

# Dan Colen

## Biography

Dan Colen was born in 1979 in New Jersey; he lives and works in New York City.

Over the years, Colen's practice explored various styles and subjects, ranging from abstract mixed-media projects to figurative painting, to performance art. Throughout these explorations, Colen has maintained a steadfast commitment to interrogating and reshaping the semiotic nature of contemporaneity. His work frequently explores the capacity of artworks to convey symbols and meanings, and delves into the societal significance of mass media and subcultural language.

In recent years, Colen's focus has expanded to encompass social cohesion and community engagement projects. In 2011, he founded *Sky High Farm*, a non-profit active on the local territory.

Colen's work is part of the collections of Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; The Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo; Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden; Newport Street Gallery, London, England; The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; among others.

### Solo exhibitions

#### 2022

2022 - *Lover, Lover, Lover*, Gagosian Gallery, New York, US

#### 2020

2020 - *HELP*, Gagosian Gallery Park & 75, New York, US

#### 2018

2018 - *High Noon*, Gagosian, Beverly Hills, USA. Catalogue

2018 - *Mailorder Mother Purgatory*, Lévy Gorvy, New York, US

2018 - *Dan Colen. Works From the Astrup Fearnley Collection*, Astrup Fearnley Musee, Oslo, NO

#### 2017

2017 - *Purgatory Paintings*, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I

2017 - *Sweet Liberty*, Newport Street Gallery, London, UK

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#### 2016

2016 - *Oil Paintings*, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, USA

2016 - *When I'm gone*, Gagosian Gallery, Hong Kong, HK

2016 - *First they exchanged anecdotes and inclinations*, Vito Schnabel Projects, New York, USA

#### 2015

2015 - *Shake The Elbow*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, USA

2015 - *Viscera, Venus Over Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, USA

2015 - *And Now*, Dallas, USA

2015 - *Psychic Slayer*, HEART – Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning, DK. Catalogue

## **2014**

2014 - Help!, curated by A130921140007, The Brant Foundation Art Study Center, Greenwich, USA  
2014 - Dan Colen: Miracle Paintings., Gagosian gallery, New York, USA  
2014 - The L...o...n...g Count, The Walter De Maria Building, New York, USA. Catalogue

## **2013**

2013 - The Illusion of Life, Inverleith House, Edimburgh, UK  
2013 - Dan Colen: The spirits that I called, Oko, New York, USA

## **2012**

2012 - In Living Color, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, USA  
2012 - Out of the Blue, Into the Black, Gagosian Gallery, Paris, F  
2012 - Cracks in the Clouds, Seagram Building, New York, USA  
2012 - Blowin' in the Wind, Gagosian Gallery, Athens, GR  
2012 - Blowin' in the Wind, Karma, New York, USA

## **2011**

2011 - Peanuts, curated by Gunnar B. Kvaran, Hanne Beate Ueland e Grete Arbu, Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo, N. Catalogue  
2011 - Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are! - Dedicated to Dash Snow, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK  
2011 - Oh God!, Palazzo Rospigliosi, Roma, I  
2011 - Trash, Gagosian Gallery, Roma,  
2011 - Dan Colen Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are! Dedicated To Dash Snow, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

## **2010**

2010 - Karma, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I  
2010 - Poetry, Gagosian Gallery, New York, USA

## **2009**

2009 - An Allegory Of Faith..., Gagosian Gallery, Davies Street, London, UK  
2009 - Slots and Holes by Steven Parrino - EXTRA CONTENT When pigs fly or that great big blank in the sky by Dan Colen, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

## **2008**

2008 - I LIVE there..., Gagosian Gallery, London, UK  
2008 - Wet Pain, Maccarone, New York, USA

## **2006**

2006 - NO ME, Peres Projects, Berlin, D  
2006 - Potty Mouth, Potty War, Pot Roast, pot is a really Kick, Gagosian Gallery, New York, USA  
2006 - Secrets and Cymbals, Smoke and Scissors (My Friend Dash's Wall in the future), Peres Projects, New York, USA

## **2003**

2003 - Seven Days Always Seemed Like a Bit Of An Exaggeration, Rivington Arms, New York, USA

## **Group exhibitions**

### **2022**

2022 - The Patriot, O'Flaherty's, New York, US  
2022 - Art Paris, Grand Palais Ephemere, Paris, F

### **2021**

2021 - Home and Away: Selections From Common Practice, Miles McEnery, New York, US

### **2020**

2020 - A Possible Horizon, De la Cruz Collection, Miami, US  
2020 - Fabulous: Highlights from the Collection, HEART – Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning, DK

## **2019**

2019 - From Day to Day, De La Cruz Collection, Miami, USA  
2019 - Meet Me In the Bathroom: The Art Show, The Hole, New York, US Reflections: Matt Black x Gana Art, Gana Art Center and Gana Art Hannam, Seoul, ROK  
2019 - Heart 10, HEART – Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning, DK

## **2018**

2018 - More/Less, De la Cruz Collection, Miami, US

## **2017**

2017 - Abstract / Not Abstract, Moore Building, Miami, USA  
2017 - Ryan McGinley: The Kids Were Alright, curated by Nora Burnett Abrams, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, Denver, USA  
2017 - Force and Form, De la Cruz Collection, Miami, US

## **2016**

2016 - Progressive Praxis, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA  
2016 - Self, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK  
2016 - After Effects, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa Texas, USA  
2016 - I still believe in miracles, Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, UK  
2016 - Progressive Praxis, De la Cruz Collection, Miami, US  
2016 - Enzo Cucchi Tano Festa Dan Colen, The National Exemplar, New York, US

## **2015**

2015 - Popular Images, Karma, New York, USA  
2015 - The Rainbow Serpent, Gagosian Gallery, Athens, GR  
2015 - First Show / Last Show, 190 Bowery, New York, USA  
2015 - You've Got to Know the Rules...to Break Them, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA  
2015 - The World is Made of Stories, curated by Gunnar B. Kvaran, Therese Möllenhoff, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, N

## **2014**

2014 - Three Blind Mice, Museum Dhondt Dhaenens, Deurle, B. Catalogue  
2014 - Le Jardin Décomposé / Decomposed Garden, Gagosian Gallery, Le Bourget, Paris, F  
2014 - One Way: Peter Marino, Bass Museum of Art, Miami, USA  
2014 - Broadway Morey Boogie, Montefiore Square, New York, USA  
2014 - Alter/Abolish/Address, LAND, Washington DC, USA  
2014 - CLEAR, Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, USA  
2014 - Beneath the Surface, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA

## **2013**

2013 - Passive Aggressive, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I  
2013 - Snow Variation, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK  
2013 - Confronti - Enrico Castellani, Dan Colen, Dadamaino, Piotr Uklanski, GAMeC – Galleria d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Bergamo, Bergamo, I. Catalogue  
2013 - The Show is Over, Gagosian Gallery, Britannia Street, London, UK  
2013 - Meanwhile... Suddenly and Then, 12th Biennale de Lyon, Lyon, F  
2013 - Looking at Process, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA  
2013 - A Brief History of Spots, Stripes and Holes, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

## **2012**

2012 - Holy Crap!, The Fireplace Project, East Hampton, USA  
2012 - Joe Bradley and Dan Colen: Epiphany, Gavin Brown Enterprises, New York, USA

## **2011**

2011 - OH!, curated by Massimo De Carlo, Galerie Patrick Seguin, Paris, F  
2011 - Don't Do It Etc., Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, Männedorf, CH  
2011 - Post 9-11, OHWOW Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
2011 - George Herms: Xenophilia (Love of the Unknown), MOCA, Los Angeles, USA  
2011 - Grisaille Part II, Luxembourg & Dayan, New York, USA  
2011 - Grisaille Part I, Luxembourg and Dayan, London, UK

2011 - Ray's a Laugh, Half Gallery, New York, USA  
2011 - Invitation to the Voyage, Albus Greenspon, New York, USA  
2011 - Love Roses, National Exemplar Gallery, New York, USA. Catalogue  
2011 - The Art of Wit, Paddle 8, New York, USA  
2011 - New York Minute, Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow, RUS  
2011 - Unpainted Paintings, Luxembourg and Dayan, New York, USA

## **2010**

2010 - Yotta Paintings, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I  
2010 - Skin Fruit: Selections from the Dakis Joannou Collection, curated by Jeff Koons, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA. Catalogue  
2010 - Art Cologne, Peres Projects Cologne, Berlin, D

## **2009**

2009 - Minneapolis, Peres Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2009 - Abstract America: New Painting and Sculpture, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
2009 - New York Minute, curated by Kathy Grayson, Macro Future Museum, Roma, I  
2009 - Slough, David Nolan Gallery, New York, USA  
2009 - The Living & the Dead, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA  
2009 - Slots and Holes by Stevenparrino - EXTRA CONTENT When pigs fly o r that great big blank in the sky by Dan Colen, Massimo De Carlo, London,

## **2008**

2008 - Wet Pain, Step Brother, A Palazzo Gallery, Brescia, I  
2008 - The Unforgiven, Stellan Holm Gallery, New York, USA  
2008 - Closing Down Sale, Michelle Maccarone, New York, USA  
2008 - Substraction, Deitch Projects, New York, USA  
2008 - Sack of Bones, Asia Song Society, New York, USA  
2008 - Meet Me Around the Corner - Works from the Astrup Fearnley Collection, Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo, N

## **2007**

2007 - Infinite Painting. Pittura Contemporanea e Realismo Globale, curated by F. Bonami e S. Cosulich Canarutto, Villa Manin Centro d'Arte Contemporanea, Passariano, I  
2007 - Fractured Figure: Works from the Dakis Joannou Collection, curated by Jeffrey Deitch, DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, Athens, GR. Catalogue  
2007 - Absent Without Leave, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK  
2007 - Beyond Zero, Peres Projects, Athens, GR  
2007 - Sweet Bird of Youth, curated by Heidi Slimane, Arndt & Partner, Zürich, CH  
2007 - Nest, Deitch Projects, New York, USA  
2007 - Pop art is;, Gagosian Gallery, London, UK  
2007 - Unholy Truths, Initial Access, Manchester, UK  
2007 - Generation, Art Gallery of Alberta, Alberta, CDN  
2007 - Last Attraction Next Exit, curated by Neville Wakefield, Max Wigram Gallery, London, UK  
2007 - Beneath the Underdog (or One Unopened Packet of Cigarettes), curated by Nate Lowman e Adam McEwen, Gagosian Gallery, New York, USA

## **2006**

2006 - Whitney Biennial 2006: Day for Night, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA. Catalogue  
2006 - Defamation of Character, curated by Neville Wakefield, MoMA PS1, New York, USA  
2006 - USA Today, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK. Catalogue  
2006 - Fantastic Politics, The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design, Oslo, N  
2006 - Survivor, curated by David Rimanelli, New York, USA  
2006 - Mid-Life Crisis, curated by Ivana Salander e Tara Subkoff, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, USA

## **2005**

2005 - Bridge Freezes Before Road, curated by Neville Wakefield, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, USA

**2004**

2004 - Art Works for Hard Money, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA  
2004 - Peres Projects, Art Basel Miami, Miami Beach, USA

**2003**

2003 - New York, Galerie du Jour, Paris, F

**2002**

2002 - First Show, Rivington Arms, New York, USA

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## 2020

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## 2018

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## 2017

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## 2016

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## 2013

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## 2011

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## 2010

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*Skin Fruit. Selections from the Dakis Joannou Collection*, exhibition catalogue, New Museum, New York 2010.

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## 2009

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**2008**

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**2006**

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**2002**

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# Public Collections

## **Denmark**

HEART - Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning

## **Greece**

Dakis Joannou Collection, Athens

## **Norway**

The Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo

## **Puerto Rico**

Jimenez-Colon Collection, Ponce

## **Sweden**

Moderna Museet, Stockholm

## **United Kingdom**

Newport Street Gallery, London

## **United States of America**

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, New York

de la Cruz Collection Contemporary Art Space, Miami

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles

MOCA - Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles

The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis