

CV | ERIC WESLEY

b. Los Angeles, California, 1973
Lives and works in Los Angeles, California

EDUCATION

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Co-founder of MSA (Mountain School of Art), Los Angeles, CA

PRIZES

2016 Artisti Per Frescobaldi

BIENNIALS

2022 Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA

2007 Prague Biennial, Prague, Czech Republic

2004 Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Turnstyles/Adult Contempt, April in Paris, Paris

2019 Reputation, Sprovieri, London, UK
Eric Wesley: Martha Rosler/Eric Wesley, Slash, San Francisco, USA
Eric Wesley, Timbuctoo, Pio Pico, LA, USA

2018 Reputation, Galleria Fonti, Naples, Italy
Eric Wesley: BUG (A Proposal 2018), Redling Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA
The Bell, Mannahatta, Red Bull Arts New York, NADA New York 2018, New York, NY

2016 Isosceles Trapezoid Arch, Midway Contemporary Arts, Minneapolis, MN
Eric Wesley/St. Louis, Bortolami Gallery, Cahokia, IL

2015 Some Work, 356 Mission, Los Angeles, CA

2014 Daily Progress Status Reports, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY

2013 Hybrid Naples: L'Ordine delle Idee Deve Procedere Secondo L'Ordine Delle Cose, solo projects by Eric Wesley and Christian Waldvogel, curated by Jörg Heiser, Fondazione Morra Greco, Naples, Italy

- 2012 The Natural Order of Things, Galleria Fonti, Naples, Italy
2 new works, Bortolami, Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 The Same 'Ol New Frontier, China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 D'Carte Blanche and New Paintings, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 New Realistic Figures, Maureen Paley, London, United Kingdom
- 2008 Ship Shape Shit Shelf and the Empfang Box, Feurig59, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 Spaferece Room, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY
Spafice, Foundation Morra Greco, Naples, Italy
- 2006 You say Tomato, I say Tomato, Galleria Fonti, Naples, Italy
Eric Wesley, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
MOCA FOCUS: Eric Wesley, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 Bowie-Van Valen Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2004 Pico Youth Center, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
I love WW2, Locust Projects, Miami, FL
- 2002 Metro Pictures, New York, NY
Enchilada "The Endless Burrito", Meyer-Reigger Galerie, Karlsruhe, Germany
Ouchi, Galeria Franco Noero, Torino, Italy
- 2001 Two Story Clocktower, CalTech, Pasadena, CA
- 2000 Kicking Ass, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 Camper, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Boros Collection, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Springweather and People, Bortolami Gallery, New York, USA
- 2019 Searching the Sky for Rain, Sculpture Center, New York, USA
- 2018 Naotaka Hiro, Pooneh Maghazehe, Robin Peck, Eric Wesley, Step Sister, New York, NY
- 2017 From DADA to TA-DA!, Fisher Parrish Gallery, New York, NY
University of Disasters, curated by Matthew Grumbach, Bortolami, New York, NY
99 Cents or Less, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI

- Living Apart Together: Recent Acquisitions from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 I Beam U Channel, Bortolami, New York, NY
- 2014 A Public Fiction, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 Endless Bummer II / Still Bummin', curated by Drew Heitzler and Jan Tumlir, Marlborough Chelsea, New York, NY
- 2011 Making Histories – Changing Views of the Collection, Temporary Stedelijk Museum 3, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Greater LA, 483 Broadway, SoHo, New York, NY
BigMinis: Fetishes of Crisis, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France
- 2010 The Artist's Museum, MOCA Geffen Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
RE-DRESSING, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY
The Inauguration of China Art Objects in Culver City, Los Angeles, CA
Les enfants terribles, Fundacion Coleccion Jumex, Mexico
Video Journeys, Cottage Home, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 Second Nature: Dean Valentine Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 The Light of the Virgo, China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles Confidential, Centre d'Art du Parc Saint Léger, Pougues-les-Eaux, France
Amateurs, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco, CA
ITALIA ITALIE ITALIEN ITALY WLOCHY, ARCOS Museo d'Arte, Benevento, Italy
Globetrotters, 410 Cottage Home, Curated by Katie Brennan, Los Angeles, CA
Sand- Meaning and Metaphor, Parrish Museum, New York, NY
- 2007 Milieu, Lizabeth Oliveria, Los Angeles, C
Angles Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
One Foot High and Rising, Balmoral Gallery, Venice, CA
Darling, Take Fountain, Kalfayan Gallery, Greece
Substance & Surface, Bortolami, New York, NY
- 2006 Axis of Praxis, Midway Contemporary Art, Minneapolis, MN
Design-O-mite, Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
Alien Nation, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, United Kingdom
The Gold Standard, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY
Survivor, Bortolami Dayan, New York, NY

- 2005 Closing Down: Thanks, Bortolami Dayan, New York, NY
 A Walk to Remember, Organized by Jens Hoffmann, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA
 100 Artists See God, Curated by John Baldessari and Meg Cranston, Organized by ICA, London, United Kingdom
 Installations, I-20 Gallery, New York, NY
 Having Differences. I-20 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 3 Fireplaces and 2 Bathtubs, Museum für Angewandte Kunst (MAK), Vienna, Austria
- 2003 Fade (1990-2003), Curated by Malik Gaines, Craft and Folk Art Museum at the Luckman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
 Works for Giovanni, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
 More Boots = Many Routes, Eric Wesley, Lee O'Connor, Ryan Doolan, Transmission Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland
 New Space! New Show!, Galeria Franco Noero, Turin, Italy
 Adios Pendejos, OPA: Oficina Para Proyectos de Arte, Guadalajara, Mexico Eduardo Sarabia and Eric Wesley, Sutton Lane, London, United Kingdom
 Adios Pendejos, OPA: Oficina Para Proyectos de Arte, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2002 Drive By: Nine Artists from Los Angeles, Reynolds Gallery, VA
- 2001 Freestyle, Studio Museum, Harlem, New York, NY
 Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
 Snapshot: New Art From Los Angeles, UCLA Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, Florida
 Purloined, Artists Space, New York, NY
 Circles 3: Silver Lake Crossings, curated by Christoph Keller, Zentrum Fur Kunst und Mediatechnologie, Karlsruhe, Germany
 Drive: Power, Progress, Desire, curated by Gregory Burke, Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
 Group Show, Metro Pictures, New York, NY
- 2000 Young and Dumb, curated by Pentti Monkkonen , ACME, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 L.A. Edge Festival, organized by Simon Watson, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 I-Candy, Rosamund Felsen Gallery, Santa Monica, CA Brent Petersen Gallery, Los

WORK IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Fondazione Morra Greco, Naples, Italy
 Nommas Foundation, Rome, Italy
 MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA
 Colección Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico
 Aishti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois
 Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

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Moffitt, Evan. "It's A Wrap", Frieze, No. 185, p. 28, print, March 2017

Kroeber, Gavin. "Eric Wesley Cahokia at Bortolami", Art in America, March 2017

Voien, Guelda. "In Italy, an Art Contest to Rebrand a Wine Dynasty's Family Name," Observer - May 2016

Dafoe, Taylor. "Bortolami Pushes Art Beyond NY and LA". Blouin Art Info, July 2016

Duray, Dan. "Bortolami creates US-wide mini-Marfas". The Art Newspaper, July 2016

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Dampier, Cindy, "Eric Wesley's quest for high-art fame leads to a Taco Bell", Chicago Tribune, July 2016

Thomas Crone, "A Los Angeles Artist Has Transformed an Abandoned Taco Bell in Cahokia, Illinois into a Temporary Gallery," St.Louis, July 2016

Korman, Sam. "Emma Fernberger on Artist / City". Flash Art, July 2016

Keh, Pei-Ru. "City Limits: Bortolami Gallery's 'Artist/City' upends the traditional exhibition model," Wallpaper*, August 2016

Allen, Michael R., "Intangible Heritage of the American Bottom," Charting the American Bottom 2016

"Some Work," Published by Ooga Booga, Los Angeles 2015

Li, Lucy, "Eric Wesley: Daily Progress Status Reports," The Brooklyn Rail, October 2014

Griffin, Jonathan, "ERIC WESLEY: 356 S. Mission Road, Los Angeles," Frieze, Issue 170, April 2014

Ghorashi, Hannah, "This is not trash: Eric Wesley's Tribute to Miscellany at Frieze," ARTnews, May 2014

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Plagens, Peter, "Shock, Light Therapy With Life Thrown In," The Wall Street Journal, February 2012

Johnson, Ken, "Eric Wesley 'D'Cartes Blanche and New Paintings,'" The New York Times, May 2010

"Vitamin 3-D: New Perspectives in Sculpture", Phaidon 2009

Burton, Johanna, "Eric Wesley," ArtForum, p.362 March 2008

Schimmel, Paul, "Future Greats," Art Review, p.87 March 2008

Bovino, Emily Verla, "Eric Wesley," Frieze online, Oct. 27, 2007

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- Knight, Christopher, "Living Friskily Is Best Revenge," Los Angeles Times, Aug.3, 2007
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