

# **SERENA STEVENS**

Originally from Ft. Madison, Iowa, Serena Stevens is a graduate student in the Painting and Drawing program at The University of Iowa. After receiving her BFA from Western Illinois University, she attended the Laguna College of Art and Design for one year. Following her time in California, she lived in New Mexico and Rhode Island before returning to Iowa as an Iowa Arts Fellow.

## **EDUCATION**

- 2020 MA/MFA candidate, Painting/Drawing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2012-13 MFA candidate Painting, Laguna College of Art and Design, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2011 BFA Painting, Drawing,
   Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
   AS Graphic Community College, West Burlington, IA

#### **SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 Clover & 4th, Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 Iowa Dream, Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY Puppies and Kittens, West Central Illinois Art Center, Macomb, IL
- 2019 Sex and Candy, Western Illinois University Art Gallery, Macomb, IL
- 2018 Home on the Range, SEIRPC, West Burlington, IA Sink and Swim, AS220 Main Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2016 Roots and Wings, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington, IA Bed and Butter, Small Engine Gallery
- 2014 Playtime, Small Engine Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2011 Nouns, Western Illinois University Art Gallery, Macomb, IL

New Paintings, Fort Madison Area Arts Association, Fort Madison, IA Pieces, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington, IA

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 The American Landscape, David Nolan Gallery, New York, NY
  Sweet Jane in Fields of Daisies, curated by Joan Tucker, Phillips Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2018 Elbow Room, Visual Arts Building, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA Free Space, Eve Drewelowe Gallery, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA TRAHC 30th Annual Juried Exhibition, Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council, Texarkana, TX Fresh Award Winners, South Bay Contemporary: SoLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 National Juried Exhibition, Larkin Arts, Harrisonburg, VA Beneath the Surface, Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, Broward College, Davie, FL National Weather Center Biennale, National Weather Center, Norman, OK FRESH 2017, South Bay Contemporary: SoLA, Los Angeles, CA 22nd Arts in Harmony 2017 Annual International Show, Blaine City Hall, Blaine, MN
- 2016 Follicle, Graft Gallery, Albuquerque, NM Memories: Art from Private Collections, West Central Illinois, Macomb, IL Texas National 2016 Competition and Exhibition, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX The Contemporary Figure in Painting, Matrix Fine Art, Albuquerque, NM AUTOMIC, A Hand Magazine Exhibition, Small Engine Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2015 Annual Contemporary Art Survey, Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, CO 30 Under 30 – The Next Generation, Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, CO Memoirs, Recollections, and Heirlooms, College of the Sequoias Art Gallery, Visalia, CA
- 2014 Texas National 2014 Competition Exhibition, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2013 MFA '13, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA Perceptions, Western Illinois University Art Museum, Macomb, IL LCAD MFA - New Work, Laguna Beach City Hall, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2012 Yardstick, Student Art League Gallery, Macomb, IL
- 2011 Brand 40: Works on Paper, Brand Library, Glendale, CA 35th Annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exchange, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Exploring Media: Maps and Beeswax, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL Women's Art, Women's Vision, WIU Multicultural Center, Macomb, IL Sullivan Taylor Spring Juried Art Exhibition, Sullivan Taylor Macomb, IL WIU Annual Juried Student Art Show, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

- 2010 Talent Grant and Tuition Waiver Exhibition, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL Sullivan Taylor Fall Juried Art Exhibition, Sullivan Taylor, Macomb, IL Exploring Media: Glitter, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2009 Southeastern Community College Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington, IA

## **SELECTED HONORS/AWARDS**

- 2018 Iowa Arts Fellowship, The University of Iowa
- 2017 Winner: 2D category. Fresh 2017 Competition. South Bay Contemporary: SoLA
- 2016 10th Place, Stories to Art Top 12 Artist, <u>storiestoart.com</u> 2nd Place, Texas National 2016, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2015 Grand Prize, Annual Contemporary Art Survey, Fort Collins, CO
- 2014 Dave Brown Projects, 9th Semiannual Competition
   Honorable Mention, Texas National 2014 Juried Exhibition, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2011 Merit Award, WIU Annual Juried Student Art Show, Macomb, IL University Union Purchase Award, WIU Annual Juried Student Art Show, Macomb, IL
- 2010 Best of Show, Sullivan Taylor Juried Art Exhibition, Macomb, IL
   2nd Place, Exploring Media: Glitter, Macomb, IL
- 2009 Best of Show, Southeastern Community College Annual Juried Art Exhibition, West Burlington, IA

### **SELECTED PRESS**

- 2021 "Philips Presents Sweet Jane in Fields of Daisies: A Special Online Selling Exhibition Celebrating Emerging Female Artists Curated by Joan Tucker" Artfix Daily, September 8
- 2020 Andrea K Scott, "Spotlight: Serena Stevens", The New Yorker, July 23 "Postmasters Gallery opens an exhibition of works by Serena Stevens," Artdaily, July 23

John Haber, "Dreams of Home," Haber Arts, September 9 Roberta Smith "3 Art Gallery Shows to See Right Now," The New York Times, September 10

Jeffrey Kastner, "Serena Stevens," Artforum, October 2