

JUNE LEAF

Born 1929 in Chicago, Illinois
Died 2024 in New York, New York
New Bauhaus, Institute of Design, Chicago, 1947–1948
BA, Roosevelt University, Chicago, 1954
MA, Institute of Design, Chicago, 1954

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

“June Leaf: Shooting from the Heart,” Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts; traveled to Grey Art Museum, New York University, New York; Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

2023

“June Leaf in Mabou Since 1969,” The Blue Building Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

2022

“June Leaf,” Ortuzar Projects, New York

“June Leaf in Mabou Since 1969,” Inverness County Centre for the Arts, Inverness, Nova Scotia, Canada

2016

“June Leaf: Thought is Infinite,” Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

“Survey, 1949–Present,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2015

“Drawings,” Steven Harvey Fine Arts Projects, New York

“Recent Works,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

“June Leaf Drawings,” Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York

2011

“Recent Works,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2010

“Recent Works,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2008

“Drawings, Paintings, Sculpture,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2007

“Recent Drawings, Paintings, and Sculptures,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2004

“Past and Present—A Selection of Drawings,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Three Islands," Museum Tinguely, Basel

2002

"June Leaf," Wynick/Tuck Gallery, Toronto

2001

"June Leaf," Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

2000

"June Leaf," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1997

"Recent Paintings and Sculpture," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"June Leaf: Mining Mabou," Freedman Gallery, Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania

1995

"Recent Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"June Leaf: Prints 1952–1990," Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago

1991

"Works on Paper: 1969–1970," Virginia Lust Gallery, New York

"Sculpture and Works on Paper, 1948–1991," Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C.; traveled to Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts.

1988

"June Leaf," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1985

"June Leaf," College of Cape Breton, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada

"June Leaf," Optica, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

"June Leaf," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1983

"June Leaf," North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, North Dakota

1982

"June Leaf," Dalhousie Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

1981

"June Leaf," Young-Hoffman Gallery, Chicago

1978

"June Leaf," Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

"June Leaf," Young-Hoffman Gallery, Chicago

1976

"June Leaf," Terry Dintenfass Gallery, New York

1974

"June Leaf," Madison Art Center, Madison, Wisconsin

1973

"June Leaf," Terry Dintenfass Gallery, New York

1972

"June Leaf," Gallery Bernard, Greenwich, Connecticut

1970

"June Leaf," Allan Frumkin Gallery, Chicago

1969

"June Leaf," Society for Contemporary Art, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

"June Leaf," Reed College, Portland, Oregon

1968

"June Leaf," Allan Frumkin Gallery, Chicago

1966

"June Leaf," Allan Frumkin Gallery, Chicago

1948

"June Leaf," Sam Bordelon Gallery, Chicago

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

"New Humans: Memories of the Future," New Museum, New York

2023

"That '70s Show," Eric Firestone Gallery, New York

"'Pictures Girls Make': Portraits," BLUM, Los Angeles

2022

"Some Kind of Monster Roster," Analog Diary, Beacon, New York

"Feminism and the Legacy of Surrealism," Thomas Erben Gallery, New York

"Selections from the Permanent Collection," Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut

2021

"My Name is Maryan," Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, Florida

"Paradise Island," Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York

2020

“Take Care,” Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, Chicago

“NOW BULLETIN,” Griffin Art Projects, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

“Dark Was the Night,” Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York

2019

“Dance With Me,” Zürcher Gallery, New York

“Summer Group Exhibition,” Zürcher Gallery, New York

“Dark Laughter: Genesis Belanger, Ellen Berkenblit, June Leaf, Emily Mae Smith,” Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London

2018

“Mythologies,” Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York

2017

“Look Twice—Angela Dufresne, Lynn Umlauf, Matt Bollinger, June Leaf,” Zürcher Gallery, New York

“The Light of Interiors,” Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York

2016

“Eye on the Collection,” Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts

“Regrouping,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

“Art on Paper,” Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York

“Monster Roster: Existentialist Art in Postwar Chicago,” Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, Chicago

“1970s—9 Women and Abstraction: Lula Blocton, Regina Bogat, Hermine Ford, Samia Halaby, June Leaf, Libeth Marano, Kazuko Miyamoto, Lynn Umlauf, Merrill Wagner,” Zürcher Gallery, New York

2014

“Summer Group Show,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2013

“Season Review,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2012

“Gallery Artists: A Survey,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2011

“Refocussing the Spotlight: 21 American Painters,” Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, New York

2009

“About Face,” Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2008

“Then and Now,” Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2007

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2006

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2004

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"The Anxious Image," The Painting Center, New York

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

2003

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

Group Exhibition, Tel Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv, Israel

2002

"Aviary," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Vital Forms," Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, New York

"Life, Death, Love, Hate, Pleasure, Pain," Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

2001

"New Work: Recent Additions to the Collection," Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts

1999

"Water, Gibbs Museum of Art," Charleston, South Carolina

1998

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Body Double," Winston Wächer Fine Art, New York

1997

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Making Music," Champion International Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut

"Group Exhibition," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1996

"Small As A Way of Working," Owens Art Gallery, Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada

"Women Chicago Imagists," Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois

"Women Chicago Imagists," Illinois State Museum, Springfield, Illinois

1995

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Prodigal Daughter," Rockford College Art Gallery, Rockford, Illinois

"Sniper's Nest: Art that has Lived with Lucy Lippard," Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1994

"Deplacements," La Chambre Blanche, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

"Waterworks," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1993

"Terra Firma—Five Immigrant Artists," MSVU Art Gallery, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1992

"Collector's Choice—1992," Center for the Arts, Vero Beach, Florida

"Group Exhibition," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1991

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1990

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

1989

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Face-Off," Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Human Concern / Personal Torment: The Grotesque in American Art," Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York; traveled to Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago.

1988

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Fantasist Realists," Pratt Manhattan Gallery, Pratt Institute, New York

1987

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"The Idea of the North," 49th Parallel, New York

"Drawing: 1987," Luise Ross Gallery, New York

1986

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"NYC: New Work," Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, Delaware

Group Exhibition, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York

"Art on Paper," Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina

1983

Group Exhibition, Artemisia Gallery, Chicago

"The Painterly Figure, Veteran Expressionist Figure Painters," Monique Knowlton Gallery, New York

1982

Group Exhibition, Sheldon Swope Art Gallery, Terre Haute, Indiana

1981

“Alternative Realities in Contemporary American Painting,” The Katherine Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

1976

Group Exhibition, Kutztown State College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Group Exhibition, Yajima Gallery, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

1975

“Contemporary Drawings,” Hawthorn Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York

Group Exhibition, Boston University Art Gallery, Boston

1974

“Works on Paper,” The Virginia Museum, Richmond, Virginia

Group Exhibition, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina

“Drawings by Contemporary American Artists,” Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

1973

Group Exhibition, New York Cultural Center, New York

“Voices of Alarm,” Lerner Heller Gallery, New York

1972

Group Exhibition, University of Chicago, Chicago

Group Exhibition, Byron Gallery, New York

Group Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

1970

Group Exhibition, Prince Street Gallery, New York

“Human Concern and Personal Torment,” Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1965

Group Exhibition, Galerie Rue du Dragon, Paris

1962

“Huit Artistes de Chicago / 8 Chicago Artists,” Galerie du Dragon, Paris

1954

Group Exhibition, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

1952

“Annual Exhibition,” Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

“Exhibition Momentum,” Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

1951

“Exhibition Momentum,” Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

“Annual Exhibition,” Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

1950

“Annual Exhibition,” Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

1948

“Annual Exhibition,” Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

“Exhibition Momentum,” Roosevelt University, Chicago

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

DePaul Art Museum, Chicago

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, Wisconsin

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

Museum of Modern Art, New York

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C