

VALÉRIE BLASS

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Lives and works in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

EDUCATION

2003 - 2006 Master's of Fine Art, Visual and Media Arts, University of Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC

1993 - 1998 BFA, Visual Arts, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *To only ever say one thing forever the same thing*, Catriona Jeffries, Vancouver, BC
My Life, ArtSpeak, Vancouver, BC; Daniel Faria Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2014 *Théâtre d'objets*, Parisian Laundry, Montreal, QC
- 2013 Parisian Laundry Projects @ The Hole NYC, New York, NY
Valérie Blass, Galeri Manâ, Istanbul, Turkey
Valérie Blass, Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Alberta College of Art + Design, Calgary, AB
The manipulator manipulated, La Chambre Blanche, Quebec, QC
- 2012 *Valérie Blass*, Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON
Valérie Blass, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, QC
- 2011 *Petit losange laqué veiné*, Parisian Laundry, Montreal, QC
- 2009 *Une fois de trop*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Project Room, Toronto, ON
Valérie Blass: Dos-à-dos / Face-à-face, Galerie d'art Foreman, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, QC
- 2008 *La plus pure apparence*, Parisian Laundry, Montreal, QC
- 2005 *Elle-même*, Circa – Centre d'exposition art contemporain, Montreal, QC
Presque ça, Galerie B-312, Montreal, QC
- 2001 *Le regard des animaux*, DARE-DARE – Centre de diffusion d'art multidisciplinaire de Montreal, Montreal, QC

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, Toronto, ON
- 2016 *EXPANDED: Chicago*, MANA Contemporary Chicago, Chicago, IL
The Grand Balcony, La Biennale de Montréal, Montreal, QC
Superimposition: Sculpture and Image, Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art, Winnipeg, MB
From Ferron to BGL: Contemporary Art in Québec, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City, QC
The Green of Her, Oakville Galleries, Oakville, ON
Mashup: The Birth of Modern Culture, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
Stranger!, Cleveland MOCA, Cleveland, OH
- 2015 *Unsafe at any speed*, 820Plaza, Montreal, QC
Taking Back, Otherwise, Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
HA HA! BUSINESS!, Luis De Jesus, Los Angeles, CA

- 2014 *The Convenors*, MKG127, Toronto, ON
1 + 1 = 1, When the collections of the Musée des beaux-arts and of the Musée d'art contemporain converse, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, Montreal, QC
- 2013 *The Intellection of Lady Spider House*, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
Traces of Life, Wentrup Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Configurations, Public Art Fund (NY), Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, New York, NY
Oh, Canada – Contemporary Art from North North America, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, MA
- 2012 *Freedom of Assembly*, Oakville Galleries, Oakville, ON
PARISIAN LAUNDRY: SUMMERTIME IN PARIS @ Drake Lab, Toronto, ON
COLLECTION TEDESCHI. PARISIAN LAUNDRY, Montreal, QC
- 2011 *Chimère / Shimmer*, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec, QC
C'est ce que c'est / It Is What It Is – Acquisitions récentes d'art actuel canadien, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
- 2010 *La terre est bleue comme une orange*, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, Montreal, QC
- 2009 *Nothing to Declare: Current Sculpture from Canada*, The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto, ON
Incroyables et merveilleuses, Symposium international d'art contemporain, Baie-Saint-Paul, QC
The way I Are, Blackwood Gallery, Mississauga, ON
- 2008 *La Triennale québécoise, Rien ne se perd, rien ne se crée, tout se transforme / The Québec Triennial – Nothing is / nothing is created, everything is transformed*, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, QC
- 2007 *Somme, la Vitrine – Centre Est-Nord-Est*, Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, QC
- 2006 *Archipel*, Parisian Laundry, Montreal, QC
La sculpture, l'espace et son double, presented in 7 houses of culture, Montreal, QC
- 1999 *Salon de l'agglomérat (groupe UDO)*, Galerie CLARK, Montreal, QC
- 1998 *Les Bricolos*, Galerie CLARK, Montreal, QC
- 1996 *Printemps Plein Temps*, Galerie de l'UQAM, Montreal, QC

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND CATALOGUES

- 2012 Lesley Johnstone, Wayne Baerwaldt, *Valerie Blass*, exhibition catalogue, Musée d'art contemporain de Montreal, QC
- 2011 Jocelyne Lupien, *Loin des Yeux, Près du Corps; Entre Théorie et Création, "Le grand déverouillage sensoriel par l'art"*, UQAM Gallery, Montreal, QC
- 2010 Anne-Marie Ninacs, *Chimère / Shimmer*, exhibition catalogue, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, QC
Josée Drouin-Brisebois, Greg A. Hill, Andrea Kunard, *It Is What It Is; Recent Acquisitions in New Canadian Art*, exhibition catalogue, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
- 2009 Jeanie Riddle, Jack Moore, Helena Reckitt, *Valerie Blass*, exhibition catalogue, PARISIAN LAUNDRY, Montreal, QC
Geneviève Chevalier, *Games of Chance and Role Play*, Foreman Art Gallery, Bishop's University

Sherbrooke, QC

- 2008 Josée Bélisle, Paulette Gagnon, Mark Lanctôt et Pierre Landry, *Nothing is lost, nothing is created, everything is transformed*, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, QC

MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS

- 2017 Xenia Benivolski, 'Le Grand Balcon, BNLMTL, 2016', *C Magazine*, Issue 133, Spring
Jens Hoffmann, 'The Biennale de Montréal', *Artforum*, Reviews, February
- 2016 Claire Voon, 'The Sly Excess of the 2016 Montréal Biennale', *Hyperallergic*, 25 October
Gary Pearson, 'Valérie Blass', *Sculpture*, Vol. 35, No. 4, May
Karina Irvine, 'Valérie Blass Pushes Figuration at Catriona Jeffries Gallery', *Canadian Art*, 4 January
- 2015 Wojciech Olejnik, 'Valérie Blass is both accessible and locked-up in "My Life"', *MOMUS*, 19 April
Michael Turner, 'Gesture Dominates in Valérie Blass' 'My Life', *Canadian Art* (online), Reviews, 9 February
- 2014 'Valérie Blass à voir absolument', *MODE34B*, 7 February
Gabrielle Mathieu, 'Du mensonge de la représentation. Théâtres d'objets de Valérie Blass', *L'Artichaut*, 2 February
Eric Clément, 'Valérie Blass à la Parisian Laundry: la quête', *La Presse: Arts*, January
- 2013 Roberta Smith, 'Valerie Blass', *The New York Times*, Art in Review, 21 November
Josianne Desloges, 'Les marionettes de Valérie Blass', *Le Soleil*, Arts et spectacles, 13 April
- 2012 Anja Bock, 'Valerie Blass, Musée d'art contemporain', *Art Papers*, May-June
Gabrielle Moser, 'Valerie Blass', *Artforum*, 12 February

RESIDENCIES

- 2017 Banff Artist in Residence, Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff, AB
- 2013 *The manipulator manipulated*, La Chambre Blanche, Quebec City, QC
Supercherie de dislocation visuelle, L'Écart... centre d'art actuel, Rouyn-Noranda, QC
- 2010 *Atelier-résidence*, Fondation Christoph Merian, Bâle, Switzerland
- 2009 Incroyable et merveilleuses, 27th International Symposium of Contemporary, Baie-Saint-Paul, QC