

SOHN FINE ART

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CASSANDRA SOHN

Sohn calls the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts home. Sohn owns, and is the Director of, Sohn Fine Art in Lenox, MA. Sohn founded the company in 2011 and runs all departments of the business, including curating featured exhibitions – www.sohnfineart.com. Sohn exhibits world-wide and freelances for editorial and commercial clients. She has been published in several books, and was the main contributing photographer for *Window on the Park—New York's Most Prestigious Properties On Central Park*, published by Images

Publishing. She graduated from the New School in Manhattan with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Photography.

Classically trained in the arts from an early age, Sohn experimented with many mediums and discovered her passion for photography in her early twenties. Her fine artwork is usually of the natural world and her images nod to abstraction, with sensual and contemplative components. Most have a painterly feeling and some are mixed medias. Growing up in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and now calling the Berkshires in western Massachusetts home, Sohn has a strong connection to the mountains, but has always been drawn to water, which is a recurring theme in her work. Fascinated by its ever-moving, ever-changing nature, Sohn is captivated by water's capacity to elicit inquisitiveness, stillness and strength. Like our emotions, its form is always affected by its surrounding environments, both inner and outer. It is both a mirror and a vessel of depth and can alter our perceptions of the "real". Scientists have referred to having contact with the ocean as "blue space" which provokes feelings of peace and calmness. That "blue space" actually changes the way your brain reacts to its environment. It is said that it triggers your mind like meditation, allowing you to tune everything else out and reflect on what you need to focus on.

Even when Sohn felt landlocked in the mountains she found her sea voice. In 2012, she released a body of work "A Sea Feeling in the Mountains" motivated by 19th century artists and writers who found inspiration in the Berkshire region and its visual and metaphorical connection to the sea. Sohn followed in the footsteps of Melville, Hawthorne and Thoreau (amongst others) by hiking the same paths, visiting their homes, and studying their works, photographing each environment with the pursuit of a larger meaning and interpretation in her own work. In much of this body of work are elements of struggle, darkness, questions of humanity and identity, and searches for meaning.

Sohn's most recent body of work "Water" returns to the ocean and was photographed in Antigua, Mexico, Long Island and Fire Island, NY. With multiple long exposures done in-camera, then handworked with pastel, the photographs are ethereal and dreamlike, abstracting our sense of place and questioning the edge between the real and unreal. Some photographs are jovial and light while others are dark and torrent, channeling Dutch seascapes from the 1600s. This body of work was created during a challenging time in Sohn's life. In the process of producing the work, she became acutely aware of how turbulence and peacefulness can co-exist, in the same image and in life, that one can be found in the other. Through the process of the work she found peace, trust and beauty during times of change, and believes this is visible in the images.

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b. 1978, Santa Fe, NM

Lives and works in Lenox, MA

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

2004 BA English & Photography, Parsons, The New School, New York, NY

Solo Exhibitions

2017 *Water*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2012 *A Sea Feeling in the Mountains*, Chesterwood, Stockbridge, MA

2012 *A Sea Feeling in the Mountains*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2011 *Flight*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2011 *Ko Chang*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2010 *Ko Chang*, Zenith House: Devon Artist Network, Exeter, England

2009 *Flight & The Storm*, Dream Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY

2009, *Flight*, Ferrin Contemporary, Pittsfield, MA

2009 *Ko Chang*, Designer Showcase of Westchester, Purchase, NY

2009 *Berkshire Landscapes*, Berkshire Bohemia, Great Barrington, MA

2009 *Summer Seascapes*, Tappan Z Gallery, Tarrytown, NY

2008 *Flight*, Tappan Z Gallery, Tarrytown, NY

Group Exhibitions

202 *Futurity*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2020 *Art of the Hills*, Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield, MA

2020 *Small Works*, Hotel on North, Pittsfield, MA

2019 *Icing on the Cake*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2018 *Tides + Falls*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2017 *White as Snow*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2017 *Seeds*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2016 *Beneath the Surface*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2016 *iMotif*, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA

2015 *abstrakt*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2014 *Rurbanism*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2013 Center for Photographic Art, Carmel, CA

2013 Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, Pittsfield, MA

2013 *Nude*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2012 *Botaniphilia*, Berkshire Botanical Garden, Stockbridge, MA

2012 *Botaniphilia*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2011 *A Summer Ramble*, William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington, MA

2011 *A Summer Ramble*, Sohn Fine Art, Stockbridge, MA

2010 - 2011, *CIWEM Environmental Photographer of the Year*, SW1 Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Publications, Press, Reviews

- 2021 *Destination New England*, Art New England, May / June.
- 2021 *A Day in the Life of Lenox: Togetherness keeps Lenox afloat during the past year*, The Berkshire Eagle (Upcountry), Noah Hoffenberg, May 5.
- 2021 *Sohn Fine Art Changes Viewers Perspective of Still Lives in New Exhibit*, The Berkshire Eagle, Chris Marcisz, April 17.
- 2020 *WOMEN in the Arts: Curating Creativity*, Daily Hampshire Gazette, Emily Thurlow, April 1.
- 2020 *Berkshire County's creative economy in limbo during coronavirus pandemic*, The Berkshire Record, Faith Linz, May.
- 2020 *See the 'Untold Stories' of Ormond Gigli in new exhibit at Sohn Fine Art*, The Berkshire Eagle, Chris Marcisz, September 10.
- 2020 *Facebook LIVE Takeover with Jennifer Nacht from Visit Lenox and Cassandra Sohn from Sohn Fine Art*, Visit the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, September 24.
- 2019 *Photography Shows to See Now*, TriCorner News, Lakeville Journal: Compass, Anne Day, January 24.
- 2019 *Statewide Artweek Initiative returns to Berkshire County*, Berkshire Record, Emily Thrlow, April 25.
- 2019 *Destination Berkshires*, Art New England, May / June.
- 2019 *Celebration marks designation of Lenox as Cultural District*, The Berkshire Eagle, Clarence Fanto, September 9.
- 2019 *Africa*, The Berkshire Eagle, Benjamin Cassidy, December 8.
- 2018 *You've Never Seen Waves Like This Before*, Wired, Michael Hardy, May 31.
- 2018 *Destination Berkshires*, Art New England, May / June.
- 2018 *Sohn Fine Art opens a camera-less photography exhibition*, artdaily, July.
- 2018 *Sohn exhibit reminds that photography doesn't always require a camera*, Berkshire Eagle, Benjamin Cassidy, July.
- 2018 *Photographs Without Cameras*, TriCorner News, Lakeville Journal: Compass, Emily Gates, July 5.
- 2018 *The Berkshires Go West, Young and Old*, ArtScope, July / August.
- 2018 *Stockbridge Artist Reimagines Norman Rockwell Paintings*, ABC: WCVB-TV Coston's "CHRONICLE", August
- 2018 *Norman Rockwell's The Four Freedoms Today – POPS PETERSON*, CBS Sunday Morning, September 4.
- 2018 *Thought Provoking art exhibits highlight of the year*, Berkshire Eagle, Jennifer Huberdeau, December 28.
- 2017 *10 x 10 Festival*, Greylock Glass podcast, February 7.
- 2017 *Picture This: Lenox Gallery Sohn Fine Art Shines Spotlight on Visual Arts*, HoeStyle, Robin Catalano, July 26.
- 2017 *Creativity Lives Here: Cassandra Sohn – Spotlight*, 1Berkshire, April 14.
- 2016 *Sohn Fine Art Gallery presents Beneath the Surface, a group exhibition of photography*, The Berkshire Record, November 11-17.
- 2018 *Maurice 'Pops' Peterson Re-Imagines Norman Rockwell Scenes*, The Berkshire Eagle, Kate Abbott, March 4.
- 2015 *Pops Peterson Reinvents Rockwell at Sohn Fine Art*, Rural Intelligence, Amy Krzanik, March 3.
- 2015 *Reinventing Rockwell*, Berkshire Style, Colleen MacMillan, March 7.

2015 *Realism, Wit and Mood at Sohn's 4th Juried Photo Show*, TriCorner News, Lakeville Journal: Compass, Leon Graham, April 16.

2015 *Pops Peterson's Art: Rockwell's America Restages in Changed American Landscape*, The Berkshire Edge, March 8.

2015 *The Muse Personified at Sohn Fine Art Gallery*, The Litchfield County Times, Montebello, Joseph, November 30.

2014 *Sohn Fine Art to host Lincoln Russell*, The Berkshire Record, January 10.

2014 *Sohn Fine Art Expanding to Lenox Location*, iBerkshires, July 25.

2014 *Sohn Fine Art*, Coachella Magazine, Jorge Perezchica, June 1.

2014 *The Merchants of Lenox: 69 Church Street*, Rural Intelligence, Nichole Dupont, November 21.

2012 *Lino Tagliapietra*, Schantz Galleries

2013 *"The Proserpine Path" and Sohn Fine Art's 2013 Season from the Berkshire Voice of Arts Indie*, Berkshires.org, February 18.

2013 *Spring Into Art: Reception for the Annual Community Arts Exhibition*, Rural Intelligence, April 21.

2013 *Partners in Film: Chesterwood and Sohn Judge Photo Show in Stockbridge*, The Berkshire Eagle, April.

2013 *2012 Highlights: Interview with Greg Gorman*, ProFusion, May 24.

2013 *A Body Biography: Matuschka A Photo Exhibit*, NYC Culture / Style, Miguel Cominguez, May 25.

2013 *Summer Preview: Our Picks; A Body Biography*, Valley Advocate, June 4.

2013 *Greg Gorman Retrospective*, Shutterbug, Jul 2.

2013 *The Eyes Have It*, Berkshire Magazine, Dan Valenti, July 10.

2013 *Greg Gorman: Photographer*, Artful Mind, July 13.

2013 *Celebrity Photographer Greg Gorman gets Retrospective Showing at Sohn Fine Art*, The Rogovoy Report, July 17.

2013 *The Model and the Mastectomy: Baring Scars Then and Now*, CBS Sunday Morning, September 23.

2013 *Exhibition Features Art of the Nude*, The Rogovoy Report, October 2.

2012 *View Master: Cassandra Sohn*, Fresh American, Inspired Living Annie Selke Style, February.

2012 *Chihully Evolutions: Baskets & Cylinders 1979 – 2011*, MCRL

2012 *Photography Exhibition Showcases Unusual Botanicals*, The Rogovoy Report, May 9.

2012 *Contemporary Photography by Cassandra Sohn on View at Sohn Fine Art Gallery and Chesterwood*, The Rogovoy Report, August 6.

2012 *Opening Reception- A Sea Feeling in the Mountains*, The Berkshires of WMASS, August 11.

2011 *Environmental Photographer of the Year*, Book Published by CIWEM.

2011 *New Fine Art Photography Gallery Opens in Stockbridge*, Berkshire Living Magazine, April 26.

2011 *New Galleries Open in the Berkshires*, Rural Intelligence, Dan Shaw, April 26.

2011 *ArtBeat: What to See/Cassandra Sohn: Ko Chang*, Nippertown, April 28.

2011 *A Body of Work at Sohn Fine Art*, The Berkshire Record, May 10.

2011 *Dishing About Contemporary Photography*, The Rogovoy Report, August 23.

2011 *New In Town: The Beacon Looks at New Businesses in the Berkshires*, The Berkshire Beacon, Bera Dunau, August 25.

2011 *Photography Exhibition at Sohn Fine Art Gallery Captures Birds in Flight*, The Rogovoy Report, September 5.

2011 *What, When, Where: Flights of Fantasy*, New England Home Magazine Design Blog, Debbie Hagan, November 28.

2010 *Imaginative, Compelling Art*, TriCorner News, Lakeville Journal: Compass, Leon Graham, February 11.

2010 *To Delight, Maybe Shock*, TriCorner News, Lakeville Journal: Compass, Leon Graham, November 7.

2009 *Stephen G. Donaldson and Cassandra Sohn - Spotlight*, Berkshire Living Magazine
2009 *Window on the Park: New York's Most Prestigious Properties on Central Park*, The Images Publishing Group Pty Ltd., Fitzgerald, D.
2009 *Faculty Fine Art and Craft Holiday Sale*, iBerkshires.com, November.
2009 *Berkshire Authors*, The Bookloft
2008 3rd *Friday in Tarrytown*, Sleepy Hollow Chamber.com.

Selected List of Clientele

Artful Mind Magazine
Berkshire Living Magazine
Berkshire Magazine
Berkshire Record Newspaper
Berkshire Visitor Bureau
Chesterwood
City Harvest
Cyber Sidewalk
Dara Jewelry
Douglas Elliman
Habitat for Humanity
Haus Fitzgerald
Images Publishing Group Pty Ltd.
Kinderhook Realty
Lotus Imports Ltd.
News Photographer Magazine
Mahaiwe Performing Arts Theatre
Schantz Galleries
Travelraters

Teaching Positions

2009 - Present
Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA
IS 183 Art School, Stockbridge, MA
Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA