



Michelle LOPEZ

PRESENTATION

Brooklyn-based sculptor Michelle Lopez reinterprets and reclaims the visual language of [minimalism](#) in work that is imbued with social and political commentary. In "Blue Angels", a series of massive crumpled mirrored-aluminum rectangles, she deflates the pomp and circumstance of the Navy's famous flight demonstration squad while also undercutting the rigid, hyper-masculinity of work by John McCracken and other "finish fetish" artists.

Other works hint at the aftermath of some unseen act of violence, such as Smoke Cloud, an installation of pieces of silver nitrate-covered architectural glass exposed to light so as to resemble bursts of smoke suspended in air.

BIO / BIBLIO

Born in 1970. Lives and works in Brooklyn, New York

Education

1994

MFA, Painting and Sculpture, School of Visual Arts, New York

1992

BA cum laude, Literature and Art History, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York

Solo shows

2018

House of cards, Simon Preston Gallery, New York

2016

Chandelier, Galerie Christophe Gaillard, Paris

2014

Banner Year, Simon Preston, New York

Angels, Flags, Bangs, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT

2012

Blue Angels, Galerie Christophe Gaillard

2011

Vertical Neck, Simon Preston, New York

2009

The Violent Bear It Away, Simon Preston, New York

2008

The Year We Made Contact, LA><ART, Los Angeles

2005



Wenk Row, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco

2001

Adventures in the Skin Trade, Deitch Projects, New York?Adventures in the Skin Trade, Fondazione Nicola Trussardi, Milan, Italy

1999

The Untitled Thumb and Drape Project, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions (LACE), Los Angeles

1998

Leather, Deitch Projects, New York

1996

Michelle Lopez, Feature, Inc., New York?Michelle Lopez, 407, New York

Group shows (selection)

2015

This room, Klaus Von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, NY

When You Cut into the Present, the Future Leaks Out, curated by Regine Basha

No Longer Empty, The Old Bronx Courthouse, New York, NY

2014

A Chromatic Loss, curated by Jeffrey Uslip, Bartolomi Gallery, New York, NY

Temporary / Contemporary, Bass Museum of Art, Miami, FL

2013

Art Public, curated by Nicholas Baume, Miami Basel, Miami, FL

Cleaning Up, curated by Samuel Draxler, Johannes Vogt, New York, NY

Diamonds, curated by Daniel Feinberg, Gallery Diet, Miami, FL

2012

The First Rebellion Is History, Simon Preston, New York

2011

Lost, curated by Amy Smith-Stewart, Invisible Exports, New York

The Influentials, curated by Amy Smith-Stewart, SVA Visual Arts Gallery, New York

SC13, SFAD (Interventions), curated by Chris Fitzpatrick and Post Brothers, San Francisco, California

2010

Not Cooperative, curated by Jeffrey Uslip, Luckman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2008

Fat Head Balloon Self-Portrait, Exercising for Exorcising (Mein Doppelganger), My Lights (Kokopelli), C3PO, Simon Preston, New York

Coup de Grâce, Simon Preston Gallery, New York

Nina in Position, Artist Space, curated by Jeffrey Uslip, New York

2006

I'm Not Here, Grimm/Rosenfeld, New York

Not Lear, Envoy, New York

2005

Bay Area Now 4, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

Kicking Rocks, Champion Fine Arts, curated by Anna Sew Hoy, LA, CA

2004

OCMA, California Biennial, Orange County, CA



2000

Greater New York, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York
Halcyon Days, Public Art Fund, MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, New York - Deitch/Steinberg Editions, Deitch Projects, NY
Philosophy in the Bedroom, Or Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

1999

Foul Play, Threadwaxing Space, curated by Cheryl Kaplan, New York

1998

Drawers, Feature, Inc., New York
Opens, M du B, F, H & g, Montreal, Quebec.

1997

Current/Undercurrent, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York
The Art Exchange, 407, New York

Curatorial projects

2007

Exit Music (for a Film), Grimm/Rosenfeld, NY, NY and Munich, Germany

Awards & honors

2011

NYFA Artist Fellowship Grant, Category of Sculpture, New York

2009

NYFA Fiscal Sponsorship Grant New York

2002 - 2005

UC Berkeley, Junior Faculty Research Grants, "The Death Star", and "Rapid-prototyping of sculptures", Berkeley, CA

2002

Art in America: Best Public Art
New York Foundation for the Arts Award, New York

Bibliography (selection)

2015

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- Kwon, Liz. "Michelle Lopez". bob Magazine, January

2014

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2013

- "Power of the crowd". The Art Newspaper, 5 December
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2011

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2010

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2009

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2008

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2007

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2006

Cash, Stephanie. "New and Now". Art in America, January

2005

- Tumlir, Jan. "Review, California Biennial". Artforum, February
- Baker, Kenneth. "Review, Michelle Lopez, Wenk Row". The San Francisco Chronicle, 30 April
- "Michelle Lopez". Bay Area Now 4, catalog. San Francisco: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

2004

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2002

"Best of Public Art". Art in America: 2002 Guide, Annual 2002-2003

2001

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- "Halcyon Days", and "Voice Choices". The Village Voice, 12 May
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2000

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1999

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1998

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1997

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