations; New York, NY
- 2009 *Here/Not There*, curated by Tricia Van Eyck, MCA, Chicago, IL  
*Interrogation*, Le Flash 2009, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 *Interior Monologue*; National Hotel Miami, FL  
*Log Roll*, in collaboration with Benjamin Bellas, Pedestrian by Art in Odd Places, New York, NY
- 2007 *Translator Please*, in collaboration with Magdalen Wong; 1a Space Kowloon, Hong Kong  
*Lens Cap*, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture; Skowhegan, ME
- 2006 *Middle Management*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL  
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- 2015 Greenberger, Alex, "Collector's Corner: Francis Greenburger", *Artnews*, August.
- 2014 Jovanovich, Alex, "Justin Cooper and Ross Moreno", *ARTFORUM*, February.  
O'Brien, Connor, "REVIEW: Candy Colored Clown: Response to "Economy Candy" at Harbor Gallery", *The Living Blog*, February.  
Adams, Rachel, "Homestretchbody", testsite 14.1, *Fluent Collaborative*.
- 2012 Foumberg, Jason, "Review: Justin Cooper's Board", *Chicago Magazine*, Nov. 20
- 2011 Griffin, Amy, "Basilica Hudson a New Temple of Contemporary Art: NADA to Fill Hudson with Site-Specific Work", *timesunion.com*, July 24.  
"Justin Cooper has a party with his Playful Exhibit "Like You", *Denver Post*, March 4.
- 2010 Ritchie, Abraham. "Cohesive by Coincidence" *www.artslant.com*, Dec 6.  
Parr, Jan. "Getting the Picture", *Chicago Home & Garden magazine*, May/June.  
Landi, Ann. "Where the Art Happens", *ARTnews*, June.  
Oh, Janet. "Production Site" *Art in America.com* April 25.  
Pallas, J. Thomas "Review Production Site: The artist studio inside out", *NewCity*, Feb 8.

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Artner, Alan. "Review: Justin Cooper", *Chicago Tribune*, Feb 13.  
Gunn, Dan. "Review: Justin Cooper/Monique Meloche" *New City Chicago*, Feb 9.  
Apple, Lauri. "An Interview with Artist Justin Cooper." *Chicago*, Feb 6.
- 2008 Snodgrass, Susan. "Justin Cooper" Review. *Art in America*. Sept.  
Mazzei, Rebecca. "Home Front Art: The Click Clique." *CS Interiors*. Summer.  
Nash, Courtney. "Justin Cooper: Thread". *Flavorpill*, April.  
Elms, Anthony. *Justin Cooper: Thread*. exhibition essay.  
Foumberg, Jason. "Eye Exam: Fantastic Antics", *Newcity Chicago*, March 11.
- 2007 Wong, Kevin. "It's All An Illusion," *South China Morning Post*. Sep 28.
- 2006 "Large Gourd," *The Chicago Reader*, Nov.  
"On the Scene: Middle Management", *Chicago Journal*, Jan 19.  
Ferrara, Annette. "Review: Middle Management", *www.flavorpill.net*, Jan 21.  
Workman, Michael. Review: Middle Management: "Ladies Night", *NewCity*, Jan 12, p 13.  
Review: Middle Management, *www.badatsports.libsyn.com*, Jan 9 .
- 2006 Today's Candy: The Weekend Guide, *www.dailycandy.com*, Jan 5.
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- 2003 Review: 2003 Colorado Biennial: "10+10", *Denver Westword*, July 15.  
Review: 2003 Colorado Biennial: "10+10", *The Denver Post*, June 5.  
Review: Spring 2003 BFA Student Exhibition, *Daily Camera News*, May 2.  
"Third Front Range Student Art Exhibit", *Steppin' Out Online Magazine*, Jan.
- 1999 Review: Juried Exhibition at Axis Mundi Gallery, *Daily Camera News*, Dec.
- 1998 "New Genre Festival", *Spot Magazine*, June.  
"Outsider Artists", *Tulsa World News*, April.

## Grants, Awards, and Residencies

- 2017 Artist in Residence, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2015 Art Omi Residency, Ghent, NY
- 2013 Fountainhead, Miami, FL
- 2010 Artist in Residence, RedLine, Milwaukee, WI
- 2009 Open Studio Artist Residency and Grant, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN  
Summer Residency: Djerassi Resident Artist Program, Woodside, CA
- 2007 Summer Term: Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2004 Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant (finalist)
- 2003 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Merit Scholarship  
ArtsBridge Scholarship recipient

## Related Experience

- 2016 Visiting Sculpture Professor, University of South Florida, College of the Arts
- 2008-10 Instructor for the First Year Program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2008 Instructor for "Collaborating with the Enemy" at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2006-10 Instructor for "Improv Infrastructures" at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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## **Related Experience Continued**

2005-07 Service Bureau Technician at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2004-05 Teacher's Assistant, First Year Program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2004 Teacher's Assistant, Early College Program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

## **Public Collections**

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago