

# ELIZABETH LEACH GALLERY

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## JUSTIN GIBBENS

### EDUCATION

- 2003 Scientific Illustration Certificate, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2002 Traditional Chinese Painting Exchange Program – Anhui University, Hefei, China
- 1998 Bachelor of Arts, Art (drawing, painting emphasis), Cum Laude; Art History Minor, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 1993 Summer Art Studio, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, KS

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Clymer Museum of Art, Ellensburg, WA
- 2020 *Turn Around Time*, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA
- 2019 *Liminal Spaces*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2017 *Sea Change*, G. Gibson Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2016 *Weird Science*, Boswell Corner Gallery, North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene, ID  
*Peaceable Kingdom*, Confluence Gallery and Art Center, Twisp, WA
- 2015 *unNatural Histories*, Clymer Museum, Ellensburg, WA  
*Sepulchre*, MAC Gallery, Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, WA
- 2014 *Avatars and Shapeshifters*, PUNCH Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2013 *Wonderland (w/ artist Renee Adams)*, the brink gallery, Missoula, MT  
*Are we not drawn onward to new erA (w/ artist Renee Adams)*, PUNCH Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2011 *Spiderland*, G. Gibson Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Peaceful Death and Pretty Flowers (w/ artist Renee Adams)*, PUNCH Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2010 *Hydras and Basilisks*, Punch Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2008 *Birds of Paradise*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2007 *Relations*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Birds and Bees*, PUNCH Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2006 *unNatural Histories*, D and M Downtown Coffee Shop, Ellensburg, WA
- 2005 *Specimens*, Chase Gallery, Spokane, WA  
Various works, Gallery Blue, Missoula, MT  
*Window Dressing: Specimens*, Tacoma Contemporary/Woolworth Building, Tacoma, WA
- 2004 Emerging artist exhibition, Gallery Blue, Missoula, MT  
*Barnacle Dogs and Zebra Mussels*, Gallery 423, Ellensburg, WA  
*Specimen: An Un-Natural History*, CWU Science Building, Ellensburg, WA
- 2003 *Ontogeny Recapitulates Phylogeny*, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
*Beetle, Branch and the Biologic*, Artemis Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2002 *Fin, Flipper, Flounder*, Stewart and Williams Funeral Home, Ellensburg, WA  
*Antarctica*, D and M Downtown Coffee Shop, Ellensburg, WA
- 2001 *Heebie Jeebies*, D and M Downtown Coffee Shop, Ellensburg, WA  
Various works, Esvelt Gallery, Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA  
*Great White Silence*, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA (in collaboration with artist Renee Adams)
- 2000 *Forklifts and Pelicans*, D and M Downtown Coffee Shop, Ellensburg, WA
- 1999 Various works, Fenix Gallery, Ellensburg, WA
- 1998 *Walkabout*, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 1997 *A Balance Between Forces*, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Don't Kill the Buzz: A Celebration of Insects*, Confluence Art Gallery, Twisp, WA  
*Re-Imagining Conservation: From Many Viewpoints*, National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, WY  
*Watercolor Invitational*, Gonzaga University Urban Art Center, Spokane, WA

- 2023 *INTERSTATE*, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA  
*Central Washington Artists' Exhibition*, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA
- 2022 *Sitka Center for Art and Ecology Invitational*, Oregon Contemporary, Portland, OR
- 2021 *Sitka Center Art Invitational*, Miller Hall, World Forestry Center, Portland, OR  
66h Annual Central Washington Artists' Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA
- 2020 *Metamorphosis*, Columbia Center for the Arts, Hood River, OR  
*The Beginning of Everything: An Exhibition of Drawings*, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN  
*Picturing Science in Illustration and Art*, Center for the Visual Arts at Boise State University, Boise, ID
- 2018 *All That Glitters*, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
*The Woods (PUNCH Projects)*, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 2017 BEST IN SHOW: New Works from Kittitas County Juried Artists – Confluence Gallery and Art Center, Twisp, WA  
*Art's at the Port Juried Exhibition*, Anacortes Arts Fest, Anacortes, WA  
*Here's to the Future*, G. Gibson Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Kent Summer Art Exhibit*, Centennial Center Gallery, Kent, WA  
*BARNSTORM at the Bluestone (PUNCH Projects)*, Model KE building, Ellensburg, WA
- 2016 *Phylogeny Contemporary at the Aqua Hotel – Aqua Art Fair*, Miami, FL  
*Hit and Run*, PUNCH Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Natural Causes*, CASS Contemporary, Tampa, FL  
*Nature's Call: Natural History of the West by the GNSI NW*, Clymer Museum, Ellensburg, WA
- 2015 *Metamorphosis*, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
*Out of Sight*, King Street Station, Seattle, WA  
*National Juried Exhibition*, Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA  
*WUNDERKAMMER: Artifacts, False Memories and Projections*, Foss Waterway Seaport, Tacoma, WA  
*Westward Bound: PUNCH Gallery meets Clymer*, Clymer Museum of Art, Ellensburg, WA  
*Imagination*, Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA
- 2014 *The Scientific Eye: Art & Science*, North Seattle College, Seattle, WA  
*A Contemporary Bestiary*, Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University, Salem, OR
- 2013 *Hybrids and other Strange Amalgamations*, Seattle Art Museum Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Yakima River Diaries*, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA
- 2012 *Make Space*, Gage Academy of Art, Seattle, WA  
*Winging It*, Heiner Contemporary, Washington, DC
- 2011 *Peaceful Death & Pretty Flowers*, Two person exhibition with Renee Adams, Punch Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Justin Gibbens and Michael Brophy: New Work*, G. Gibson Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*The Shape of the Problem*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Wild/Life*, Museum of Northwest Art, La Connor, WA
- 2010 *Bestiary: The Animal in Contemporary Art*, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH  
*Medical & Scientific Illustration*, Kathrin Cawein Gallery of Art, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR  
*Call of the Wild*, The Brink, Missoula, MT  
*The Secret Language of Animals*, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA
- 2009 *Tales from an Imaginary Menagerie*, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA  
*Flight*, G. Gibson Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2008 *Nature Freak*, Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA  
*Birdwatch*, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Sun Valley, ID
- 2007 *Introductions 2007*, Seattle Art Museum Rental/Sales Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Crawl Space Centennial*, Crawl Space Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Come Undone*, Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2006 *As the Crow Flies*, Tacoma Contemporary's Woolworth Windows, Tacoma, WA  
51st Annual Central Washington Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
*Contagion*, Washington Ensemble Theatre, Seattle, WA

- 12th Annual International Exhibition, Soho20 Gallery, New York, NY  
 Creature Comforts, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 24th Annual Juried Exhibition, Pleiades Gallery, New York, NY  
 Round One, PUNCH Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 Seattle Erotic Art Festival, Consolidated Works, Seattle, WA  
 Emerging Artist Exhibition, Limner Gallery, Phoenecia, NY  
 2005 Art Guild of the Soap Lake Area Winterfest, City Hall, Soap Lake, WA  
 Intersections: Works on Paper, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA  
 50th Annual Central Washington Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
 unNatural History, Kittredge Gallery, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA  
 38th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Allied Arts Center, Yakima, WA  
 Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 History and Prophecy: a Bestiary for the 21st Century, SOIL Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 Point of Departure, Esvelt Gallery, Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA  
 Seattle Erotic Art Festival, Consolidated Works, Seattle, WA  
 Obsession, THREAD SHOP, Ballard, WA  
 2004 49th Annual Central Washington Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
 37th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Allied Arts Center, Yakima, WA  
 Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 2003 Traces of the Homeostay-puff, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 Natural Selections, Hub Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 2002 Summer Painting in China, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA  
 Exhibition of Chinese and American Students, Jiu Liumi Gallery, Hefei, China  
 Move On, Arrowspace Gallery, Olympia, WA  
 2000 15th Annual Ross Island Art Show, McMurdo Station, Antarctica

#### **PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS**

- 2023 ArtsWA, mural for Fife Elementary School, Tacoma, WA  
 2019 Skulls and Rainbows mural – Iron Horse Brewery, Ellensburg, WA  
 2017 Nature/Nurture, Mural project for the City of Ellensburg, WA  
 2015 Pacific Northwest Legends: a Natural History, completed a series of eight 7' x 17.5' public murals with Will Bow for the City of Spokane in BNSF Tunnel on Post Street. Project funded by Spokane Arts Commission  
 2015 Washington State's Emblems and Icons: a Natural History, design selected for Kelda Martensen's Spring Mural painting class on the campus of North Seattle College, Seattle, WA

#### **HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2021 Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residency 15 Year Anniversary, San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, CA  
 2020 Jordan Schnitzer Printmaking Residency, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Otis, OR  
 2019 MAC Artist Fellowship Program, The Robert B McMillen Foundation, Issaquah, WA  
 Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residency, Joshua Tree, CA  
 2017 People's Choice Award, Art's at the Port Juried Exhibition, Anacortes Arts Fest, Anacortes, WA  
 Peggy Schaake Award, Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 Project Award (BARNSTORM at the Bluestone), Ellensburg Arts Commission, Ellensburg, WA  
 2016 4Culture Project Grant, 4Culture, Seattle, WA  
 Honorable Mention, Indiana University East National Juried Art Exhibition: Art + Science, Richmond, IN  
 2015 Bob & Donna Villbrandt Award, Central WA Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
 2015 Best in Show, Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 2013 Eldean Adams Award for Watercolor, Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
 Jeffrey M. Reynolds Award, Central WA Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
 2012 Best in Show, WA State Juried Art Competition, Collective Visions Gallery, Bremerton, WA  
 Artist Residency, Jentel Artist Residency Program, Banner, WY  
 2011 Best in Show, 44th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Allied Arts Center, Yakima, WA  
 Contemporary Northwest Art Awards finalist, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
 2010 Marge Corman Memorial Award, Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA

- 2009 Excellence in Drawing Award, Central WA Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA
- 2008 Artist Trust/Washington State Arts Commission 2008 Fellowship Award
- 2006 Walter and Peggy Lewis Award, 51st Annual Central WA Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA • Juror: Mary Farrell, artist, Gonzaga University professor; Ruben Trejo  
Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award  
Edith Connolly Award, Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA  
Juror: Lee Musgrave, Maryhill Museum Curator of Contemporary Art
- 2005 Best in Show, Best Drawing, Art Guild of the Soap Lake Area Winterfest, City Hall, Soap Lake, WA Jurors: Kim Matthews Wheaton, artist; Fran Palkovic, Big Bend Community College Art Institute  
Karen Raine Memorial Award, 50th Annual Central WA Artists Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA, Jurors: Sherry Markovitz, artist; Blake Haygood, artist, Co-Director Platform Gallery  
Collector's Niche Award - 38th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Allied Arts Center, Yakima, WA Juror: Karen Mobley, Chase Gallery Director
- 2004 Board of Directors Award (Best of Show) - 37th Annual Juried Exhibit, Allied Arts Center, Yakima, WA, Juror: Jim McDonald, Safeco Art Collection Curator  
Peggy Schaake Award - Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA Juror: Esther Luttikhuisen, Kittredge Gallery Director
- 2003 Dr. & Mrs. Aboulhosn Award - 48th Annual Central Washington Exhibition, Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA, Jurors: Karen Guzak, painter, public artist; Warner Blake, artist  
Larson Gallery Guild Award - 36th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Allied Arts Center, Yakima, WA, Juror: Michael Klein, Microsoft Art Collection Curator  
Greg Green Award - Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA Juror: Rhonda Howard, Co-Owner of THREAD For Art
- 2002 Collector's Niche Award - 47th Annual Central Washington Artist Exhibit - Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA, Jurors: Susan Bennerstrom, artist; C.A. Scott, artist
- 2001 Tina Solberg Award - Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA Juror: Dianne Elliott, Art consultant and proprietor
- 2000 Daily Record Award – Kittitas County Juried Art Exhibit, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA Juror: Jim McDonald, Safeco Art Collection Curator
- 1988 1st Place, Sixth Grade Level – Color-A-Saurus Dinosaur Drawing Contest, Tri Cities, WA, (sponsored by the Pacific Science Center, Seattle, WA)

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Gibbens, Justin. (Illustrator). "Cascadia Field Guide: Art, Ecology, Poetry." Mountaineers Books. February 13, 2023.
- 2019 Muñoz, Stephanie, "Thorp artist illustrates new book by David Guterson." Wake Up Northwest,  
KNDO 23/KNDU 25 (an NBC-affiliated television station), Yakima, WA, October 21, 2019  
Gibbens, Justin. (Illustrator). (2019). *Turn Around Time: A Walking Poem for the Pacific Northwest*. London: Mountaineers Books, Seattle, WA.
- 2018 Muir, Pat, "Eight Central Washington Artists to Watch in 2018." The Yakima Herald-Republic, January 17, 2018  
Upchurch, Michael, "'Sea Change,' allusions to climate change among what's new at galleries." The Seattle Times, January 5, 2018  
Lynx, David, "The Art Scene: Artists take a trip deep into 'The Woods'." The Yakima Herald-Republic, January 3, 2018
- 2017 "Daisy Chain" selected for cover of The Stranger's Seattle Art and Performance publication, Winter 2017, Vol. 6, No. 4
- 2015 Peterson, Clyde, "A curated guide to this weekend's biggest art fairs," Crosscut.com, July 31, 2015
- 2015 Ponnekanti, Rosemary, "Museum of wonder: "Wunderkammer" at the Foss Seaport." The News Tribune, July 21, 2015
- 2014 "Justin Gibbens: Master Draftsman," Juxtapoz Magazine blog, February 3, 2014  
Nastia Voynovskaya; "Justin Gibbens' Paintings Celebrate Wildlife." Hi-Fructose Magazine blog, March 5, 2014

- 2013 Eben Wragge-Keller; "super natural." Missoula Independent, July 11, 2013  
 Krysti Shallenberger; "Unnatural by Nature." Missoulian, July 5, 2013
- 2012 Jenkins, Mark; "Washington's Best Art Gallery Shows of 2012." The Washington Post, December 6, 2012  
 Jenkins, Mark; "Heiner's 'Wingin It': Striking photos, painting, collages of birds." The Wa Post, July 5, 2012  
 Williams, Austin; "Where Science and Imagination Collide." American Artist Watercolor mag., Summer 2012
- 2011 Williams, Austin; "25 Artists to Watch." American Artist Watercolor magazine, Fall 2011
- 2010 Jane Durrell; "Bestiary (Review)." City Beat blog, Wednesday, November 17, 2010
- 2009 Melrod, George, "Unnatural Selection," *Art Ltd.*, March-April, 2009  
 Gibbens, Justin, "Birds of Paradise", *Annalemma*, Issue #4
- 2008 Norris, Molly, "Unnatural History", *Art Access*, December 2008-January 2009  
 Beal, Suzanne, "Justin Gibbens", *Art Ltd.*, July 2008  
 Farr, Sheila, "Justin Gibbens' Show at G. Gibson Gallery an Unnatural Look at Nature," The Seattle Times, April 18, 2008
- 2007 Lippens, Nate; "Northwest creatures come to life in Gibbens' Birds and Bees'." *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, Friday, February 9, 2007  
 Hay, Travis; "Punch Drunk Love." *The Daily Record*, Thursday Jan. 4, 2007, vol. 106 no.3
- 2006 Ponnekanti, Rosemary; "Peek into Windows for artful eyefuls." *The News Tribune*, December 24, 2006  
 Hay, Travis; "Art Marathon keeps Artists Busy." *Daily Record*, Sat., Sept. 16, 2006, vol. 105 no. 223  
 Scott, Carrie E. A.; "And the Galleries Marched in Two by Two." *Visualcodec*, May Issue, 2006  
 Chansanchai, Athima; "Erotic, Erotic." *Seattle Post Intelligencer*, Monday, March 27, 2006
- 2005 Graves, Jen; "Natural Beauty." *The News Tribune*, September 25, 2005, p. E.01  
 Meade, Fionn; "Concerning Place: A Bumper Crop of Talent in Central Washington." *Artist Trust Journal*, Summer 2005, Vol. XII, No. 2  
 Clayton, Alec; "Visual Edge: Forward art." *Fort Lewis Ranger*, February 24, 2005

## COLLECTIONS

ArtsWA, Olympia, WA  
 CHI Franciscan Harrison Medical Center  
 Tacoma Art Museum  
 Grinnell College  
 Microsoft  
 4Culture/King County (Portable Works Collection)  
 City of Seattle, WA (Seattle City Light, Seattle Utilities: Portable Works Collections)  
 City of Kent, WA (Portable Works Collection)  
 City of Shoreline, WA (Portable Works Collection)