

RYAN CROTTY

b. Lincoln, NE

Ryan Crotty is a visual artist and abstract painter based in rural Nebraska. He creates non-representational color field paintings rooted in the process intensive traditions of printmaking. Highlighting visual evidence of the canvas support structure, surface imperfections and materiality, he uses translucent paint to generate an interplay of light and color that challenges visual interpretation of a two-dimensional surface.

Crotty's paintings are composed of transparent layers of acrylic sheathed one atop another over a base of modeling compound on linen. He then pulls the pigment, mixed with a gloss gel medium across the surface with an acrylic blade. This method most ostensibly lends itself to palpably sleek but imperfect colorfields of scrumptious, luminous gradients, endlessly fresh, like each time you look at the ocean. This gesture, however, is the only common denominator amongst the wide range of formalistic imagery in his ever-expanding oeuvre.

Crotty earned his BFA in painting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his MFA in painting from Syracuse University. He has exhibited work in Nebraska, as well as New York, Chicago and Berlin. Central to his practice is time and experimentation in his studio in Auburn, NE where he resides with his family.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 NADA New York 2022, High Noon Gallery, New York, NY
- 2021 Eyes Closed to the Sun, High Noon, New York, NY
- 2020 Myriad, Galerie Robertson Ares, Montreal, Quebec
- 2020 Ryan Crotty, Hemphill Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 Diviner, High Noon, New York, NY
- 2019 New Work, Stalder Gallery, Falls City, NE
- 2018 Never the Less, High Noon, New York, NY
- 2018 Surfaces and Supports, Lux Art Center, Lincoln, NE
- 2017 It Can Feel Overwhelming At Times, Columbus Art Gallery, Columbus, NE
- 2017 Nebraska Governor's Residence, Featured Artist Exhibition, Lincoln, NE

- 2014 Ryan Crotty - Recent Works, Peru State College Art Gallery, Peru, NE
- 2012 Ryan Crotty - Controlled Burn, The Wall - Shaffer Art Building, Syracuse, NY
- 2011 Passages of Obliteration, Michael Sickler Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- 2009 BITS, Handmade Modern Gallery, Lincoln, NE
- 2007 Ryan Crotty, Paintings, Handmade Modern, Brownville, NE

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 GLOW (upcoming), Flinn Gallery, Stamford, CT
- 2021 Art Toronto, Galerie Robertson Arès, Toronto, Ontario
- 2020 SpringSprung, MARQUEE Projects, Bellport, NY
- 2019 Grand Opening, Galerie Robertson Arès, Montreal, Quebec
- 2019 Summer Show, Hemphill Fine Arts, Washington DC
- 2019 Restraint & Limitation, Elder Gallery, Lincoln, NE LUX
- 2017 The Painted Desert, High Noon Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 LUX Art Gala, Innovation Campus University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 2016 Euphoric Cataclysm, Tugboat Art Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 2016 A deLUX Art Gala, Country Club of Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- 2016 Medici Exhibition, Eisentrager-Howard Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
- 2016 Spirit Exhibition, Museum of Nebraska Art, Kearney, NE
- 2015 Medici Exhibition, Eisentrager-Howard Art Gallery, University of Nebraska,
2015 Lincoln, NE A deLUX Art Gala, Country Club of Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- 2014 Greater Nebraska, Lux Center For The Arts, Lincoln, NE
- 2013 The Nth Degree, 25 CPW Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 Regional Small Works Show, State of the Art Gallery, Ithaca, NY
- 2012 Lunatic Fringe (The Show), The Wall - Shaffer Art Building, Syracuse, NY
- Sugar 2012 Redux, Spark Art Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- 2012 National Wet Paint Exhibition, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Blue Sky, Shaffer Art Building, Syracuse, NY
- 2011 SU@CU/CU@SU, XL Gallery / Clifford Gallery, Hamilton, NY
- 2011 These Walls Can Talk, Michael Sickler Gallery, Syracuse, NY

Private Collections

- Tom and Alice Tisch, New York, NY

Google, Inc. New York, NY
Jeffrey Gibson, New York, NY
Barry Rosen, New York, NY

Awards

Shaffer Award (MFA, Best In Show), Syracuse University, 2013
3rd Year Graduate Painting Award, Syracuse University, 2013
George J. Vander Sluis Graduate Painting Award, Syracuse University, 2012 Susan
Parker King Graduate Drawing Award, Syracuse University, 2011

Education

MFA, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, 2013
BFA, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2004