

# SOHN FINE ART



## FRAN FORMAN

Fran's photo-paintings are in the permanent collections of The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM, Washington, DC), the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, The Grace Museum, Abilene, The Sunnhordland Museum, Norway, the Conner Collection at The University of Texas, and the North Down Museum, Northern Ireland.

Fran's latest book, *The Rest Between Two Notes: Selected Work by Fran Forman*, was published by Unicorn in 2020 and has won an International Photo Award and been selected as a best photo-book for 2020 by Elizabeth Avedon and What Will You Remember. *Escape Artist: The Art of Fran Forman*, was published by Schiffer Books in 2014 and has also won several prizes including a Best Photo-Book by Elizabeth Avedon. Fran has mounted many solo exhibitions, including The Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock Abbey, England, The Massachusetts State House (The Griffin Museum of Photography), AfterImage Gallery (Dallas), the University of North Dakota, Galeria Photo/Graphica (Mexico), and the Pucker Gallery (Boston), as well as numerous group shows. She has won numerous awards and prizes and has been featured in other magazines and publications.

She held a succession of positions in the field of design, and was an art director at AOL Time Warner, where she designed the preeminent web site devoted to African American culture. Between professional life and raising her two daughters, Fran continued to create her personal art, combining her illustrative and photographic skills with a passion for surrealism, paradox, illusion, assemblage, and the dislocations of time and place.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Fran studied art and sociology as an undergraduate at Brandeis University and then received an MSW, working for several years with heroin addicts. She earned an MFA from Boston University in graphic design, but spent most of her grad school years experimenting in the darkroom.

Today Fran is an Affiliated Scholar at the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University and teaches workshops nationally and abroad. She is also a recipient of grants from the Sassower, Tyre, Tavis, and Puffin Foundations. She has been a Resident Artist at Holsnoy Kloster, Norway, The Millary Colony for the Arts, The Studios of Key West, and the Vermont Studio Center.

She is represented by Pucker Gallery (Boston), Afterimage Gallery (Dallas), Susan Spiritus Gallery (Newport Beach, CA), Sohn Fine Art (Lenox, MA), and Galeria Photo/Graphica (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico).

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## Public Collections

Boston Museum of Fine Arts  
Museum of Fine Arts Houston  
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC  
The Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas  
North Down Museum, Belfast, Northern Ireland  
Sunnhordland Museum, Stord, Norway  
Western Carolina University Art Museum, North Carolina  
Comer Collection of Photography, University of Texas

## Books

THE REST BETWEEN TWO NOTES: Selected Work by Fran Forman (Unicorn) March 2020  
ESCAPE ARTIST: The Art of Fran Forman (Schiffer Books) 2014

## Monographs

Enchanted Constructions: Photographic Collages by Fran Forman 2014  
Merging the Known and the Unknown: New Work by Fran Forman, 2016  
Visual Narration: Recent Work by Fran Forman, 2018  
Self-Illumination: New Work by Fran Forman, 2020

## Features/ Profiles (Selected)

DekUnu Magazine, July 2021  
Fotonostrum Magazine, November 2020  
Tagree Magazine, Fall 2020  
AAP Magazine, Fall 2020  
Catalyst Magazine March 2020  
Sony Alpha Universe 2020  
What Will You Remember 2020  
Kolaj Magazine 2019  
Shadow and Light Magazine 2016, 2018, 2020  
BETA Developments in Photography 2020  
The Eye of Photography 2020  
Cooph 2020  
What Will You Remember 2017, 2018  
Lenscratch, 2015, 2017, 2020  
Artscope 2017  
Blur Magazine, winter 2015-16  
The Hand Magazine 2016  
Curve Magazine 2011  
Fine Art Photo (Internationales Magazin für sinnliche Fotografie) 2015  
Photoshop Masking and Compositing (Katrin Eismann, Séan Duggan, James Porto) 2012  
Contemporary Cape Cod Artists: People and Places 2014  
Professional Artist: The Art of Books 2013

## Gallery Representation

AfterImage Fine Art Photography (Dallas)  
SusanSpiritus Gallery (Newport Beach, CA)  
Pucker Gallery (Boston)  
Galeria Foto/Grafica (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)

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Sohn Gallery (Lenox, MA)

## **Selected Honors, Awards, and Juror – 2007-2020**

*2020*

International Photo Awards

AAP Magazine

Covid Arts Project

Juror - Diffusion Magazine

Juror - Colorado Photographic Arts Center

Juror – Southeast Center for Photography

*2019*

International Photo Award, Lucie Foundation, Honorable Mention

Los Angeles Center of Photography, Honorable Mention

Curator-Juror – ASmith Gallery, Texas

Critical Mass – Finalist

*2018*

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree – New England School of Photography

Curator-Juror – Rfotofolio International Photography Competition

International Photo Awards, Lucie Foundation, 2nd Place

Critical Mass – Finalist

*2017*

International Photo Awards “Women Seen by Women” Runner up to First Place

Curator-Juror – University of North Dakota

Curator-Juror – ASmith Gallery, Texas

*2016*

Artist in Residence, Halsnøy Kloster, Sunnhordland Museum, Norway

Critical Mass – Finalist

*2015*

First Place – By the Books Photo-book competition

Artist in Residence, The Studio of Key West

Flash Forward Festival 2015, Boston MA

A Best PhotoBook of 2014 – Elizabeth Avedon

*2014*

Municipal Heritage Museum, Malaga, Spain

New Orleans Photo Alliance – Finalist

Curator-Juror – ASmith Gallery, Texas

Critical Mass – Finalist

Artist Fellow, 2012-2015, St. Botolph Club, Boston

*2013*

Julia Margaret Cameron Award for Fine Art portfolio - First Prize

Featured speaker - Masters In Digital Photography Lecture Series (School of Visual Arts, NY)

180 Photographs, 180 Years, American Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand

*2012*

Px3 Prix de la Photographie Paris – Gold award (Fine Art); First Place (Fine Art Collage), Silver award

(Book Proposal - series)

TCC Photo Gallery – Best in Show (Harvey Stein, Juror)

*2011*

Worldwide Photography Gala Award – Second Prize

Julia Margaret Cameron Award – Fine Art - Honorable Mention

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Photographer's Forum International – Finalist

Critical Mass – Finalist

Px3 Prix de la Photographie Paris – Official Selection

2010

International Photo Awards – Fine Arts Collage - First Place

International Photo Awards – Honorable Mention

PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris – Honorable Mention

Julia Margaret Cameron Award – Fine Art - Honorable Mention

Los Angeles Center for Digital Art - Top 40

2009

Women in Photography International – Honorable Mention

Critical Mass – Finalist

2008

PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris -1st place - Fine Art category – Winner

PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris - People's Choice Award – 2nd place - Fine Art category

Common Ground International Touring Collection

Ultimate Eye Foundation - Finalist

International Photography Award 2nd place – Fine Art Collage category

International Photography Award - Honorable Mention – Fine Art Digital Enhancement

2007

PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris -2nd prize in Fine Art category - Winner

Photoworkshop.com (5th annual digital imaging competition, Adobe) - Winner

Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA - Color Photography - First Place

Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA - Best in Show

## **Recent Selected Exhibitions (Group, and Solo) 2007 - 2020**

Pucker Gallery (Boston, MA) November 2020 - Solo

The Grace Museum, Texas - group

University of North Dakota 2018 - Solo

AfterImage Gallery (Dallas) 2018 - Solo

Korn Gallery (Orleans, MA) 2018 - Solo

Pucker Gallery (Boston, MA) 2018 - Solo

Korn Gallery (Orleans, MA) 2019 – Two person

Galeria de Arte Fotografico (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico) 2018 - Solo

Cape Cod Museum of Art, Six Master Photographers (MA) – 2017

Henry Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock Abbey (England) 2015 - 2016 – Solo

The Massachusetts State House, The Griffin Museum of Photography (Boston 2017) – Solo

Attleboro Art Museum (MA) – 2017

Sunnhordland Museum, Halsnoy Kloster, Norway, 2017

Griffin Museum of Photography (MA) – 2017

"A Cartography of Dreams" Julia Margaret Cameron Gallery (UK) – 2016-2017

Depth of Field, Art Intersection (Gilbert, Arizona) 2015

Pucker Gallery (Boston, MA) 2016 - Solo

Sohn Fine Art Gallery (Lenox, MA) 2015 - Solo

Open Shutter Gallery (Durango, CO) 2015 - Solo

New England School of Photography (Boston, MA) 2015 – Solo

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum – 'High Art: A Decade of Collection' (Washington, DC) – 2013 3rd

Intern'l Biennial of Fine Art and Photography, Municipal Heritage Museum (Malaga, Spain) - 2014

Pucker Gallery (Boston, MA) 2014 - Solo

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TaoWater Gallery (Provincetown, MA) – 2014 - Solo  
AfterImage Fine Art Photography (Dallas, Texas) - Solo – 2012-13  
ShiJiaZhuang Art Museum, Hebei Province, China – 2013  
International Photo Exposition, Dali, China - 2013  
Gallery at Lincoln Center (Ft. Collins, CO) – 2014  
Sohn Fine Art (Lenox, MA) 2012, 2015  
PhotoLA (Los Angeles) – 2013 2014  
180 Photographs, 180 Years, Bangkok, Thailand – 2013-2014  
11th Shanghai International Graphic Art Exposition – 2012  
Flinn Gallery (Greenwich, CT) - 2014  
Photo Méthode Gallery (Austin, Texas) - Two-Person – 2013, 2016  
'Photomontage Now', Rowan University (Glassboro, New Jersey) - 2013  
Green Hills Invitational (Katonah, NY) – 2013, 2015  
Brandeis University Faculty Club - Solo – 2013  
Lishui Photography Festival, "An American Theme", Lishui, China - on tour in China - 2012  
The Mark Gallery (Englewood, NJ) – 2013  
DavisOrton Gallery (Hudson, New York) - Solo - 2012  
Open Shutter Fine Art Photography Gallery (Durango, Colorado) - Solo – 2012, 2015  
Cassandra Sohn Gallery (Stockbridge, MA) - Solo - 2011-2011  
Panopticon Gallery, Boston, MA - 2011, 2012  
Espace Dupon, Paris - 2012  
Thompson Gallery, Cambridge School of Weston - Solo - 2010 - 2011  
New Door Gallery (Baltimore, MD) - Solo - 2010  
Mayyim Hayyim (Boston, MA) - Solo - 2010  
Hess Gallery, Pine Manor College – (Newton, MA) - Solo - 2009  
Sturgis Library (Barnstable, MA) - Solo - 2009  
Microbo (Milan, Italy) (2010)  
Griffin Museum of Photography (Stoneham, MA) - Solo - 2008  
Gallery Sandy23 (Portland, OR) - Solo - 2008  
Newton Free Library (Newton, MA) - Solo - 2008  
James Pierce Gallery (Baltimore, MD) - Solo - 2008  
American Photography 24 disTRIBUTE (2008)

## **Residencies and Grants**

Edna St. Vincent Millay Art Colony - 2021  
Holsnoy Kloster, Sunnhordland Museum, Norway - 2016  
The Studios at Key West – 2015  
Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University - 2015  
Tavris Foundation – 2011  
Vermont Studio Center –2010  
Sassower Foundation – 2008-09  
Tyre Foundation – 2006 – 2007  
Puffin Foundation – 2007 – 2008, 2019-2020

## **Teaching and Lectures**

SantaFe Photo Workshops - 2021  
Griffin Museum of Photography – 2021  
Colorado Center for Photography - 2021  
New England School of Photography - 2019, 2020

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LA Center for Photography - 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021  
University of North Dakota - 2017, 2018  
Griffin Museum of Photography - 2008-2019  
ASmith Gallery - 201, 2019, 2020  
Castle Hill Art Center, Truro, MA- 2012, 2015, 2017, 2021  
Belfast Camera Club, Northern Ireland - 2015  
Simmons College – 2014  
School of Visual Arts, New York – Thesis adviser (2013-16)  
School of Visual Art, New York, Masters of Digital Photography Lecture Series, 2013  
Brandeis University, 2012  
Simmons College, Department of Communications - 2014  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA 2009 - 2012  
Boston Camera Club (Juror/ critique) 2010, 2012, 2018  
Boston West Camera Club - 2013  
ICB, Sausalito, CA, 2010  
Arsenal Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA, 2010  
Truro Center for the Arts, 2009  
23Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR, 2008  
Arsenal Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA, 2005-2007  
Salon of the Arts, Brandeis University, 2007  
Women’s Studies Research Center, Brandeis University 2006 - 2010  
Harvard University, Carpenter Center, Department of Visual and Environmental Studies,  
Digital and multimedia (Teaching assistant, 1994 -1996)

## **Education**

Boston University, MFA  
Simmons College, MSW  
Brandeis University, BA