



## Michelle LOPEZ

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### 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

- Leslie, Richard. "Michelle Lopez: Simon Preston Gallery". ArtNexus, no. 96: March-May

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

### 2014

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#### 2007

- Exit Music (for a Film), Michelle Lopez, essay catalog, "Interview with Michelle Lopez", The Wrong  
- "Interview with Wim Delvoye", Michelle Lopez; "Interview with Participating Artists", Grimm / Rosenfeld, March

#### 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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#### 2001

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

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