



## BEN MURRAY

b. 1977, Lives and works in Gary, Indiana

### Education

- 2013 MFA University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2011 BFA Herron School of Art and Design, Indianapolis, IN
- 2003 Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art, Brittany, FR
- 2000 AA American Academy of Art, Chicago, IL

### Selected Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

- 2023 *Figure, Ground*, Moreman Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2021 *If I Needed You*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Noisy Ghosts, with Jeremy Bolen, Exgirlfriend*, Berlin, DE  
*Moving Image*, Christopher West Presents, Indianapolis, IN
- 2018 *Annex*, Sidecar, Hammond, IN
- 2017 *In Life Review*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Centerville*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2006 *A Moot Documentary*, Flux Space, Indianapolis, IN

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *because...FLOWERS*, Gallery 1882, Chesterton, IN
- 2025 *25!*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *moniquemeloche presents...*, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
- 2021 *But When You Come from Water (online)*, The Chapter House, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *Not Just Another Pretty Face*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*POME*, Seattle Freezer, Seattle, WA

- 2018 *On Anxiety*, Cleve Carney Gallery, College of Dupage, Glenn Elynn, IL  
*No Chill*, University of Illinois at Chicago Galleries, Chicago, IL  
*Fuse Box*, Western Pole, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Faculty Exhibition, Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest, IL
- 2016 *Not Just Another Pretty Face*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *#BemisPainters 1982-2015*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
*New American Painting "Midwest Edition"*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
- 2014 *Ground Floor*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Recent Paintings*, Kaplan A.I.R Exhibitions, NWU, Evanston, IL; curated by John Neff  
*Revisiting Undomesticated*, Design Cloud, Chicago, IL  
*A strange house in my voice.: UIC MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL  
*J'Adore*, Ste. 3206, 400 S. Peoria, Chicago, IL  
*Winter Group Exhibition: No-Show-West*, Pilsen Sculpture Garden, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Bootleg Vol. 2*, Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN  
*Friends of Chautauqua*, ASU Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009 *Bootleg Vol. 1*, Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 2007 *Flux Closing Exhibition*, Flux Space, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006 *Interchange*, Indianapolis, IN  
*Surface Communication*, Madison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN  
*Resurgence*, Madison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN  
*Group Show*, Eskenazi Hall, Indianapolis, IN
- 2005 *Janus Ball*, Indiana Rooftop Ballroom, Indianapolis, IN  
*Is, Was, Will Be*, Mona Bismarck Foundation, Paris, FR  
*Is, Was, Will Be*, Espace Melanie, Riec-sur-Belon, FR

## **Awards and Residencies**

- 2014 Artist in Residence, Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE
- 2012 MFA Artist in Residence, OxBow School of Art & Residency, Saugatuck, MI  
 Dedalus Award Nominee, University of Illinois at Chicago Dean's Scholar Nominee, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL  
 Dean's Scholar Nominee, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Board of Trustees Waiver, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Best in Show, Senior Exhibition, Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN
- 2003 Student Artist, Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art, Pont-Aven, FR Rev. A. G

2002 Joseph Vansickle Scholarship, Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN

## Teaching

2019-23 *Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Painting, Independent Study Advisor, Adjunct Professor, Indiana University, Gary, IN*

2017 *Beginning Drawing, Lecturer, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL*

2016-20 *Painting 1, Drawing 1 Independent Study Advisor, Painting Drawing and Contemporary Arts Foundation, Illinois State University, Normal, IL*

2016 *Drawing, Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL*

2013-19 *Teacher Artist, Chicago Arts Partnership in Education, Chicago, IL*

2013-16 *Visiting Artist Professor, Bridge Program, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL*

2012-13 *Drawing I, the Beginning, Instructor of Record, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL*

2005 *Teacher Artist, VSA Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN*

## Lectures

2021 *Conversation with JoAnn Gonzalez Hickey and Ben Murray, SYZYGY, New York, NY*

2017 *Conversation with Andy Coolquitt and Ben Murray, moderated by Jennifer Reeder, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL*

2014 *Chicago as Muse, Panelist with Assaf Evron, Essau McGee, and Julie Weber, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL*  
*Conversation with Ben Murray and Andreas Fischer, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL*  
*Art Talk, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE*

2013 *Conversation with Ben Murray and John Neff, Kaplan A.I.R Exhibitions at NWU, Evanston, IL*  
*A strange house in my voice., University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL*  
*Mutual Interpretations, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL*

## Bibliography

2022 Cuddy, Alison. "Tribute and Collaboration: A Review of moniquemeloche presents at Lubeznik Center for the Arts," *NewCity Art*. October 14

2021 Kamp, Justin. "The 10 best Booths at EXPO Chicago's Online Edition," *Artsy*. April 9  
"Ben Murray: Chicago's Must-See Exhibitions," *Artforum*. February 2

2018 Pete, Joseph. "Sidecar to Showcase Work by Gary Artist," *NWI Time*. October 4

Hawbaker, KT. "Curator Gwendolyn Zabicki talks Kierkegaard, FOMO and the relationship between art and anxiety," Chicago Tribune. August 29  
"Ben Murray," Art-In-Buildings at 1000M Blog. June 12

- 2017 Zarley, B. David. "Cinema Fatalité: Ben Murray at Monique Meloche," New American Paintings. March 13  
Mauser, Nicole. "Painting, Gone in a Flash," Newcity. March 3  
"65 Things to Do in Chicago," Chicago Magazine. March 2  
"Art Top 5: March 2017," NewCity Art. March 2
- 2015 "Ten reasons to get excited about the winter art season," The Chicago Tribune. January 2
- 2014 "Review: Ben Murray at Monique Meloche," NewCity Art. May 15  
"New American Paintings (Noteworthy Artist-Editors Pick)," No. 113 Midwestern Issue, curated by Staci Boris (curator at Elmhurst Art Museum)  
"Ben Murray (Featured Artist)," Makespace.net. May  
"Ben Murray," Editorial Feature, Visual Art Resource. May  
Gomez, Gail. "Stories From the Inside-an Interview with MFA student Ben Murray," Gallery 400 blog. March  
"Hyde Park Art Center Presents Chicago MFA Grads at EXPO and Winter Showcase," NewCity Art. September  
"Ben Murray/Monique Meloche Gallery," (Recommended and Reviewed), NewCity Art. May
- 2012 Dluzen, Robin. "Smallness and Sameness at Chicago MDW Fair," Art F City. November
- 2009 Maehl, Sara. "George Benedict Murray III," Conduit Chicago. September
- 2006 "A Moot Documentary," Onthecusp.org. February

## **Selected Collections**

Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN  
HP D1 Hotel, Dallas, TX  
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, MI  
Soho House Chicago, Chicago, IL