

Donald Sultan

Biography

Donald Sultan was born in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1951, he currently lives and works in New York. Sultan is a painter best known for his massive still lifes and landscapes and noted for his use of abstract black forms against areas of bright color. Born in Asheville, North Carolina, Sultan grew up in the mountains, and became familiar with Appalachian folk art traditions. After receiving his BFA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Sultan moved to Chicago to earn his MA from the Art Institute of Chicago.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Sultan began juxtaposing his traditional subject matter with the unusual, industrial materials such as vinyl, linoleum, and masonite. These works often involve creating layers of tar and rubber on top of slabs of linoleum or masonite, which are then stripped away in pieces to reveal the multiple surfaces beneath, which are then painted over. The finished works combine a Minimalist aesthetic of few colors and geometric shapes with a highly unique treatment and destruction of surface. In addition to his paintings, Sultan has collaborated with friend and writer David Mamet (American, b.1947) on the illustrated novel *Bar Mitzvah* (1999).

Sultan has exhibited in a variety of places such as: Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki (2015); Galerie Andreas Thalmann, Zurich (2014); and Galerie Pièce Unique, Paris (2013). He also participated in group exhibitions at: Museo di Palazzo Grimani, Venice (2015); Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta (2012); and Scott White Contemporary Art, San Diego (2009) among many.

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SOLO SHOWS (SELECTION)

2015

Donald Sultan, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2014

Donald Sultan - Recent work, Galerie Andreas Thalmann, Zurich

2013

Donald Sultan - 'Echoes', Galerie Pièce Unique, Paris

2012

Donald Sultan, The Drawing Room Gallery, East Hampton

2011

Donald Sultan - New Works - Baldwin Gallery, Aspen

2009

Inspired in Asia, Two New Editions, Mixografia ®, Los Angeles

Wallflowers, Mary Ryan Gallery, New York

Recent Works on Paper, Greenfield Sacks Gallery, Santa Monica

Ben Brown Fine Arts, London

Galerie Ernst Hilger, Vienna

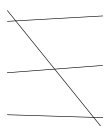
Galerie Andres Thalmann, Zurich

2008

Butterflies, Flowers and Smoke Rings, Meyerovich Gallery, San Francisco

Baldwin Gallery, Aspen

Aidan Gallery, Moscow



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Forsblom Projects, Helsinki

2007

Mary Ryan Gallery, New York
De Brock Gallery, Knokke-Heist
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston

2006

Centre Cultural Contemporani Pelaires, Mallorca
Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2005

Donald Sultan: 1991-2005, Scott White Contemporary Art, San Diego
Cliff Lede Vineyards, Yountville

2004

Donald Sultan: Three New Editions, Mixografia @, Los Angeles
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston
Singapore Tyler Print Institute, Singapore
Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York

2003

Knoedler & Company, New York
Mary Ryan Gallery, New York

2002

Imago Galleries, Palm Desert
Louise Cameron Wells Art Museum, Wilmington
Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle

2001

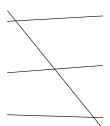
Dorothy Blau Gallery, Bay Harbor Islands
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Hill Gallery, Birmingham
Galerie Lutz and Thalmann, Zurich
Lowe Gallery, Atlanta

2000

Donald Sultan: In the Still-Life Tradition, traveling exhibition: Memphis
Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington;
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City; Polk Museum of Art,
Lakeland; Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale
Hill Gallery, Birmingham, Michigan
Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville
Winston Wachter Fine Art, Seattle, Washington
Galerie Simonne Stern, New Orleans
Meredith Long Gallery, Houston

1999

The Jewish Museum, New York
Meredith Long & Co., Houston
Knoedler - New York, New York



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Hill Gallery, Birmingham

1998

Donald Sultan and the Still Life Tradition, Corcoran Gallery, Washington
Galerie Lutz and Thalmann, Zurich
Baldwin Gallery, Aspen
urner & Runyon Gallery, Dallas
Galleria Lawrence Rubin, Milan

1997

Donald Sultan: New Paintings, Knoedler & Company, New York
Greenberg Van Doren Gallery, St. Louis
Hill Gallery, Birmingham

1996

Donald Sultan: Neue Arbeiten, Galerie Lawrence Rubin, Zurich
Baldwin Gallery, Aspen
Meredith Long & Company, Houston
Fotouhi Cramer Gallery, East Hampton
Mary Ryan Gallery, New York
Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York

1995

Donald Sultan: New Paintings, Knoedler & Company, New York

1994

Donald Sultan: Wall Flowers, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York

1993

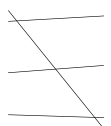
Donald Sultan, Galerie Kaj Forsblom, Zurich
Donald Sultan: Morning Glories, Hill Gallery, Birmingham
Donald Sultan: Recent Paintings, Knoedler & Company, New York

1992

Donald Sultan: Drawing, The Hill Gallery, Birmingham
Donald Sultan: Paintings, Knoedler & Company, New York,
Donald Sultan: Pintures, Galerie Trauma, Barcellona
Donald Sultan, Hans Strelow Gallery, Dusseldorf
Donald Sultan: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper,
Meredith Long & Company, Houston
Donald Sultan: Paintings 1978-1992, Guild Hall Museum East Hampton
Donald Sultan: Drawings e Watercolors 1987-1992,
Knoedler & Company, New York
Donald Sultan: A Print Retrospective, The American Federation
of the Art, New York

1991

Donald Sultan: Paintings, Drawings and Prints, John Berggruen Gallery,
San Francisco
Donald Sultan: Sculpture, Knoedler & Company, New York,
Dominoes, Fruits and Flowers, Playing Cards, Mary Ryan Gallery,
New York



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1990

Donald Sultan: Paintings, Knoedler & Company, New York
Donald Sultan: Screenprints and Etchings, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle
Donald Sultan, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver
Donald Sultan, Waddington Galleries, London

1989

Donald Sultan: Sculpture, Blum Helman Gallery, Santa Monica
Donald Sultan: Playing Cards Drawings, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan: Works on Paper, Runkle-Hue Williams, London
Donald Sultan: New Sculpture, The Greenberg Gallery, St. Louis
Donald Sultan: Drawings, Knoedler & Company, New York
Donald Sultan: A Selection of Prints, Richard Green Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan: Drawing - Painting, Meredith Long Gallery Houston
Donald Sultan: Dominoes, Playing Cards, Fruits and Flowers, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle
Donald Sultan, Richard Green Gallery, Santa Monica

1988

Donald Sultan: Black Lemons, Museum of Modern Art, New York
Donald Sultan, Galerie Montenay, Paris
Donald Sultan, La Galerie Alice Pauli, Lausanne
Donald Sultan: Prints and Drawings, Marina Hamilton Gallery, New York

1987

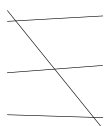
Donald Sultan: Linoleum Paintings 12 x 12, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Nagoya
Donald Sultan: Cigarette Paintings 1980-1981, Photographs 1985-1986, Blum Helman Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan: Recent Paintings, Blum Helman Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan: Small Paintings, Small Drawings 1978-1987, Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston
Donald Sultan, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
Donald Sultan, Gian Enzo Sperone Gallery, Seattle
Donald Sultan: Black Lemons - Recent Paintings, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle

1986

Donald Sultan: Drawings, Blum Helman Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan: A Survey, A.P. Giannini Gallery Bank of America, San Francisco
Donald Sultan, Galerie Montenay-Desol, Paris
Donald Sultan: Gravures monumentales, Galerie de L'estampe Contemporaine Bibliotheque Nationale, Rostonde Colbert, Paris
Donald Sultan: Drawings and Paintings, The Greenberg Gallery, St. Louis
Donald Sultan: Drawings, Blum Helman Gallery, Los Angeles

1985

Donald Sultan: New Paintings, Blum Helman Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan: Prints 1979-1985, Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston



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Donald Sultan: Small Paintings, Blum Helman Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan, Gian Enzo Sperone, Rome

1984

Donald Sultan: New Paintings, Blum Helman Gallery, New York

1983

Bilder und Zeichnungen, Hans Strelow Gallery, Dusseldorf
Donald Sultan, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo

1982

Donald Sultan, Blum Helman Gallery, New York

1981

Donald Sultan: Recent Paintings, Daniel Weinberg Gallery,
San Francisco

1980

Donald Sultan, Willard Gallery, New York

1979

Donald Sultan, Willard Gallery, New York
Donald Sultan, Young Hoffman Gallery, Chicago

GROUP SHOWS (SELECTION)

2015

Frontiers Reimagined, curated by Sundram Tagore, Museo di Palazzo
Grimani, Venice
Antropia, Eduardo Secci Contemporary, Pietrasanta

2012

The Flower Series, Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta

2011

Soot And Shine: New Works - Mary Ryan Gallery, New York

2009

Summer Group Exhibition Featuring Works by Gallery Artists,
Scott White Contemporary Art, San Diego
Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati

2008

New Aquisitions: Contemporary, Leslie Sacks Fine Art, Los Angeles

2006

Neil Jenney / Donald Sultan the art bar, WAQAS WAJAHAT, New York

2005

Donald Sultan / Isca Greenfield-Sanders / Sebastian Blanck,
Baldwin Gallery, Aspen

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2004

Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2003

Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2001

Donald Sultan '10 Paintings' & David LaChapelle, Baldwin Gallery,
Aspen
Raab Galerie, Berlin

2000

Mary Ryan Gallery, New York

1996

Thinking Print - Books to Billboards 1980-95, Museum of Modern Art,
New York
Guild Hall, East Hampton, New York

1995

Recent Acquisitions on Paper, National Museum of American Art,
Smithsonian Inst., Washington

1994

Metamorphosis: Surrealism to Organic Abstraction, Marlborough
Graphics, New York

1993

Wege der Moderne: Di Sammlung Beyeler, National Galerie, Berlin

1990

Summer Exhibit, Knoedler & Company, New York

1989

Waldo Crommelynck Master Prints with American Artists,
Whitney Museum of American Art - Equitable Center, New York
Viewpoints: Paintings and Sculpture from the Guggenheim Museum
Collection and Major Loans, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum,
New York

1977

Artists Space, New York
Turning the Room Sideways, The Institute of Art and Urban Resources
P.S.1 Special Projects Room, Long Island City

1976

N.A.M.E. Gallery, Chicago

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo
Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover

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The Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Tate Gallery, London, UK
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton
Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington.