

Theodora Allen

BORN IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 1985

LIVES AND WORKS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Education

2014	MFA, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2011	Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Residency, Madison, ME
2009	BFA, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
2004	Foundation, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London, United Kingdom

Solo Exhibitions

2025	"Theodora Allen: Oak," Kasmin, New York, NY
2024	"Theodora Allen: Germ," organized by Kasmin, Casa Siza, Mexico City, Mexico
2023	"The Bowstring's Tension," Gallery 12.26, Dallas, TX "Solitaire," Soccer Club Club, Chicago, IL "Gimlet Eye," Huset for Kunst & Design, Holstebro, Denmark
2022	"Theodora Allen: Saturnine," curated by Stephanie Cristello, Driehaus Museum, Chicago, IL "Syzygy," Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
2021	"Saturnine," curated by Stephanie Cristello, Kunsthall Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark
2020	"Light Pollution," Gallery 12.26, Dallas, TX
2019	"weald," Kasmin, New York, NY
2017	"Vigil," Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
2015	"Theodora Allen," Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
2014	"MFA Exhibition #3," MFA Thesis Exhibition, New Wight Gallery, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
2012	"Brand New Heartache," Michael Jon Gallery, Miami, FL

Group Exhibitions

2025	"Love Among The Ruins," Galerie Brigitte Mulholland, Paris, France "Last Night I Dreamt of Manderley," curated by Daniel Malarkey, Alison Jacques, London, United Kingdom
2024-25	"Grace Under Fire," organized by Library Street Collective and The Bunker Artspace, The Shepherd, Detroit, MI "Infinite Regress: Mystical Abstraction from the Permanent Collection and Beyond," curated by Kevin Moore, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
2023	"River Styx," curated by Brandy Carstens and Sara Lee Hantman, Sea View, Los Angeles, CA "Shades of Daphne," Kasmin, New York, NY
2020	"5,471 miles," Blue & Poe, Los Angeles, CA

- “American Women: The Infinite Journey,” curated by Marie Maertens, La Patinoire Royale, Brussels, Belgium
- 2019 “Pineal Eye Infection,” curated by Aaron Moulton, Seasons, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 “Deeper Than Inside,” High Art, Paris, France
- “Celebration,” Insect, Los Angeles, CA
- “Self Preservation,” organized by A.G., Primary Projects, Miami, FL
- 2018 “Saturnine,” curated by Stephanie Cristello, Chicago Manual Style, Chicago, IL
- “Screenings: Original Artwork for the Cinema Screen,” Laemmle, North Hollywood, CA
- “Helvedet Opløser Sig,” curated by Alexander Tovborg, Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark
- “Cliche,” organized with Bill Powers, Almine Rech Gallery, New York, NY
- “Seed,” curated by Yvonne Force, Kasmin, New York, NY
- “Still Life,” September Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2017 “Botánica,” organized by Todd von Ammon, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- “Naturalia: Views from the Underbrush,” Kasmin, New York, NY
- “Strange Attractors The Anthology of Interplanetary Folk Art,” organized by Bob Nickas, Redling Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 “Mount Analogue,” curated by Neville Wakefield, Performance Ski, Aspen, CO
- “Dreaming Mirrors Dreaming Screens,” Sprüth Magers, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 “Love or the Lack of It,” Travesía Cuatro, Madrid, Spain
- 2014 “Golden State,” Museum of Contemporary Art, Tucson, AZ
- “Some Thoughts About Marks,” Jack Hanley, New York, NY
- “Summer & sUMMER,” Michael Jon Gallery, Miami, FL + Detroit, MI
- “Brucennial 2014,” The Bruce High Quality Foundation, New York, NY
- “MFA 2014,” New Wight Gallery, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 “White House,” Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2012 “Qualified By Light,” Actual Size, Los Angeles, CA
- “I Know This, But You Feel Different,” Marc Jancou Contemporary, New York, NY
- 2009 “Lovable Like Orphaned Kitties and Bastard Children,” Green Gallery East, Milwaukee, WI

Residencies

Corsicana Artist and Writer Residency, Corsicana, TX

Special Projects

- 2016 L.S.D. Vol. 3, Contributor
- 2013 49 Paintings, Saint Laurent, Collection V, Artist Book Invitation

Exhibition Catalogues & Books

- 2022 Hundley, Jessica. *Plant Magick. The Library of Esoterica*. Cologne: Taschen, 2022, pp. 332-333.
- 2021 Cristello, Stephanie. *Theodora Allen: Saturnine*. Geneva: Motto Books, 2021.

2020 *American Women: The Infinite Journey*. Belgium: Editions de La Patinoire Royale | Galerie Valérie Bach, 2020, pp. 8, 11, 16-19, 21, 25, 43.

Articles & Reviews

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- 2022 Singh, Pia. "With Botanicals and Celestial Bodies, Theodora Allen Examines Our Scientific Journey," *CulturedMag.com*, May 11, 2022.
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Dozier, Ayanna. "5 Artists on Our Radar in March 2022," *Artsy.net*, March 4, 2022.
Ollman, Leah. "The Comet and the Hourglass: Theodora Allen at Blum & Poe," *ArtNews*, February 25, 2022.
Yang, Catherine. "Pick of the Week: Theodora Allen," *ArtilleryMag.com*, February 23, 2022.
- 2021 Raez, Constanza Falco. "Theodora Allen's 'Saturnine,'" *Flaunt.com*, July 21, 2021.
Durón, Maximiliano and Angelica Villa. "Sporting a Chic, User-Friendly Design, Fiac's First Online Edition Sees Robust Sales," *ARTnews*, March 5, 2021.
Wollen, Audrey. "Pure Moods: Patricia Lockwood's Coherent Chaos," *Bookforum* (March/April/May 2021).
- 2020 Allen, Theodora. "Life Thread, (Asclepius) No. 3," *LALA Magazine* (summer 2020): 68-69.
Buck, Louisa and Kabir Jhala. "Three Exhibitions to See in London This Weekend," *TheArtNewspaper.com*, September 4, 2020.
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- Shaw, Eric. "Battening Down Time, Death and a Few Other Things: Theodora Allen at 12.26, Dallas." *Glasstire.com*, October 7, 2020.
- 2019 Anderson, Margaret. "Theodora Allen's Ghostly Paintings Hark Back to the Middle Ages." *Elephant.art*, January 30, 2019.
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- 2017 Berardini, Andrew. "Theodora Allen: Vigil." *Art Review* 69, no. 7 (October 2017): 127. Ollman, Leah. "At Blum & Poe, a 'Cosmic Garden' of Ghostly Beauty." *Los Angeles Times*, July 14, 2017.
- 2016 Masewicz, Natalia. "Computer Screens Mirror Life as Berlin Show Explores Technology's Influence on Art." *BlouinArtInfo*, February 11, 2016.
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- Powers, Bill. "Painterly Fashion." *T Magazine* (blog), March 11, 2013.
- Remsen, Nicholas. "Beauty, Youth, and Longing: Artist Theodora Allen for Saint Laurent." *Blouinartinfo.com*, March 25, 2013.
- Trochu, Eugenie. "When Art Meets Fashion." *Vogue* (Paris), November 2013.
- Tylevich, Katya. "Los Angeles. Hide and Seek." *Elephant Magazine* 16 (Autumn 2013): 154-57.
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