

## James Verbicky

Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from Polish descent, James Verbicky lived the majority of his early life between Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia. As an adult, Verbicky moved to the U.S., and after struggling with legitimacy for many years, was awarded the rarely bestowed 'Extraordinary Ability' green card from the U.S. government due to his extensive involvement with a myriad of museums, galleries, charity organizations, and publications across America. In 2008, his work was selected for a 110 year-old juried exhibition at the Louvre, in Paris, France, with the Societe Nationale des Beaux-Arts.

In 2010, Verbicky debuted the media paintings, mixed media works that stimulate the viewer with both content and texture. The three dimensional surfaces transcend traditional painting and venture into the realm of sculpture, and by utilizing vintage media and graphics, advertisements, and obsolete branding materials, Verbicky presents us with the result of decades of attempts to persuade, manipulate, and coerce through subtle and suggestive imagery. His works are at once deeply conceptual and hauntingly beautiful: their abstraction capturing both forgotten and persisting icons of media and reminding us that we are constantly being influenced.

Verbicky original works are counted in thousands of important private, public, celebrity and museum collections in countries all over the world. He collaborates frequently with philanthropic organizations, using his artwork to contribute to nonprofits like the Waterkeeper Alliance and the Art of Elysium. His works have been the focus of international exhibitions ranging from Berlin to New York City, Boston, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and San Diego, and have been auctioned by Sothebys & Christie's.

Verbicky currently works in Southern California, where he resides with his wife and two young children.

### Selected Exhibitions

#### AWARDS

- \* Invitation, Societe Nationale des Beaux-Arts, the Louvre, Paris, France
- \* 'Extraordinary Ability' Greencard

#### 2017

- \* Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA | 05.2017
- \* Joanne Artman Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA | 06.2017
- \* Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada | 04.2017

#### 2016

- \* "Omniscience", Gilman Contemporary, Ketchum, ID
- \* "Semiotics", Joanne Artman Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- \* Quinientos Cincuenta, Mexico City, Mexico

2015

- \* Coral Springs Museum, Coral Springs, FL

2014

- \* Joanne Artman Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA, Solo Exhibition | 07.2014
- \* Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA, Solo Exhibition | 06.2014
- \* DTR MODERN, Washington D.C., 2-Man Show | 05.2014
- \* DTR MODERN, Boston, MA: 2-Man Show | 03.2014
- \* Dallas Art Fair, with Madison Gallery, Dallas, TX | 04.2014
- \* Laguna Art Museum Fundraising Auction, Laguna Beach, CA | 02.2014

2013

- \* JOANNE ARTMAN GALLERY, Laguna Beach, CA: Solo | 07.2013
- \* DTR MODERN, Boston, MA: 2-Man Show | 03.2013
- \* Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA / Solo, ERA | 01.2013
- \* Palm Springs Fine Art Fair / Madison Gallery | 02.2013
- \* Art of Elysium Charity Auction / Christie's Auction House | 02.2013

2012

- \* DTR Modern, Boston, MA / Group 'Pop Art: Today + Yesterday'
- \* Cheryl Hazan Contemporary Art, NYC / Solo, 'ICONICITY'
- \* Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA / 'Palette to Palate' Charity Dinner
- \* Cheryl Hazan Contemporary Art, NYC / Group, 'Mark My Words'
- \* "Art for Water" SOTHEBYS Charity Auction to Benefit the Waterkeeper Alliance / Madison Gallery / Mathew Marks Gallery, NYC
- \* Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA / Charity Fundraising Live Auction
- \* Los Angeles Art Show / Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA
- \* Fellini Gallery, Berlin Germany / Group
- \* Joanne Artman Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA / Solo, 'Force Bloom'
- \* Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA / Solo, 'Blitz'
- \* Cheryl Hazan Contemporary, NYC / Group, 'The Red Show'
- \* Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Madison Gallery
- \* San Francisco Fine Art Fair, Madison Gallery
- \* Houston Fine Art Fair, Cheryl Hazan Contemporary Art

2011

- \* Fellini Gallery, Group, Berlin, Germany
- \* Joanne Artman Gallery, Solo, Laguna Beach, CA, 'Diffusion'
- \* Madison Gallery, Group, La Jolla, CA 'Fresh Blood'
- \* Charity Auction, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
- \* Cheryl Hazan Gallery, Group, New York City, NY, 'The Red Show'

2010

- \* Madison Gallery, Solo, La Jolla, CA
- \* Charity Auction Billabong Design for Humanity, Paramount Studios, LA
- \* Laguna Art Museum, Group, Laguna Beach, CA

2009

- \* Joanne Artman Gallery, Solo, Laguna Beach, CA

- \* Madison Gallery, Solo, La Jolla, CA
- \* Joanne Artman Gallery, Group, Laguna Beach, CA

2008

- \* Societe Nationale des Beaux-Arts, Group, The Louvre Museum, Paris, France
- \* Karen Lynne West Gallery, Solo, Beverly Hills, CA
- \* Madison Gallery, Solo, La Jolla, CA

#### Non-Profit Contributions

- 2014: Laguna Art Museum Annual Fundraising Auction, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2013: Sotheby's Waterkeeper Alliance Charity Auction, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013: Christie's Art of Elysium Auction, Ace Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 : Sothebys Charity Auction to Benefit the Waterkeeper Alliance, NYC, NY
- 2012 : Houston Ballet Charity Fundraising Auction, Houston, TX
- 2012 : Laguna Art Museum / Annual Fundraising Charity Auction, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2012: Laguna Art Museum / Palette to Palate Charity Fundraiser, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2011 : Global Grins, Joanne Artman Gallery
- 2011 : Laguna Art Museum / Charity Live Auction, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2010 : ARTSEEN fundraising exhibition, original works auctioned to benefit the Identify Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 : Billabong's 'Design for Humanity' Charity Auction / Los Angeles
- 2010 : 'Cool Globes Project'
- 2010 : 'The Collective Sound' / Laguna Beach, CA
- 2010 : 'Schoolpower' Annual Fundraising Auction
- 2009 : Rady's Children's Hospital Annual Fundraising Auction
- 2008 : 'Teen with a Dream' Foundation
- 2007 - 2010: Boys & Girls Club, Annual Art Judge.
- 2007 : Cedarhurst Museum
- 2007 : One.org, Combating Extreme Poverty
- 2006 : Zimmerman Children's Museum of Los Angeles