

Leigh Merrill

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Education

- 2009 Masters of Fine Arts, Mills College, Oakland, CA
Departmental Honors, Jay DeFeo Award
- 2001 Bachelors of Fine Arts, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Summa Cum Laude

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2009 *Streets*, Two-person Exhibition: Leigh Merrill and Drew Boughton, 1078 Gallery, Chico, CA
- 2007 *Fence*, Solo exhibition, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2006 *House*, Solo exhibition, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2001 *Bed*, Solo exhibition, John Sommers Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2000 *Rooms*, Solo exhibition, ASA Gallery, Albuquerque, NM

Group Exhibitions

- 2010 *Years of Living Dangerously*, University of Texas Dallas Gallery, Richardson, TX
Selections, di Rosa Preserve Art Center, Napa, CA
- 2009 *2009 Annual*, CoCA Seattle, Seattle, WA, Juried by Jess Van Nostrand
3rd Coast National, K Space Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX,
Juried by Fairfax Dorn
Twisted Spurs, K Space Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX
Young Americans, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 2008 *Small Matters of Great Importance 2008*, Edward Hopper House, Nyack, NY
Bake Sale, Blankspace Gallery, Oakland, CA
All Media Exhibition, Palos Verdes Art Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 2007 *Buy It While It's Cheap*, Blankspace Gallery, Oakland, CA
Contemporary Forum, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
Carnaval Do Rio Art Auction, ASU Art Museum, Tempe, AZ
Eye Lounge Annual Member's Show 2007, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2006 *I Knew I Should've Taken That Left Turn at Albuquerque III*, Grand Avenue Studio C, Phoenix, AZ
2006 Juried Show, Juried by Nato Thompson of MASS MoCA
The Contemporary Artists Center of North Adams, MA, North Adams, MA

- Utopia*, A Shenere Velt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Painted Desert*, North Mountain Visitor Center Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- Place*, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- Joyce Elaine Grant Juried Exhibition*, Juried by Blake Wilson
Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
- Eye Lounge Annual Member's Show 2006*, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2005 *Artlink 9th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Juried by John Spiak, Carolyn Robbins, and Terry Ward,
City Hall, Phoenix, AZ
- I Knew I Should've Taken That Left Turn at Albuquerque II*, Grand Avenue Studio C, Phoenix,
AZ
- New Work*, Art Detour, Grand Avenue Studio C, Phoenix, AZ
- 2002 *I Knew I Should've Taken That Left Turn at Albuquerque*, Space 101, Bloomington, IN
- 1999 *Funny Women*, Kimo Theatre Gallery, Albuquerque, NM

Representation / Collections

City of Phoenix Art & Culture Permanent Collection

Photo Eye Bookstore online gallery

Lectures and Panels

- 2009 Gallery artist talk in conjunction with *Streets* exhibition, 1078 Gallery, Chico, CA
- 2008 Artist Talk, Emerging Bay Area Artist Series, Mills College Photography Department
- 2007 Panelist for the Shemer Art Center, *Artists' Cafe Series: Comments, Critique, Advice* Phoenix,
Arizona
- 2001 *bed talk* a public lecture given in conjunction with *bed* exhibition
John Sommers Gallery, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publications

- 2010 *Years of Living Dangerously*, exhibition catalog with introduction by Marilyn Waligore
- 2009 *2009 Annual Center for Contemporary Art Seattle*, exhibition catalog with introduction by juror
Jess Van Nostrand
- Young Americans* exhibition catalogue with introduction by Terri Cohn and essay by Glen
Helfand
- 2007 Photographs published in *Hayden's Ferry, ASU's Art's and Literary Magazine*
- 2006 Photographs published in *Phoenix: 21st Century City*
Booth-Clibborn Editions
- Eye Lounge – a contemporary art space, inaugural member catalog

2000 *Room with Swings* photograph published in *Scribendi: University of New Mexico Arts and Literature Magazine*, Spring 2000 Edition

Grants/Awards

2009 Jay DeFeo Award

2008 GROF: Mills graduate research grant
GSIP: Mills graduate student initiative grant

2007 Arizona Commission on the Arts, Quick Turn Around Grant

2006 Phoenix Art Museum Contemporary Forum Artist Grant

2000 Vera Nolan Award

1996 UNM Scholars Scholarship, Full tuition scholarship