

Lynn Benson

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Lynn Benson / Drops*, an online searchable database to 1000 works: drops.lynnbenson.com
- 2021 *Water: Playing at the Edges*, Habitat Contemporary, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2018 *River Works*, Travois, Kansas City, Missouri
Water Stories by Lynn Benson, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
River Compositions by Lynn Benson, The Volland Store Gallery, Alma, Kansas
- 2017 *Paper Rivers*, Gillis Gallery, Columbus Park, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2015 *Waterplaces: 100 Works on Paper*, Kansas City Design Center, Kansas City, Missouri
Flow.ers: Satellite Botanicals, South Branch Gallery, KCKPL, Kansas City, Kansas
- 2013 *Sidetrip*, Kiosk Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2012 *Acid Wash: Playing with Consequences*, Leedy-Voulkos Art Center, Kansas City, MO

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *The River Remembers*, Charlotte Street Foundation; Kansas City, Missouri
- 2024 *The Ecology of Freedom*, ecoartspace with The Crow's Nest, Baltimore, Maryland
- 2023 *KCAI Flatfiles Exhibition*, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City Art Institute
- 2022 *What On Earth Is Happening?*, Mark Arts, Wichita, Kansas; Juror, Bill McBride
- 2021 *But When You Come From Water*, The Chapter House, Los Angeles, California
- 2020 *The Spaces Between*, (three-person show); Salina Arts Center, Salina, Kansas
Art of Water IV, James May Gallery, Algoma, Wisconsin
- 2019 *Solar Girl*, The Drugstore, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2018 *Run Riot*, Plug Projects, Kansas City, Missouri
KCAC's River Market Regional Exhibition, juror, Saralyn Reece Hardy, Director, Helen Foresman Spencer Museum of Art, The University of Kansas
Kansas City Flatfiles, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City Art Institute, Missouri
- 2017 *H2O*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio
Tallgrass Artists Residency Group Exhibition, The Bank Art Space, Matfield Green, KS
Tributary @ la Esquina, Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri
Order and Chaos, Chautauqua National Juried Exhibition, Giles Gallery, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky
- 2016 *Personal is Political is Personal*, 440 Gallery, Brooklyn, New York; juror, Sue Coe
2016 Kansas City Flatfiles, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City Art Institute, MO
Water Ecologies, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho; juror, Basia Irland
- 2015 *Representational Art in the 21st Century*, University of Hawaii at Hilo, University of Hawaii
Summer Art Institute, Hilo, Hawaii; juror, James Lancel McElhinney, NYC
- 2014 *Snap to Grid*, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, Los Angeles, California
Urban Suburban X: Perception Reflection, Epstein Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas
2014 Kansas City Flatfiles, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City Art Institute
31st Annual Kansas City Artist Coalition Benefit Art Auction/Exhibition, Kansas City, MO
- 2013 *Money*, themed exhibition, Leedy-Voulkos Art Center, Kansas City, MO; P&M Artwork
Currents, Abstract, Kiosk Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2012 *2012 Kansas City Flatfiles*, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City Art Institute

PRESS/REVIEWS

- 2018 "Kansas City artist Lynn Benson was named 2018 Friends of the Beach Museum of Art Gift Print Artist..." KC Studio Magazine, May/June, 2018 | Vol. X, Issue 3, page 18. (Maue, Savanna.) "Artist Lynn Benson's water-themed work on display at K-State's Beach Museum," Topeka Capital Journal online, Feb 11, 2018, Entertainment section feature.
- 2015 (Thorson, Alice.) "Lynn Benson: *Waterplaces*," KC Studio Magazine, November/December, 2015 | Vol. VII, Issue 6, page 55.

- (Raab, Annie.) "Lynn Benson Beautifully Maps our Ebbing Resources," The Pitch, 2015 | Vol. 35 No. 17 <https://www.thepitchkc.com/lynn-benson-beautifully-maps-our-ebbing-resources/>
(Schulman, Blair.) "Reuse and Replenish: The Turn Toward Environmentally Conscious Art," Hyperallergic, May 28, 2015 [Reuse and Replenish: The Turn Toward Environmentally Conscious Art](#)
2012 (Bembnister, Theresa.) "Last Call: See These Artworks Before Their Exhibitions Close," The Pitch, Vol. 31 No. 43, page 18 [ISSUU - The Pitch: April 26, 2012 by SouthComm, Inc.](#)

COLLECTIONS: Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, KS; Emprise Bank headquarters, Wichita, KS; University of Kansas School of Business (Capitol Federal Hall)

RESIDENCIES

Studios of Key West Artist Residency, Key West, Florida, 2018
Tallgrass Artist Residency, Volland, Kansas / Matfield Green, Kansas, 2017
Escape to Create Artist Residency, Seaside, Florida, 2015
Chicago Artist Retreat supported by Fellowship Award, 2013

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Curator talk: "The Art of Lynn Benson," by curator Aileen June Wang, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University at Volland Store Gallery.
Artist Talk, Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, Kansas
Panel Discussion: "Telling Water's Story: Art, Science, and Narrative," featuring "Rain" author, Cynthia Barnett; Peter Dorhout (VP for research at K-State and President of the American Chemical Society); and artist Lynn Benson. Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, Kansas
2017 Tallgrass Artist Residency Symposium: Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, KS
2015 Artist Talk and Panel Discussion, revolving around water, Kansas City Design Center, co-sponsored by Mid-America Regional Council's Water Sustainability Education Committee. In support of my *Waterplaces: 100 works on paper* exhibition. KC, MO
"The Waterplaces Project," Assembly Hall, Seaside, Florida
"The Waterplaces Project and the process" Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, FL
2014 Featured Artist/exhibitor: "One Water Leadership Summit" / U.S. Water Alliance, KCMO

PUBLICATIONS/PRINT

- 2018 "Symphony in the Flint Hills Field Journal 2018"; artwork images
2015 Published writing: "Lynn Benson. 'Sidetrip,'" The Hand: A Magazine for Reproduction-based Art, Issue 9, July '15, pp.12-13
2012 Published writing: "Lynn Benson. 'Acid Wash: Playing with Consequences,'" Planet Kansas, Kansas Sierra Club, April/May edition, page 14

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2018 Ekphrastic Poem by poet Mary Pinard: "To Have Been There" (about painting *Prairie Creek River (Konza, McDowell Creek, Kaw*, by Lynn Benson)
2017 Commission: "2018 Donor Gift Print" for Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, KS, in collaboration with Tamarind Master Printer Aaron Shipps, Bedrock Art Editions, KC
2015 Inspiration Grant from ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council in support of *Waterplaces: 100 Works on Paper* exhibition.

CURATORIAL AND CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

Curated: Steinberg: Drawings from the Hallmark Fine Art Collection, Creative Resources Gallery, Hallmark Cards Inc., Kansas City, MO, (2008)
Curated: Barbie Unplugged, open call to (inhouse) artists, Creative Resources Gallery, Hallmark Cards, Inc., Kansas City, MO, (2003)
(Twenty years at Hallmark Cards, Inc., in the Creative Research Library, selecting books and research from around the globe for the entire creative staff during the last 10 years... Travelled yearly for research, NYC primarily. Left to focus on my art career fulltime (2010)

EDUCATION: University of Missouri, Columbia, post-graduate work in studio art

DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, BA - Art / Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, AA

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