

Ross Bowns

Artist Statement

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I am inspired by the vagueness and deficiencies found in our interpretations of our own experiences. My work explores the fragmented nature of perception in which there is an inherent incompleteness and I am interested in capturing that interplay between our internal conditions and the nature of perception that shapes the events that we encounter.

There is a reciprocal conversation between event, perception, and condition; a circular dialog in which new information is constantly changing our condition which, in turn, shapes our perception. If we could listen in we would hear a conversation that, at times, may appear fluid and coherent, yet is full of vague references and half formed expressions. Instead of being complete, the communication between the experience and our condition is fragmented or disjointed. I focus on that disconnection and I look for the ways that perception obscures, distorts, excludes, and manufactures the details of our experiences.

Currently, I focus on the human form as the subject to explore this aspect of perception. I also use this subject to examine how the body acts as a medium that feeds back into the loop of perceived experience.

Exhibitions

- 2010 - Diversities of Female Beauty, SOGO, Kaoshung, Taiwan
- 2010 - The Figure Now 2010 Exhibition, Fontbonne Fine Arts Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2010 - The Inner Figure, Gallery 625, San Francisco, California
- 2010 - 24th International Juried Show, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Summit, New Jersey
- 2009 - Spring Show, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California
- 2008 - Open Studios, 701 Chestnut, San Francisco, California

Awards

- 2010 - 2nd Place, The Figure Now 2010 Exhibition, Fontbonne Fine Arts Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri

Education

- M.F.A. - Figurative Painting, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, 2009
- B.A. - Studio Arts, California State University, Sacramento, 1999

Volunteer Projects

- 2008 - Mural at National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, San Francisco, California