

Jon Kessler

Academic Training

S.U.N.Y. at Purchase, New York, B.F.A., 1980
Whitney Museum Independent Study, Studio Program, New York, 1980

Awards and Grants

Foundation for the Performing Arts, 2001
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1996
St. Gaudens Memorial, 1995
National Endowment for the Arts, 1985
National Endowment for the Arts, 1983

Teaching Positions

Chair, Division of Visual Arts, Columbia University

Society Memberships and Appointments

Board Member, White Columns, 1985-1989
Advisory Board, Momena Art, 2001-

One Person Exhibitions, Museums and Public Spaces

- 1986 Jon Kessler, (travelling exhibition) Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
Cincinnati Art Center, Cincinnati
- 1987 Jon Kessler, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
- 1990 Jon Kessler (Collaboration with Robert Longo), Centre d'Art d'Ivry
- 1991 Jon Kessler, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh
- 1992 Jon Kessler, Nanba City Hall, Osaka
Jon Kessler, Spiral Garden, Tokyo
- 1993 Jon Kessler, Kunstverein, Hamburg
- 1994 Jon Kessler's Asia, Kestner-Gesellschaft, Hannover; Neue Galerie am Landesmuseum Joanneum, Graz
Jon Kessler, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg
Jon Kessler, Puerto de Santander, Santander
- 1996 Jon Kessler, The Augustus Saint Gardens Memorial, Cornish, New Hampshire
- 1997 Jon Kessler, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia

One Person Exhibitions, Galleries

- 1983 Artist's Space, New York
White Columns, New York
- 1984 Galleri Bellman, New York
- 1985 Luhring, Augustine & Hodes, New York
- 1987 Luhring, Augustine & Hodes, New York
- 1988 Galerie Max Hetzler, Cologne
- 1989 Multiples, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne
- 1989 Galerie Crousel - Robelin, Paris
Galerie Ursula Schurr, Stuttgart
Luhring Augustine Hetzler Gallery, Santa Monica
- 1990 Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York
- 1991 Galerie Metropol, Vienna
- 1992 Galerie Max Hetzler, Cologne
Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York
- 1994 Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York
- 1999 Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions (Museum Exhibitions in bold type)

- 1983 "Science and Prophecy", White Columns, New York
- 1984 **"International Survey of Recent Painting & Sculpture,"**
Museum of Modern Art, New York
"A Decade of New Art," Artist's Space, New York
"Dramatic Dimensions," Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
"Project Room," P.S.1 New York
- 1985 "Situations," Willard Gallery, New York
"1985 Whitney Biennial," Whitney Museum of American Art,
New York
"Modern Machines, Recent Kinetic Sculpture," Whitney
Museum at Philip Morris
"Between Science and Fiction," Biennial Internacional de
Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo
"Made in India," Museum of Modern Art, New York
Galerie Crousel-Hussenot, Paris
"Out of the Ooo Cloud," Edith C. Blum Art Institute, Bard
College, Annandale-on-Hudson
- 1986 "Byron - Kessler," Galerie Barbara Farber, Amsterdam
"Post Pop," Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles
"Lumieres: Perception-Projection," Centre International
d'Art Contemporain de Montreal
**"New Trends/New Technique Advances in World
Sculpture,"** Contemporary Sculpture Center, Tokyo;
Contemporary Sculpture Center, Osaka; Art Hall in
the Forest, Sapporo

- "**Aspects of Art**," Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore
- "Contemporary Sculpture," Donald Young Gallery, Chicago
- "**End Game: Reference and Simulation**," Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
- "Forg, Gober, Hutte, Kessler, Kiecol, Koons, Meuser, Zobernig," Galerie Max Hetzler, Cologne
- "Nothing," Message to the public, 30-second computer animation, One Times Square, New York
- 1987 "Investigations," Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- "**The New Romantic Landscape**," Whitney Museum of American Art, Fairfield County, Stamford
- 1988 "The Multiple Object," Rooseum, Malmo
- "Saint Clair Cemin, Joel Fisher, Jon Kessler, Joel Otterson," Massimo Audiello Gallery, New York
- "Group Show," Grazer Kunstverein, Graz
- "Light," Nicola Jacobs, London
- "Group Show," Galerie Crousel-Robelin, Paris
- "**Art of the 1980's: Artists from the Eli Broad Family Foundation Collection**," Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing
- "The New Urban Landscape," The World Financial Center, New York
- "American Baroque," Holly Solomon Gallery, New York
- "NY Art Now," the Saatchi Collection, London
- 1989 "A Climate of Site," Galerie Barbara Farber, Amsterdam
- "Horn of Plenty," Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- "Science/Technology/Abstraction," University Art Galleries, Wright State University, Dayton
- Architectures," Gallery Urban, Paris
- "Group Show," Schmidt/Markow Gallery 1709, St. Louis, MO,
- "**Strange Attractors: Signs of Chaos**," New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York
- "Gober, Halley, Kessler, Wool; Four Artists From New York," Kunstverein Munchen
- "Vom Kreige," Stadtmuseum Graz, Graz
- 1990 "Reorienting: Looking East," Third Eye Centre, Glasgow;
- Nicola Jacobs Gallery, London
- "Prints and Multiples," Luhring Augustine Hetzler, Santa Monica,
- "Group Show," Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York
- "**Status of Sculpture**," ELAC, Lyon; Marseille; ICA, London; Musee d'Asselt, Asselt
- "Drawings," Luhring Augustine Hetzler, Santa Monica
- "**Le Desenchantment du Monde**," Villa Arson, Nice
- "The Children's AIDS Project: A Benefit Exhibition," Daniel Weinberg Gallery, Santa Monica

- "Pulse 2," University Art Museum, University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara
- "Improbable Machines," Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara
- "Trains," Michael Klein Inc., New York
- 1991 "Metropolis," Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- "Gulliver's Travels," Galerie Sophia Ungers, Cologne
- "Rope," Fernando Alcolea, Barcelona
- "Devices," Josh Baer Gallery, New York
- A.B. Galleries, Paris
- "Motion & Document - Sequence & Time: Eadweard Muybridge and Contemporary American Photography,"** National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover; ICP Midtown, New York, (1992); Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, (1993); Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT, (1993); International Museum of Photography, Rochester, (1993)
- 1992 **"Doubletake: Collective Memory & Current Art,"** Hayward Gallery, London; Kunsthalle Vienna, (1993)
- Biennale of Sydney, Australia**
- "Drawn in the Nineties,"** traveling exhibition organized by ICI, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, New York; Fine Arts Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington; Illingworth Kerr Art Gallery, Alberta College of Art, Calgary, Canada, (1993); Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, Alabama, (1993)
- "More Than One Photography,"** Museum of Modern Art, New York
- "Gifts & Acquisitions in Context,"** Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- "1968," Le Consortium, Dijon
- 1993 **"Live in Your Head,"** Heligenkreuzerhof, Vienna
- "Prospect 93,"** Kunstverein Frankfurt and Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt
- "Zeitsprunge: Collection Rudolf und Ute Scharpff,"** Wilhelm-Hack Museum, Ludwigshafen
- "The Young Americans", Galerie Sophia Ungers, Cologne
- "The Nature of the Machine,"** Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago
- "The 21st Century,"** Kunsthalle Basel, Basel
- Max Protech, New York
- "SCAI The Bathhouse Opening Exhibition," SCAI The Bathhouse, Tokyo
- 1994 "In Between," The Floating Gallery, Shibuya-ku
- "Don't Look Now," Thread Waxing Space, New York
- "Zuge Zuge - The Railway in Contemporary Art," Stadtische Galerie, Goppingen

- "Synesthesia: Sound and Vision in Contemporary Art,"**
San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio
- "What's in Your Mind,"** Tekniska & Telemuseum, Stockholm 1995
- 1995 "Sculpture," Luhring Augustine, New York, September-October
"Micromegas," The American Center, Paris; Israel Museum,
Jerusalem
- "Altered States: American Art in the 90s,"** Forum for
Contemporary Art, Saint Louis
- "The Biennial in Nagoya: Artec '95,"** Nagoya City Art
Museum
- "It's Only Rock and Roll,"** Contemporary Arts Center,
Cincinnati; Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences, Peoria (1996);
Virginia Beach Center for the Arts, (1996); Tacoma Art Museum,
(1996); Jacksonville Museum of Art, (1996); Bedford Gallery at
the Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA, (1997);
Phoenix Art Museum, (1997); Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and
Museum, Cleveland, (1997); Lowe Art Museum, Miami, (1998);
Milwaukee Art Museum, (1998)
- 1996 **"The Lyon Biennial,"** Lyon
- "Everything That's Interesting Is New," Athens School of Fine
Arts, Athens, Greece
- "Exposure," Luhring Augustine, New York.
- "Sites of Chinatown,"** Museum of Chinese in the Americas,
New York.
- "The Luminous Image,"** The Alternative Museum, New York
- "In Vivo,"** University Gallery, Fine Arts Center, University of
Massachusetts, Amherst
- 1997 **"Art At Home, Ideal Standard Life,"** Spiral Garden, Tokyo
- "Family Values,"** Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg
- 1998 **"Kunst . . Arbeit,"** Sudwestdeutsche Landesbank, Stuttgart
Group Show, Galerie Georg Kargl, Vienna
- "Crossings,"** Kunsthalle, Vienna
- 1999 Group Show, Galleri K, Oslo 2000
- 2000 **"Superpredators,"** CRP Gallery, Brooklyn
- "American Bricolage,"** Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York
- 2001 **"Do You Have Time,"** LiebmanMagnin Gallery, New York
- 2002 **Hermes,** Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 **"The Commodification of Buddha,"** Bronx Museum, New York
Hermes, Tokyo, Japan

Public Commissions

- "The Hall of Birds", Progressive Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio
"The Drunken Boat", Planet Thailand, Brooklyn, New York

Collections

The Museum of Modern Art, New York
 The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
 The Brooklyn Museum, New York
 The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
 The Israel Museum, Jerusalem
 The Saatchi Collection, London
 Eli Broad Family Foundation, Los Angeles
 First Bank Minneapolis, Minneapolis
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
 Rooseum, Malmo
 Paine Webber Art Collection, New York
 Emily Fisher Landau Center, New York
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
 Aldrich Museum, Connecticut
 Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix
 Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
 Chase Manhattan Art Collection, New York
 Frederick Weisman Foundation, Los Angeles
 The Deste Collection, Athens
 Sudwestdeutsche Landesbank, Stuttgart
 Caisse des Dépôts, Paris
 Henry Art Gallery

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 1984 Nadelman, Cynthia. "The New American Sculpture." Artnews,
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 Levin, Kim. "Reviews." Flash Art, Summer: 64.
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 March 22.
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 catalogue, April: 64-65, 130.
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 Levin, Kim. "Jon Kessler." The Village Voice, May 29.
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