

# ABATTOIR

## Gianna Commito

### 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

### One and Two Person Exhibitions

- 2023 *Slip Lanes*, Abattoir Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 2022 *Knot Garden*, Marrow Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Gianna Commito and Elise Ferguson*, Gazebo Gallery, Kent, OH
- 2020 *Gianna Commito & Giselle Hicks: In Place*, Harvey Preston Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 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

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Cosmic Geometries*, Curated by Hilma's Ghost collective, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.  
*Moreover: 50 Paintings*, Curated by Michelle Grabner, The Green Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2023 *Basic Matters: Substance in Contemporary Art*, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH  
*Infinite Games*, OCHI, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *Enactive Architecture*, The Ministry of Culture & Tourism, Columbus, OH  
*Nido*, Monte Castello di Vibio, Italy
- 2020 *Small Works*, Abattoir Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 2019 *Tremble*, River House Arts, Toledo, OH  
*Notebook*, curated by Joanne Greenbaum, 56 Henry, New York, NY  
*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  
*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  
*The 185th Annual: An Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary American Art*, National Academy, New York  
*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  
*Exquisiteude*, 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 Vejzovic, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
- 2006 *Space-Domestic*, curated by Jiha Moon-Wilson, Emerson Gallery, McLean Center for the Arts, McLean, VA

## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Artist in Residence, Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2023 Alfred-Düsseldorf Artist in Residence Summer Program, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2022 Wayne P. Lawson Prize, Columbus, OH  
Nido, Monte Castello di Vibio, Italy
- 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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## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH  
Columbus Art Museum, Columbus, OH  
The Progressive Art Collection, Mayfield, OH  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.