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ELI BORNSTEIN

Biography

- 1922 Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 28
- 1941-45 Studied at Milwaukee State Teachers' College in Milwaukee. Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art.
- 1942 Attended the Chicago Art Institute School and the University of Chicago.
- 1951 Spent the summer in France. Enrolled at the Académie Montmartre in Paris to study with Fernand Léger.
- 1952 Spent the summer in France. Enrolled at the Académie Julian in Paris. Traveled to Belgium.
- 1954 Received Master of Science degree in Art from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2008 *New Acquisitions*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *That Seventies Show*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Five Decades: Art and Artists of Forum Gallery 1962-2012*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY

Solo Exhibitions

- 1954 *Eli Bornstein: Sculpture, Paintings, Drawings and Prints*. Convocation Hall, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- 1956 *Eli Bornstein: Graphics.* Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
- 1957 *Eli Bornstein: Paintings, Sculpture, Graphics, Drawings.* Saskatoon Art Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Norman Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan; Murray Memorial Library, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1965 *Eli Bornstein: Structurist Reliefs.* Kazimir Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Eli Bornstein: Retrospective Exhibition 1943- 1964. Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1967 *Structurist Reliefs by Eli Bornstein.* Kazimir Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1975 *Eli Bornstein: Structurist Reliefs 1966-1975.* Saskatoon Public Library Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1976 *Eli Bornstein: Reliefs Structuristes 1966- 1975.* Centre Culturel Canadien, Paris, France
- 1981 *Eli Bornstein: Early Works 1940 to 1956.* Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1982-84 *Eli Bornstein: Selected Works/Oeuvres Choisies 1957- 1982.* Mendel Art Gallery Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Art Gallery of York University, Toronto, Ontario; Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Owens Art Gallery of Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick; Fine Art Gallery of University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1986 *Eli Bornstein: Structurist Reliefs.* Momentum Fine Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1987 *Eli Bornstein: Arctic Studies. Watercolours 1986 – 1987.* The Gallery/ Art Placement, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1990 *Eli Bornstein: Newfoundland Studies (1988) and Riverbank Studies (1989). Watercolours.* The Gallery/ Art Placement, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 2007 *Eli Bornstein,* Forum Gallery, New York, NY, October 10 – November 24
- 2013 *An Art at the Mercy of Light: Recent Works by Eli Bornstein,* Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada [CATALOGUE]

Group Exhibitions

- 1952-45 *Annual Exhibition of Wisconsin Art.* Milwaukee Art Institute, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (also in 1956)
- 1946 *Annual Sculpture Show.* Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota (also in 1957, 1951)
- 1947 *Annual Wisconsin Salon of Art.* University of Wisconsin Union Gallery, Madison, Wisconsin (also in 1952, 1953)
- Biennial Exhibition of Paintings and Prints.* Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota (also in 1949, 1954)
- 1948 *Annual Exhibition by Artists of Chicago and Vicinity.* Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (also in 1950, 1953)
- 1952 *Annual International Exhibition: Watercolors, Prints Drawings.* Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (also in 1953)
- Annual Saskatchewan Art Exhibition.* Regina College Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan (also in 1954, 1955, 1956)
- 1953 *Annual Exhibition of Canadian Painting.* National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario (also in 1965, 1968)
- 1955 *Annual Spring Exhibition.* Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Quebec (also in 1956)
- The Mendel Collection.* Norman Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan
- Annual Exhibition.* Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario
- The Winnipeg Show.* Winnipeg Art Gallery. Winnipeg, Manitoba (also in 1956, 1960)
- 1956 *Biennial of Paintings, Prints and Sculpture from the Upper Midwest.* Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- National Serigraph Society: 17th Annual International Exhibition.* Meltzer Gallery, New York, New York
- 28th International Exhibition.* Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
- Annual Exhibition and Sale of Contemporary Canadian Art.* Art Gallery of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

- 1964 *The Mendel Collection*. Mendel Art Gallery and Civic Conservatory, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1965 *White on White*. De Cordova and Dana Museum and Park, Lincoln, Massachusetts
- 1967 *Three Hundred Years of Canadian Art*. National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- Statements: 18 Canadian Artists*. Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1968 *Relief / Construction / Relief*. Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois; Herron Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana; Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
- Survey 68*. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Quebec
- 1970 *Il Bienal de Arte Coltejer-Medellin*. Museo de la Universidad de Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia
- 1971 *Saskatchewan: Art and Artists*. Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan
- 1973 *Structure in Art*. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1976 *Western Untitled*. Glenbow-Alberta Institute, Calgary, Alberta
- Saskatchewan Art at the Olympics*. Place Bonaventure, Montreal, Quebec; Mendel Art Gallery, Regina Public Libra, Regina, Saskatchewan
- 1978 *The Saskatchewan Arts Board Collection*. Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan
- 1979-80 *The Evolution of the Constructed Relief 1913- 1979*. University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta; Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; University of Manitoba Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1981 *The Constructivist Heritage*. Art Gallery at Harbourfront, Toronto, Ontario
- 1982 *Saskatoon Early Images*. Frances Morrison Library Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- 1984-84 *Winnipeg West: Painting and Sculpture in Western Canada 1945-1970.* The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta; Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, British Columbia; Rodman Hall Arts Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario; Sarnia Public Library and Art Gallery, Sarnia, Ontario; Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, Ontario; Art Gallery of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario; Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta
- 1983-85 *Five from Saskatchewan.* Canada House, London, England; Canadian Cultural Centre, Brussels, Belgium; Canadian Cultural Centre, Paris, France; Alexander Konig Museum, Bonn Germany
- 1983 *Tribute to Eli Bornstein: European and American Relief Makers.* Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1984 *Celebration 100: A Century of Alumni Art.* University Art Museum, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1985 *Art and Geometry.* Momentum Fine Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1988 *International Art Fair.* Basel, Switzerland; F.I.A.C. Paris, France. Arranged by Galerie Denise René
- Tradition and Innovation: Saskatoon Art and the 1950's.* Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- The Adaskin Art Collection.* Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia
- 1989 *Saskatoon Imagined: Art and Architecture in the Wonder City.* Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1990 *Faculty Art Show.* Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1992-94 *The Crisis of Abstraction in Canada: The 1950's.* Musée de Quebec, Quebec City, Quebec; National Gallery of Canada, Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Ottawa, Ontario; Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan; Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta; Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, Ontario
- Achieving the Modern: Canadian Abstract Painting and Design in the 1950s.* Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta; Art Gallery of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario
- 1994 *Wisconsin Artists. A Celebration of Jewish Presence.* Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Awards

- 1947 Awarded purchase prize for marble *Head* (1947) exhibited in *The Fourth Annual Sculpture Show* organized by the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1955 Awarded J.G. Fraser Prize by the Winnipeg Art Gallery in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 1956 Received the Award of Merit from the Saskatchewan Arts Board in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 1968 Received the Copp-Wolfson Award from the Winnipeg Art Gallery.
- 1970 Received honorable mention for three structurist reliefs exhibited in II Bienal de Arte Coltejer-Medellin at Medellin, Colombia.
- 1977 Received Governor General's Queen Elizabeth Medal.
- 1980 Received Gold Medal of the Accademia Italia delle Arti e de Lavoro, Salsomaggiore, Italy.
- 1990 Retired as Professor Emeritus from the Department of Art, University of Saskatchewan. On that occasion he was awarded the Doctor of Letters degree from the University.

Commissions

- 1956 *Aluminum Construction ("Tree of Knowledge")* for the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Building, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- 1958-60 *Structurist Relief No. 18-II* for the lobby of the new Arts and Science Building, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. (recently relocated near the entrance of the Murray Memorial Library).
- 1962 *Structurist Relief in Fifteen Parts* for the south wall of the International Air Terminal, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 1980-83 *Four Part Vertical Double Plane Structurist Relief* for Wascana Place, Administration Building of the Wascana Centre Authority, Regina Saskatchewan.

Collections

Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa ON

Canadiana Foundation, Ottawa ON
Department of Transport, Ottawa ON
Florsheim Collection, Chicago IL
Fort Lauderdale Art Museum, Fort Lauderdale FL
Klein, Los Angeles CA
Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon SK
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee WI
National Gallery of Canada, Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Ottawa ON
Ottawa Silica Co. Foundation, Ottawa IL
Saskatchewan Arts Board, Regina SK
Sasktel, Regina SK
St. Paul Companies, St. Paul MN
University of Calgary, Calgary AB
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon SK
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN
And numerous private collections in Canada and the United States