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GIANNA COMMITO

Gianna Commito (b. 1976, Sea Level, NC) earned a BFA from The New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, NY and an MFA from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. The artist has been included in exhibitions at Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA; The Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH; Lehman College Art Department, New York, NY; Webster State University, Ogden, UT; MOCA Cleveland, Cleveland, OH; National Academy, New York, NY; and the Drawing Center, New York, NY; among others. Commito is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including the Ohio Arts Council Award; the Cleveland Art Prize; Artist in Residence at Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY; and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant. In 2018, her work was featured in the inaugural edition of the *FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art* in Cleveland, OH. Commito lives and works in Kent, OH.

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EDUCATION

2003 MFA, University of Iowa, School of Art and Art History, Iowa City, IA
2002 MA, University of Iowa, School of Art and Art History, Iowa City, IA
1998 BFA, Alfred University, New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Dates*, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH
Gianna Commito, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY
2015 *Gianna Commito*, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY
2011 *Gianna Commito*, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY
2010 *Windows and Doors*, William Busta Gallery, Cleveland, OH
2008 *Recent Work*, Moreau Art Galleries, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
2006 *Artist of the Week*, from Flatfiles, May 19-27, Pierogi, Brooklyn, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Tremble*, River House Arts, Toledo, OH
Small Gestures, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
2018 *Restraint and Limitation*, Elder Gallery, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE
Ten Years, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY
Full Fathom Five, Progressive Art Collection, Mayfield Village, OH
FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, curated by Michelle Grabner, Cleveland, OH (catalogue)
2017 *Soft Geometries*, curated by Andrea Myers, Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH
Restraint and Limitation, Bingham Gallery, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
2016 *New Geometries*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (catalogue)
Finding Your Way, Monya Rowe Gallery, Saint Augustine, FL
Gallery Artist Group Show, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY
I Came So Far for Beauty, The Galleries at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
2015 *Neo Geo*, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
Loom, Lucien Terras, New York, NY
Higher Learning, Lehman College Art Department, New York, NY
Pure Paint for Now People, Weber State University, Ogden, UT (catalogue)
2014 *de materia*, Waterloo Arts Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Commito and Harnischfeger, Native Cleveland Annex, Cleveland, OH
2013 *AUGUST a Haze Amniotic Our Dream Aether & Lens of Distance*, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
Unhinged, Pierogi, Brooklyn, NY
Tenth Anniversary Show, Wallspace, New York, NY
Poetics of Patterns, Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH
2012 *Painting Painters Paint*, MTSU Todd Art Gallery, Murfreesboro, TN
R.E.S.P.E.C.T.—The Symbiotic Relationship Between Teacher And Student, curated by Susan Chrysler White, Peter Paul Luce Gallery, Mount Vernon, IA
Flashback, curated by Elizabeth Blomster, Alfred University, NYSCC, Alfred, NY
2011 *Double Vision*, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
Ruptures, curated by Michael Wille, Hoffman Lachance Contemporary, Saint Louis, MO
2010 *Metallika*, Monya Rowe Gallery, New York, NY
Anti-Anti/Non-Non, Hal Bromm Gallery, New York, NY
Geometric Constructs, Flanders Gallery, Raleigh, NC
Mustang Sally, curated by Bill Donovan (NYC) and Kate Smith (Melbourne), TCB Art Inc, Melbourne, Australia

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- The 185th Annual: An Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary American Art*, National Academy, New York, NY
Untitled (Painting), with Scott Olson, Brian Sharp, and Zak Prekop, Shaheen Modern and Contemporary, Cleveland, OH
- 2009 *The Living and the Dead*, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, NY
The Great Impression, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
- 2008 *Union Square*, Taxter and Spengemann, New York, NY
Exquisite, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
Art on Paper Biennial, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
Perfect Strangers, curated by Jon Lutz, Daily Operation, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 *Fall Selections: Non-Declarative Drawing*, curated by Luis Camnitzer, The Drawing Center, New York, NY
Side by Side, curated by Ana Veizovic, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
- 2006 *Space-Domestic*, curated by Jiha Moon-Wilson, Emerson Gallery, McLean Center for the Arts, McLean, VA

COLLABORATIONS AND CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2008 *Call and Response*, Patrick Brennan, Mary Lum, Carrie Pollack, Suzanne Silver, and J.D. Walsh, curated by Gianna Commito, School of Art Gallery, Kent State University, Kent, OH
The Last Book, compiled by Luis Camnitzer, housed in the National Library of Argentina
The Old Gold, online interview with independent curator Jon Lutz, August 24, 2008
- 2005 *Listings*, collaboration with author Rick Moody, [Indiana Review](#) (Volume 27, #1), Summer

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Artist in Residence, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH
2017 Ohio Arts Council Award
2015 Emerging Artist Award – Visual Arts, Cleveland Arts Prize
2009 Artist in Residence, *Cite Internationale des Arts*, November – December, Paris, France
2005 Artist in Residence, St. Michael's College, June – July, Colchester, VT
2004 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY

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Wampler, Zach. "Architectural Balance: Paintings by Gianna Commito at Rachel Uffner," [PROVOKR](#), January 18, 2018
- 2016 Butler, Sharon. "New geometries: Embracing narrative and content," *Two Coats of Paint*, October 2, 2016
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Kuonen, Lily. "Art Review: 'Finding Your Way' at Monya Rowe in St. Augustine," *Burnaway*, April 26, 2016.
- 2015 "Neo Geo at Akron Art Museum explores geometric abstraction", [Akronist.com](#), November 17, 2015
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Morris, Matt. "EXPO Chicago returns, with big ambitions, and some exhibitor turnover," [ArtNews.com](#), September 18, 2015
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- 2013 "Art in Review: Ten Years," The New York Times, July 26, 2013
- 2011 Rosenberg, Karen. "Gianna Commito," New York Times, March 25, 2011, p. C31
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- 2010 Kurzner, Lisa. "Gianna Commito," review of Windows and Doors, Art in America, September 10, 2010
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- 2009 Halperen, Max. "Art on Paper 2008," Art Papers, March/April 2009
- 2008 Tan, Lumi. "Critic's Pick," Artforum.com, July 17, 2008
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