

MICHAEL CRESPO

BORN: 1947 Louisiana

EDUCATION:

1970 City University of New York, Queens Campus, M.F.A.
1968 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, B.A.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

1971 – present Professor of Painting and Drawing, Louisiana State University
2000 Summer Faculty, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass Village, Colorado
1997 Visiting Artist, Mississippi Artists Colony
1990 - 96 Director, School of Art, Louisiana State University
1993 Summer Faculty, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
1984-86 Director, LSU IN FLORENCE summer studies program
1971 Instructor, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana
Visiting Artist and Lecturer, Purdue University

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2000 Robert Stoubaugh Alumni Professor of Painting and Drawing, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
1999 Distinguished Professor of Art, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
1994 National Endowment for the Arts/Southern Arts Federation Grant.
Aquarium of the Americas, New Orleans, Louisiana.
1987 Louisiana Division of the Arts Artists Fellowship Award.
"Fifty States Exhibition: A Salute to Michigan's Sesquicentennial," Traverse City Arts Council, Traverse City, Michigan. An exhibition presenting the work of one artist for each of the fifty states to coincide with the National Governors' Conference. Invited by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to represent Louisiana.
1978 Listed in Who's Who in American Art.

ONE AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

2008 Louisiana Art and Science Museum, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
2006 Ann Connelly Fine Art
David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
2005 McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
2004 David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
2003 McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
San Francisco Art Fair, San Francisco, California.
2002 David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
1999 Ledbetter Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi.
1998 Albert Blue Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
1997 Grove Grill, Memphis, Tennessee.
McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
1996 Ledbetter Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
1995 Skokie Public Library Gallery, Skokie, Illinois.
Shelby Restaurant, through Schmidt Bingham Gallery, New York, New York.
1994 Kurts Bingham Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.

- Seattle Art Fair, Seattle, Washington.
- 1993 McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
Cason Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1992 Kurts Bingham Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 1991 McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 1990 "Michael Crespo Watercolors," McIlhenny Collection, Hill Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1988 Clark Hall Gallery, University of Southeastern Louisiana, Hammond, Louisiana.
- 1987 LSU Union Gallery, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1986 New Orleans Center for the Performing Arts. Scheduled in conjunction with the New Orleans Opera performance of Mozart's The Magic Flute, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1983 College of the Mainland, Texas City, Texas.
Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux, Louisiana.
- 1981 College of the Mainland Art Gallery, Galveston, Texas.
- 1978 University of Northwestern Louisiana Art Gallery, Natchitoches, Louisiana.
Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux, Louisiana.
- 1977 LSU Union Art Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
University of South Alabama Art Gallery, Mobile, Alabama.
- 1976 Southern Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.
- 1974 Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
Purdue University Art Gallery, West Lafayette, Indiana.
- 1973 Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1972 Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1971 University of Southwestern Louisiana Art Gallery, Lafayette, Louisiana.
One Person Exhibition, Queens College Art Gallery, Flushing, New York.
- 1970 Bowery Gallery, New York, N.Y. Reviewed in Art News, April edition.
Community Gallery, Pine Hill, New York.

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS:

- 2006 "Artists for the New Century," Bennington Center for the Arts, Bennington, Vermont
- 2004 – "Birdspace: A Post-Audubon Artists Aviary," Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans,
2006 Louisiana, January 10 – March 23; Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida, May 29
- August 15; The Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, New York, October 9 – January 2, 2005;
McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, September
- October 2005 (exact dates pending); Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, Arizona, January 21,
2006 – March 12, 2006; (Traveling Exhibition, catalogue). (Pending: Art Center, Pasadena;
DePaul University Art Gallery, Chicago; Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock)
- 2000 "Visual Poetry," Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, Louisiana.
- 1999 "USArtists Art Fair," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
"The Art of Love," Malton Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio.
"Living in Louisiana," *1991 - 1998 Artist Fellowship Invitational*, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton
Rouge, Louisiana. Traveled to Clark Hall Gallery, Southeastern University, Hammond,
Louisiana, Alexandria Museum, Alexandria Louisiana, and Loyola University, New Orleans,
Louisiana.
- 1998 "All Fired Up," Invitational Group Exhibition of Artist Painted Ceramics (Benefitting Memphis
Planned Parenthood), Memphis, Tennessee.
Memphis College of Art Biennial, Invitational Group Exhibition, Memphis, Tennessee.
"Directors' Council Exhibit," Invitational Group Exhibition, Brooks Museum, Memphis, Tennessee.
"USArtists Art Fair," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama.
"Painting in the New South," 4 - Person Invitational, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas.
"Spectrum '98," Invitational, Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

- "Too Many Fish in the Sea: Louisiana Artists on Fish and Fishing," Invitational Group Exhibition, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1997 "Painting in the New South," 4-Person Invitational, University of Arkansas Art Gallery, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- "Red Stick Invitational," Old State Capitol Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1996 "Annual Fundraiser Invitational Exhibition," Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tennessee
 "Art Auction Invitational Exhibition," Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama.
 "Harmony: An Artist's Viewpoint," Invitational Exhibition, Louisiana Arts & Science Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (purchased for museum permanent collection).
- 1993 Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- 1992 "1992 Faculty Invitational Exhibition," College of the Mainland Art Gallery, Texas City, Texas.
 "Red: The Artists Respond," Bingham Kurts Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
 "Michael Crespo and Robert Kinsell," Bingham Kurts Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 1991 "Is There Still Life In The Still Life - Or Is Nature Morte?," Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas. Curated by Clint Willour.
- 1990 "Assemblages: An Invitational Exhibition," West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen, Louisiana.
- 1988 "A Tribute to Excellence," Visual Arts Fellowship Invitational, Louisiana Division of the Arts, Masur Museum, Monroe, Louisiana.
- 1986 "Introductions 86," Transco Energy Tower Galleries, Houston, Texas.
- 1984 "Artists' Choice Museum: The First Eight Years," invitational exhibition, Artists' Choice Museum, New York, New York.
 "Art for Art's Sake," Invitational Exhibition, Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1983 "Artists' Choice Museum Invitational Exhibition," Sherry French Gallery, New York, New York. A survey exhibition of American Figurative Painters and Sculptors.
 "Bowery on the Bowery," invitational exhibition of new works by founding members of the gallery, Bowery Gallery, New York, New York.
- 1979 Invitational Group Exhibition, Bowery Gallery, New York, New York.
- 1976 "Artist's Choice: Figurative Art in New York," Invitational Exhibition, Green Mountain Gallery, New York, New York.
- 1972 "Painterly Realism," American Federation of Art traveling invitational exhibition, national tour, New York, New York.
- 1970 "The Representational Spirit," invitational exhibition, State University of New York at Albany Albany, New York. Also installed at the Queens Museum, Flushing, New York.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2007 "Red Revisited," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 2006 "a touch of red," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 2005 "A little more red," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 2004 "Something Red," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 2003 "Something Blue," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 2002 "New Work: Michael Crespo and Pamela Black Wagner," Cudahy's, Richmond, Virginia.
- 2001 "Louisiana Painters," Houston Community College Central, Houston, Texas.
- 2000 "Forbidden," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 1999 "1999 LSU Faculty Show," Foster Hall Gallery / LSU Union Art Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
 "The Aquarium Show," Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas.
 "Twelfth Annual International Exhibition on Animals in Art," Juror: John Bullard, director New Orleans Museum of Art, School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1997 Malton Gallery, 5-Person Exhibition, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 "Delta Annual," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas.
 "Memphis College of Art Biennial," Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee.
 Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia.

- "Flora Bella," Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas.
- 1996 Art Fair Seattle, (Lisa Kurts Gallery, Memphis), Seattle, Washington.
 "The Red Clay Survey, Fifth Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Southern Art," Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, Alabama.
 "Take Flight," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
 "Trees," Ledbetter Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 1995 "Portraiture in the 90's," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
 Malton Gallery, 4-Person Exhibition, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 "Holiday Exhibition," Lisa Kurts Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee.
 "Samantha's Garden," Group Exhibition, Houston, Texas.
- 1994 "Painters and the Object," McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, Texas.
 "Les Fleurs de Printemps," Sylvia Schmidt Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 Cason Gallery, Two Person Exhibition, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1993 "Art in the American South," University Art Museum, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana.
 Cason Gallery, Two Person Exhibition, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1992 "35th Annual Delta Art Exhibition," Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas. Jurors: Roy and Ann Boyd, Roy Boyd Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.
 "Louisiana Art from The Roger Houston Ogden Collection," Louisiana State University, Hill Memorial Library Galleries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1991 "34th Annual Delta Art Exhibition," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas. Juror: George Adams, Framkin / Adams, New York.
 Two-person exhibition, Miriam Walmsley Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 "Exhibition on Animals in Art," School of Veterinary Medicine, LSU Baton Rouge Louisiana. Merit Award. Honorable Mention.
- 1990 "Statements on the Environment by Louisiana Artists," Art Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Island Introductions," Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas.
 "Mardis Gras Exhibition," Miriam Walmsley Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 "Upriver -- The Artists of Baton Rouge," Downtown Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1989 Five Person Exhibition, Miriam Walmsley Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 "The Louisiana Festival of the Arts 16th Annual Exhibition," Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, Louisiana.
 Four Person Exhibition, Miriam Walmsley Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 "The Landscape--A Summer Celebration," Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1988 "Louisiana Realism," Downtown Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 "The Elephant in Art," Simms Fine Art Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Miriam Walmsley Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Simms Fine Art Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1987 "30th Annual Delta Exhibition," Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 1986 "Louisiana Now," juried exhibition, Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 "Southdown Fine Arts Biennial," juried exhibition, Houma, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Adelle M. Gallery, Dallas, Texas.
 "Images of Women," group exhibition, West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Griffith Menard Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird," group exhibition, School of Art Gallery, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1985 Painting Faculty Exhibition, LSU School of Art Gallery, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Griffith Menard Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1984 Three Person Exhibition, Dixon Smith Interiors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1983 "LSU Faculty at UNO," University of New Orleans Art Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1982 "Mid-America Biennial," Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts, Owensboro, Kentucky.
 "Twenty-fifth Annual Delta Art Exhibition," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas.

- "Biennial Exhibition of Piedmont Painting and Sculpture," Mint Museum, Charlotte, North Carolina.
 Group Exhibition, West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, School of Art Gallery, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1981 Group Exhibition, College of the Mainland, Texas City, Texas.
 "Biennial Exhibition of Piedmont Painting and Sculpture," Mint Museum, Charlotte, North Carolina.
 "Twenty-third Annual Delta Art Exhibition," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 1980 Group Exhibition, Adelle M. Fine Art, Dallas, Texas.
 Group Exhibition, West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Dixon Smith Interiors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Twenty-second Annual Delta Art Exhibition," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 1979 Five Person Exhibition, Sandra Oreck Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1978 Group Exhibition, Dixon Smith Interiors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Twenty-first Annual Delta Art Exhibition," Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas.
 Juried Painting Exhibition, Southwest Louisiana Art Center, Lafayette, Louisiana.
 "Louisiana State Professional Artists Juried Exhibition," Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1976 Two Person Exhibition, Southern Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.
 "Louisiana State Professional Artists Juried Exhibition," Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1975 "Dallas Museum of Fine Arts Exhibition of Southwestern Prints and Drawings," Dallas, Texas.
 "Louisiana State Professional Artists Juried Exhibition," Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1974 Four Person Exhibition, Hinds Junior College, Raymond, Mississippi.
- 1973 Artist Member Exhibition, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 Group Drawing Exhibition, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Louisiana State Professional Artists Juried Exhibition," Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Louisiana Bicentennial Exhibition," Masur Museum, Monroe, Louisiana.
 Group Exhibition, Louisiana Art Commission Galleries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Exhibition of Drawings, Del Mar State College, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 1972 Two Person Exhibition, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 Artist Member Exhibition, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 "Louisiana State Professional Artists Juried Exhibition," Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1971 Group Exhibition, Bowery Gallery, New York, New York.
 Three Person Exhibition, Bowery Gallery, New York, New York.
 Group Exhibition, Queens College Art Gallery, Flushing, New York.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Sjostrom, Jan, "Birdspace' aims to fly with ideas, emotions," Palm Beach Daily News, Thursday May 27 – Saturday, May 29, 2004.
- Zevitas, Steven T., Editor, *New American Paintings*, number 28, Wellesley, Massachusetts: The Open Studios Press, 2000. pp. 62 - 65.
- Delehanty, Randolph, Art in the American South, LSU Press, 1996. p.94.
- Zevitas, Steven T., Editor, New American Paintings, number IX, Wellesley, Massachusetts: The Open Studios Press, 1997. pp. 28, 29, 117.
- Crespo, Michael L., Watercolor Class, New York: Watson-Guption Publications, 1994.
- Appelhof, Marian, Editor, Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Oil Painting, (Twelve Sections), New York: Watson Guption Publications, 1993.
- Crespo, Michael L., Watercolor Day by Day, New York: Watson-Guption Publications, 1987.
- Crespo, Michael L., Experiments in Watercolor, New York: Watson-Guption Publications, 1987.
- Crespo, Michael L., How to Make an Oil Painting, New York: Watson-Guption Publications, 1990.

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- Devadanam, Steven, and Scott Faingold. "Night & Day," Houston Press, June 2 - 8, 2005.
- Brookhardt, Eric. "New Orleans, Louisiana," Art Papers, July/August 2004.
- Bookhardt, D. Eric. "Rare Bird, Indeed," Gambit Weekly, Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

Keenan, Ken. "Paintings not just another fish story," Skokie Review, December 21, 1995.
Oleson, Jill. "Exhibit proves painting still thrives," Austin-American Statesman, Saturday, August 8, 1992.

COMMISSIONS:

- 2005 Commission, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Large wall commission. Louisiana Percent for Art Program.
1996 Commission, Lombardi Mare Restaurant, Dallas, Texas. 4" x 180" mural, Architect: Paul Draper & Associates, Dallas, Texas.
1995 Commission, Arthur's Landing Restaurant, Weehawken, New Jersey, 13 large panels, Architect: Paul Draper & Associates, Dallas, Texas.

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, Louisiana
Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Louisiana Arts & Sciences Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Entergy Corporation Headquarters, New Orleans, Louisiana
Promus Hotel Corporation Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee
Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
The Grill Room of the World Financial Center, New York, New York
Tsunami Restaurant, Memphis, Tennessee
Towery Publishing, Memphis, Tennessee
American General Financial Corporation, Houston, Texas
Duke Energy, Houston, Texas
KPMG Peat Marwick
Taco Bell Corporation, San Diego, California
Aquarium of the Americas, New Orleans, Louisiana
J. McIlhenny Collection, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Roger Houston Ogden Collection, New Orleans, Louisiana
City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Union Planters National Bank, Memphis, Tennessee
Nordstrom, Inc., Settle, Washington
Entergy Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas
Louisiana Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
City National Bank Louisiana Artists Collection
Art in Public Places, Louisiana Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge, Louisiana