

**EMIL LUKAS**

*Biography*

1964 Born Pittsburgh, PA.  
Lives and works in Stockertown, PA.

Education

1986 BFA, Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, 1986

Solo Exhibitions

2018 "Emil Lukas: Twin Orbit," Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 5 May – 16 June  
2017 "Emil Lukas," Studio La Città, Verona, 12 October – 18 November  
"Emil Lukas," Sperone Westwater, New York, 7 January – 11 February (brochure)  
2016 "Emil Lukas," Morris Gallery at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, 14 January  
– 10 April (brochure)  
2015 "Recent Works," Photo & Contemporary, Torino, 15 May – 30 June  
"Emil Lukas: Ringing of Distant Events," Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 21 March – 9 May  
(brochure)  
2014-15 "Emil Lukas: Large Curtain," Studio La Citta, Verona, 13 December 2014 – 7 February 2015  
2014 "Emil Lukas," Sperone Westwater, New York, 9 January – 22 February (catalogue)  
2012-13 "Emil Lukas: Curvature," Studio La Città s.r.l., Verona, 10 November 2012 – 9 February 2013  
(catalogue)  
2011 "in, on, un," Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 21 May – 1 July  
"Emil Lukas: Larva, Bubble, and Thread," Sperone Westwater, New York, 25 February – 26  
March  
2010 "Recent Works," Photo & Contemporary Gallery, Torino, November – January  
2009-10 "Accumulate and Dissolve," Gian Enzo Sperone, Sent, 29 December 2009 – 31 March 2010  
2008-09 "Titration," Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 13 December 2008 – 31 January 2009  
2008 "Moderate Climate and the Bitter Bison," Hunterdon Museum, Hunterdon, 10 May – 20 June  
2007 "One to the Other," Hosfelt Gallery, New York, 15 September – 27 October  
2006-07 "Recent Sculptures and Related Paintings," Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 2 December 2006 – 20  
January 2007  
2005 "Things with Wings," The Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh, September – December  
"Emil Lukas: Connection to the Curious," The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, 10 July – 9 October  
"Emil Lukas," The Weatherspoon Museum, Greensboro, July – September  
2003 "Developmental Years," Gallery Otto, Bologna, March – April  
2002 Marcel Sitcoske Gallery, San Francisco, September – October  
Starks Gallery, New York, 2 February – 2 March  
2001 "Emil Lukas: Moment of Process" and "Kidspace," MASS MoCA, September – December  
Haines Gallery, San Francisco, May – June  
"Exploring the Interior," Galerie Lucien Durand Le Gaillard, Paris, March – May  
"New Works," Galerie Schroeder, Cologne, March – May  
"Marks that Make Themselves," Grossman Gallery at Lafayette College, Easton, February –  
March  
2000 Galleria Otto, Bologna, October  
Spence School, New York, September – October  
"The Use of Evidence," Gorney Bravin & Lee, New York, 25 May – 30 June  
1998 "Story Without Words," Haines Gallery, San Francisco  
Galerie Schroder, Cologne  
1997 Studio la Citta, Verona, April

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- 1996 Haines Gallery, San Francisco  
Bavin Post Lee, New York  
1995 Studio la Citta, Verona  
“The Use of Evidence,” Art Museum of The University of South Florida, Tampa  
Haines Gallery, San Francisco  
1994 Bavin Post Lee, New York, 17 November – 23 December  
Tom Solomon’s Garage, Los Angeles  
1993 Studio la Citta, Verona, 2 October – 20 November  
John Post Lee Gallery, New York, 4-27 February  
1992 Thomas Solomon’s Garage, Los Angeles  
Galerie Nova, Pontresina  
1990 Althea Viafora Gallery, New York  
1989 Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh  
1988 Pinta Galleria d’Arte Contemporanea, Genova  
1987 Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh  
1986 Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh  
1985 Meadville Council on the Arts, Meadville

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2017 “Sculpture, Painting, and Video,” The Margulies Collection at the WAREhOUSE, Miami, 25  
October 2017 – 28 April 2018  
“The End of Utopia: Jacob Hashimoto, Emil Lukas,” Studio La Città, Palazzo Flanginni, Venice,  
13 May – 30 July  
2015 “La percezione del futuro. La Collezione Panza a Perugia,” Galleria Nazionale dell’Umbria, and  
Museo civico di Palazzo della Penna, Perugia, 20 June – 8 November (catalogue)  
“On Paper: Spin, Crinkle, Pluck,” The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, 19 April –  
September 20  
2014 “Prospect 2014,” Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, LaJolla, 22 February – 30 April  
2012-13 “Stretching the Limits,” SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, 22 October 2012 – 3 February 2013  
2012 “Tra Natura e Spirito: Omaggio a Giuseppe Panza di Biumo,” Galleria San Fedele, Milan, 29  
October – 21 November (catalogue)  
“Look Both Ways,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 8 September – 6 October  
2011 “Nel Frattempo (Meanwhile),” Mercato della Frutta, Valeggio sul Mincio (VR), 23 September –  
16 October  
2010 “State of Mind,” Lucca Center of Contemporary Art, Panza Collection, Lucca, April – August  
“In Full Color,” Hosfelt Gallery, New York, January – March  
2008 “Group Show,” Mendelson Gallery Pittsburgh, May – July  
2007 “Whole Parts,” Sam Francis Gallery, Santa Monica  
2006 “Material Abuse,” Caren Golden Fine Art, New York  
“Group Show,” Bravin Lee Programs, New York, June – July  
“Studio in the Park,” Riverside Park Fund Art Project, New York, May – September  
“Summer Group Show,” Marlborough Chelsea, New York, May – July  
2004 “Paintings that Paint Themselves,” Kresge Art Museum, East Lansing, September – November  
Germantown Academy Arts Center Gallery, Fort Washington  
“Challenged Horizons,” Gallery 31 North, Glen Gardner, January – March  
2002 “The Drawing Center’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition,” New York, 21 September – 25 October  
“Made by Nature,” Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, September – October  
“Group Show,” Gorney Bravin & Lee, New York, 15 March – 20 April  
“Officina America,” Galleria d’Arte Moderna di Bologna, Imola; Museo di San Domenico,  
Censea; Ex-Pescheria, Rimini; Palazzo dell’Arengo, Ascoli Piceno, January – March  
2001 “New Prints 2001,” International Print Center, New York

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- “Lafayette Faculty Exhibition,” Grossman Gallery at Lafayette College, Easton, 20 October – 8 December
- 2000 Chiesa di S. Antonio, Breno (BS), November  
Rocca di S. Giorgio, Orzinuovi (BS), October  
Spazio Mostre del Vittoriale, Gardone Riviera (BS), September  
“Dello Spirituale nell’Arte,” Torre Avogadro, Lumezane Pieve (BS), July  
“The Panza di Biumo Collection – Works from the 80’s and 90’s,” American Academy, Rome, March  
Galerie Lucien Durand Le Gaillard, Paris  
“Life Cycles,” South Eastern Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA), Winston-Salem, 18 February – 21 May
- 1999 “Gallery Artists,” Gorney Bravin & Lee, New York  
“Morbida Quiete e La Notte,” Studio La Citta, Verona  
“Abstract Painting Once Removed,” Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City
- 1998 “Abstract Painting Once Removed,” Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, 3 October – 6 December  
“Interior Landscapes,” from the Collection of Cliff Diver, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, 21 April – 12 July  
Bravin Post Lee Gallery, New York, February  
“Landscape & Memory,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco
- 1997 “Human Nature,” The Work Space, New York  
“Onomatopoeia,” Studio la Citta, Verona  
“Obsession + Devotion,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco, 15 October – 15 November  
“Le Jardin Complice de l’Art,” Fondation d’Art Contemporain Daniel et Florence Guerlain, Les Mesnuls
- 1996 “The Collection of Panza di Biumo,” Museo di arte moderna e contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto, Palazzo delle Albere, Rovereto (Trento)  
“Painting in an Expanding Field,” Ursan Gallery, Bennington  
“Heineskjerning Og Zenit,” Galerie Zenit, Frederiksberg  
Studio la Citta, Verona
- 1995 “La Belle e la Bête,” Musée d’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris  
“Up the Garden Path,” The Work Space, New York  
“From Nature,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco, 4 May – 17 June  
“A Drawing,” Bravin Post Lee, New York  
“Recent Work,” Heines Gallery, San Francisco
- 1994 “60 Drawings from Art Hotel,” The Drawing Room, Amsterdam  
“Possible Things,” Bardamu Gallery, New York  
“Critical Mass,” Yale University, New Haven and The McKinney Ave Contemporary, Dallas, 5 December – 21 December  
“Inner Circle,” Tom Solomon’s Garage, Los Angeles
- 1993 “Between,” John Post Lee Gallery, New York  
“Windows and Doors,” Holly Solomon, New York  
“Hyper-Cathexis,” Stux Gallery, New York  
“Major Medical,” City without Walls, Newark  
“Painting as Paradigm,” Stark Gallery, New York  
“Group Show,” Margulies|Taplin, Miami
- 1992 “New Address,” Muranushi-Lederman, New York  
“The Hole is Part of the Sun,” Micheal Klein Gallery, New York  
“Collector’s Choice,” Ruth Vered Gallery, East Hampton  
“10 Steps,” Horodner Romley Gallery, New York
- 1991-92 “Casual Ceremony,” White Columns, New York, 13 December 1991 – 13 January 1992
- 1991 “Ornament,” John Post Lee Gallery, New York  
“James Hyde, Emil Lukas, Vik Muniz,” Mendelson Gallery  
“Benefit Show,” White Columns, New York

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- 1989 "A Question of Paint," Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo  
"Works on Paper," Paula Allen Gallery, New York  
"Small Works," 80 Washington Square East Gallery  
1988 "Selection 46," Drawing Center, New York  
Mendelson Galleria d'Arte, Genova  
1987 Pinta Galleria d'Arte, Genova  
"New Attitudes: Recent Pennsylvania Abstraction," Southern Allegheny Museum, Pittsburgh  
"Pittsburgh Now 8 Artists," Three Rivers Arts and Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh  
1985 "Spring Exhibition," Erie Art Museum, Erie

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- 2006 Baker, R.C. "Drawin." *The Village Voice*, 4 July 2006.
- 2005 "Emil Lukas: Connection to the Curious." *www.aldrichart.org*, 2005.
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Baltimore Museum of Art  
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AK  
Dakis Joannou Collection, Greece  
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego  
Panza Collection, Italy  
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art  
UBS Art Collection  
Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC