

Esteban Cabeza de Baca Biography

1985

Born in San Ysidro, California

Lives and works in Queens, New York

EDUCATION

2010

Cooper Union, School of the Arts, New York, New York

2014

Columbia University, School of the Arts, New York, New York

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Bluer Than a Sky Weeping Bones, Gaa Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, May 27–July 6

2018

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Unlearn, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands, January 27–March 10

2019

Worlds Without Borders, Boers-Li Gallery, New York, New York, April 5–June 15

Two Wampum Row, De Nederlandse Banke, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 14–July 25

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Life is One Drop in Limitless Oceans..., Kunstfort bij Vijfhuizen, Vijfhuizen, Netherlands, October 19–December 15

2021

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Nepantla, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, New York, January 14–March 20

Esteban Cabeza de Baca, Gaa Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, July 2–August 2

2022

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Let Earth Breathe, The Momentary, Bentonville, Arkansas, April 23–September 25

2023

Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Alma, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, June 8–July 21, 2023

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2010

Powers That Be, 41 Cooper Union Gallery, New York, New York, March 30–April 3

2013

1st Year Show, Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, New York, New York, April 6–20

Magical Thinking, 177 Livingston, Brooklyn, New York

2014

United Against Speculation, Leroy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, New York, New York, March 7–April 10

MFA Thesis Exhibit, Fisher Landau Center for Art, Long Island City, Queens, New York, April 27–May 19

I ♥ Paint, Angell Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 8–June 7

2015

Manhatta Today: Indigenous Art of N.Y.C., Arts Horizons LeRoy Neiman Art Center, New York, New York, October 13–December 19

Drums Along the Hudson, Indian Road Café, New York, New York

2015–2016

Scent, Dickinson Gallery, New York, New York, December 15, 2015–January 12, 2016

2016

The Narrative Figure, David Richard Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 13–July 4

Summertime, Gaa Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, May 28–June 29

Outside & Inside Landscape, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, Maine, October 14–November 26

Home/Not Home on the Water: Early American Currents of Animacy, Disability, and Ecology, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado, November 17

2017

The Complexities of Unity, Yale University Institute of Sacred Music, New Haven, Connecticut, March 29–June 13

Esteban Cabeza de Baca, Rodney Dickson, Kenneth Dunne, Sophia Hamann, Barry Stone, Ena Swansea, and Erin Woodbrey, Gaa Gallery Projects, Cologne, Germany, March 29–June 13

SPRING 2017, Gaa Cologne Project Space, Cologne, Germany, April 23–May 28

Heidi Howard + Esteban Cabeza de Baca: Summertime, Gaa Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, September 2–November 25

2018

Concurrent Realities, Gaa Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, January 12–April 28

Against Forgetting I, Gaa Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, May 25–July 10

Against Forgetting II, Gaa Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, May 26–July 1

New Acquisitions, Nederlandse Bank, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2018–2019

Hold, Run, Gaa Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts, November 10, 2018–January 26, 2019

2019

Zeit-Geist-Zeit, Gaa Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, August 3–September 21

What's Love Got to Do With It?, The Drawing Center, New York, New York, August 16–September 15

At Sea, Dorsky Gallery, New York, New York, September 29–December 8

Unlocal Benefit, Klaus Von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, New York, October 16–19

2019–2020

Wasteland: Open Sessions 16, The Drawing Center, New York, New York, November 15, 2019–January 5, 2020

Keith Mayerson: Friends And Family, Peter Mendenhall Gallery, Pasadena, California, November 23, 2019–January 4, 2020

Memory Slips, Gaa Projects Cologne, Cologne, Germany, November 28, 2019–January 5, 2020

2021

Land Akin, Smack Mellon, New York, New York, January 9–March 7

2022

Dream Life, BB&M, Seoul, Korea, May 21–July 2

Spring Hill Arts Gathering, K Art, Buffalo, New York, June 16–19

2022–2023

Plein Air, Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson, Tucson, Arizona, May 14, 2022–February 5, 2023.

Denver Art Museum, Gio Ponti 7th Floor Expansion, Denver, Colorado

2023

Light from Water: Heidi Howard & Esteban Cabeza de Baca with Liz Phillips, Wave Hill, New York, New York, August 29–November 26, 2023

2024

The Salt of Two Seas, Newchild Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium, March 22–May 2, 2024

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, California

Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Arizona

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts

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BOOKS AND CATALOGUES

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- Wave Hill. *Light from Water: Heidi Howard & Esteban Cabeza de Baca with Liz Phillips*. New York: Wave Hill, 2023.

PERIODICALS

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- Corrigan, Patricia. "The Momentary Broadens the Definition of 'Museum' in Arkansas." *Next Avenue*, May 26, 2022.
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- Krajnak, Tara. "Interview of Esteban Cabeza de Baca." *Bomb Magazine*: 166. Winter 2024.
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- Martin, Philip. "CRITICAL MASS: The Momentary, a Crystal Bridges sister museum, puts American art in conversation." *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, May 29, 2022.
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- Mitter, Siddhartha. "Four Artists to Watch Now." *New York Times*, April 25, 2019.
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