LARRY FRANCIS

EDUCATION:

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 1967-71

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 “Hill Town Paintings” Gross McCleaf Gallery
2022 “You Are Here” Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2021 “At the Water’s Edge”, SOMA NewArt Gallery, Cape May, New Jersey
2020 “Morning into Night”, SOMA New Art Gallery, Cape May, New Jersey
2019 “The City in a New Light”, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2016 “Daylight Harmony” Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2014 “Walk in the City”, Gross McCleaf Gallery , Philadelphia
2012 “On the Square and Other Places” , Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2010 “Life of the City” Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2007 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2004 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2002 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York
2000 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1997 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1996 “Rittenhouse Square” Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1995 Gross McCleaf , Philadelphia
The Cafe Gallery, Philadelphia
1993 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
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1989 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1985 American College “Paintings” Bryn Mawr , Pennsylvania
Natural Foods Eatery “Paintings” Philadelphia
1984 Pavillion Gallery’ Burlington County Hospital, New Jersey
1984 “Recent Work” Noel Butcher Gallery, Philadelphia
1979 Peale House Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts , Philadelphia
1975 Robert Louis Gallery, Philadelphia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Show
2020 Morris Blackburn and his Legacy, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, New Jersey
2019 Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Show
2018 Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Show
2018 Tradition and Innovation, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, Pennsylvania
2017 Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Show
Water Media Exhibition: Traditional to Modern, Monmounth Museum, Lincroft, New Jersey
“No Matter How Small”, Gross McCleaf Gallery
2016 Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Show
“Near and Far”, (Landscape Painting), Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2012 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Faculty Show (also 2010,08, 06,04,02) 2011 Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Show
2010 Woodmere Art Museum, Annual Show

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2004 “Traditions and Departures, Mentors and Proteges, Vose Gallery, Boston Massachusetts
“Philadelphia”, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2003 "Plein Air", Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Show
2001 "George Nick Selects", Concord Art Association, Concord,Massachusetts
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Show
"59th Annual Award Exhibition", Cheltenham Center for theArts
Fellowship of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (also 1998, 96, 94, 92, 85, 83) 2000
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Faculty Show (also 1999, 98, 97)
1997 Centennial Exhibition, Fellowship of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
1996 Fellowship of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
1995 Cheltenham Art Center
1994 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Faculty Show
"The Still Life," Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
"25th Anniversary Exhibition, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1993 Philadelphia Art Alliance
Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1992 PAFA Traveling Show, Woodmere Art Museum, Juror Diane Waldman
"Summer," Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
"The Urban Scene," Levy Gallery, Philadelphia College of Textiles
"The Family," Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1991 Delaware Art Museum Biennial, Wilmington, DE
Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Juried Show, Shalom Alecheim Prize
1990 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
Noyes Museum
Borowsky Gallery at the Y, Philadelphia
1989 Delaware Art Museum
1988 Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1986 City of Camden Annual Art Exhibition
Rice Fine Arts, "No Common Theme"
Main Line Arts Center, Annual Juried Show
Cheltenham Art Center, Annual Juried Show, '86, '85,' 84
Wayne Art Center, Members Show
Philadelphia Urbanscape, City Hall, Philadelphia
1985 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Fellowship Show
1984 Third Street Gallery, "Philadelphia Plein Air"
Woodmere Art Museum, Annual Juried Show, '84, '83
1983 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Fellowship Show
82 Gross McCleaf Gallery
Painted Bride, "7 Realists"
1980 Woodmere Art Museum, "The Artist Paints the City"
1978 University City Arts League, "Three Painters"
1977 "Artist in the Park," sponsored by the Department of the Interior
Rosemont College, "Three Person Show"
Vincent Kling Associates, Two Person Show
976 "Artists in the Park," sponsored by the Department of the Interior 1975 Marion Locks Gallery, "New Faces Show"
1972 National Academy of Design, NY, Annual Juried Show

AWARDS:

2025 Roberta and Irving Portner Memorial Award
2024. Philadelphia Sketch Club Medal of Honor

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2023. Soaring Gardens, Artist Residency, Laceyville Pennsylvania
2018 Cheltenham Arts Center, Alma and Albert Finestone Memorial Award
2011 Cheltenham Art Center, Painting Prize, Cheltenham Pennsylvania
2002 Woodmere Art Museum, Charles Knox Smith Founders Prize
1996 Mary Butler Award, Fellowship of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
1995 Barbara Spector Gorson Award, Cheltenham Art Center
1994 Artfronts Projects Competition, "The Invitation," 1707 Walnut Street, Philadelphia
1991 Shalom Aleichem Club Award, Cheltenham Art Center
1986 First Prize: Oils, City of Camden Annual Art Exhibition
First Prize: Graphics, City of Camden Annual Art Exhibition
Purchase Prize, Noyes Museum, New Jersey
1985 First Prize, Wayne Art Center, Members Show
Purchase Award, Penna. Academy of the Fine Arts, Fellowship Show
Blumenthal Memorial Award, Cheltenham Art Center
1983 Fred & Naomi Gibson Hazel Prize, Woodmere Art Museum
1982 Special Merit Award, Allens Lane Art Center
1980 First Prize, Allens Lane Art Center
1980-78 Tobiah Wechsler Award, Cheltenham Art Center
1978 Third Prize, Wayne Art Center, Annual Juried Show
1972 Julius Hallgarden Prize, National Academy of Design, NY
1970 J. Henry Schiedt European Travelling Scholarship, PAFA
Cadwalader Prize for Landscape, PAFA
Cecilia Beaux Portrait Prize, PAFA

COLLECTIONS:

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Museum
Philadelphia NRG America, Philadelphia
Wilmington Trust, Wilmington, DE
The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia
Safe Guard Systems, Philadelphia
The Noyes Museum, Lily Lake
NJ Rosenbluth Travel Philadelphia
Moore, Rosser & Tull, Philadelphia

TEACHING:

1991-present Instructor in Painting, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
1995 Instructor in Painting, Ursinus College
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1986 Instructor in Painting, Wayne Art Center
1977-83 Instructor in Painting & Drawing, University City Arts League 1979-85
Instructor in Painting and Drawing, Hussian School of Art

ON THE WEB:

“The Art Room, An Interview with Larry Francis”, By Taryn Day, @theartroomonline.blogspot
“Larry Francis on the Art of Painting”, Film by Videographer John Thornton
“Larry Francis: Painting Philadelphia”, Film by Videographer John Thornton
“Lines and Colors”, Larry Francis January 22, 2009 (update) June 3, 2016

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PUBLICATIONS:

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