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Education

Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts
BFA Sculpture + Extended Media, 2011
BFA Painting and Printmaking, 2011

Solo Exhibitions

2017
University Art Museum, University at Albany, SUNY (upcoming)

2016
Circular Garden, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
A Reflective Eyeball, Smart Objects, Los Angeles, CA

2015
Late painter/new paint, Retrospective, Hudson, NY
Emiter, James Fuentes, New York, NY

2014
Mrs. Fibonacci's Traditional False Color Broccoli with Orange Sauce, Annarumma, Naples, Italy
Incident Report Viewing Station, Hudson, NY

2013
Diorama, Mixed Greens, New York, NY
The Other Real, Nudashank, Baltimore, MD

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016
Onion by the Ocean, Underdonk, New York, NY
Works from the Collection, Galerie Gebr. Lehmann, Berlin
Salon 57, 247365, New York, NY

2015
826NYC Exhibition & Auction, David Zwirner, New York, NY
Works on Paper, Leo XIII, Tilburg, Netherlands
Unhide, Smart Objects, Los Angeles, CA
<< >> (vol.2), Super Dakota, Brussels

2014
The Go Between: Works from the collection of Ernesto Esposito, Capodimonte Museum, Naples, Italy
Evelyn Yard, London, England
NEWD Art Fair, Brooklyn, NY
Raster Raster, Aran Cravey, Los Angeles, CA
Fruits/Flowers/Appliances, LVL3, Chicago, IL

2013
James Fuentes, New York, NY
F(re)e Play, Stadium, New York, NY
Welcome to the Real, {TEMP}/Nutureart, New York, NY

2012

Brand Innovations for Ubiquitous Authorship, Higher Pictures, New York, NY
Almost Famous, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
VCU Police Presents: The Grand Closing of REFERENCE Art Gallery, REFERENCE, Richmond, VA
The Untouchables, Saamlung, Hong Kong

Awards

2011 Andrew Gehr West Scholarship, VCU Department of Painting Faculty Award
2010 Dean's Scholarship, VCU Department of Sculpture Faculty Award
2009 Charles Renick Scholarship, VCU Sculpture Department Faculty Award
Painting Honors, VCU Painting and Printmaking Department
2008 Tyler Binsted Scholarship, VCU Sculpture Department Faculty Award
Outstanding Artist Award, VCU Art Foundation Faculty Award
2007 VCU Provost Scholarship

Bibliography

Artsy, "Conor Backman Channels Trompe L'Oeil and the Hudson River School into Contemporary Paintings" January 26, 2016
Wut Mag, interview with Allison Fonder, January, 2016
Huffington Post, "The Best Art to See in L.A. This January", January 7, 2016
Culture Vulture, Interview, November, 2015
Artspace, "6 Artworks to Invest in This October" October 14, 2015
Widewalls, "Contemporary Painters Whose Work You Should Know, October, 2015
Huffington Post, "15 Artists to Watch in 2015" Steven Zevitas, December 16, 2014
New American Paintings, No. 116, Northeast Issue, Juried by Michelle Grabner
Info-Punkt, "Meeting" interview with Hendrik Niefeld, December 6, 2014
New American Paintings, "Mirror Stage" interview with Stephanie Cristello, March 5, 2014
Huffington Post, "6 'Postinternet' Artists You Should Know" March 5, 2014
Art Papers - July/August 2013 Conor Backman: The Other Real, by Erin Devine
Baltimore City Paper, Trompe Le Monde, Baynard Woods, April 10, 2013
Bmore Art, Art Shadows, Mac Falby, April 11, 2013
Sculpture Center - Sculpture Center Tumblr April 2, 2013.
L Magazine - "8 Great Brooklyn Artists Under 30" March 13, 2013.
Chris Schreck - "STUDIO VISIT: Conor Backman" Dec. 30, 2012.
INDI Berlin, James Shaeffer - "Conor Backman: Exposing the Sublime in the Mundane" Nov. 19, 2012.
Washington City Paper, "Emerging at (e)merge: Conor Backman", Kriston Capps, Oct. 6, 2012.
Digimag, "Post Internet e Post Gallerie: Conor Backman e la Reference Gallery", Robin Peckham, 2012.
The Artblog, "Thinking about materials, memory and process at Little Berlin", Alison McMenamin, 2011.
Vincent Uribe and Allison Kilberg - "Artist Of the Week." LVL3 2011.
ArtFCity, "In Our Masthead: Conor Backman." Paddy Johnson, May 2010.
Baltimore City Paper, "Extra Ordinary: Group show spotlights the everyday wallpaper of these restless times", Alex Ebstein, June 2010.