ELLEN TANNER

Born: 1975, Chattanooga, TN
Lives and works in Bastrop, TX

Education

2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
1998 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023 “Greek Mythologies”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
2021 “Fables & Families”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
2018 “Fables, Families and Myths”, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas
2017-18 “Fables, Families and Myths”, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas
2013 “Aesop’s Fables & Other Tales”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 “A Legacy of Collecting: Art Museum of Southeast Texas”, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas
2025 “50th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
“Heard of G.O.A.T.S”, Surls + Locke Museum of Texas Art, Splendora, Texas
2020 “From the Vault: Selections from the Art Museum of Southeast Texas”, Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas
2018 "44 Artists from Texas", The Louise Underwood Center for the Arts, Lubbock, Texas
2015-16 “40th Anniversary Exhibition”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
2013 “Modern Classics: Christopher St. Leger, Ellen Tanner and Jean Wetta”, Beeville Art Museum, Beeville, Texas
2010 “35 Years: Anniversary Exhibition”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
2009 Hunting Art Prize Group Show, Houston, Texas
2007 Live Oak Art Center Juried Group Exhibition, Columbus, Texas
Radical Nautical Group Exhibition, Gallery Lombardi, Austin, Texas
Pokey Group Exhibition, Gallery Lombardi, Austin, Texas
2004 Graduating Senior Exhibition, Creative Research Laboratory, Austin, Texas
2003 Ladyfest Juried Art Exhibition, Gallery Lombardi, Austin, Texas
2002 Viva La Women Group Exhibition, Dallas, Texas
Step by Step Graphics Illustration Annual Juried Exhibition
2000 American Society of Illustrators 42nd Annual Book and Juried Exhibition
1998 Graduating Senior Design Exhibition, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Collections

Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas
Ogden Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana

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-----, New American Paintings, West No. 114, Volume 19, Issue 5, Juror: Nora Burnett Abrams, Editor / Publisher: Steven T. Zevitas, October/November 2014, The Open Studios Press, pp. 138-141 (reproductions).

Fischer, Joshua, "Twofer! Texas Storytelling: Ellen Tanner and the Lizard Cult", Glasstire.com, December 27, 2013.

Tennant, Donna, "Ellen Tanner, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas", Visual Art Source, December 21, 2013.

Anspon, Catherine, "Art Notes", Paper City, December 2013, p. 14.

Bell, Caleb, "Zooming In: A Conversation with Ellen Tanner", Glasstire.com, November 19, 2024 (reproductions)

Professional Experience

Exhibition Juror, "Protégé 2018", Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas