

Hans Van de Bovenkamp

Renowned for his monumental abstract sculpture, Hans Van de Bovenkamp has been described as an artist-mystic, whose work — with its signature power, lyricism, and grand proportions — heightens the viewer's sense of imagination and discovery.

Hans is a Dutchman who immigrated to Canada in his youth, later studying at the University of Michigan. In the 1960s in New York he joined the avant-garde 10th Street art scene, becoming an adherent of Abstract Expressionism. After decades working in New York and New Paltz, he moved his studio to the Hamptons in 1990, where he created his own sculpture park. Over the past 50 years, Hans has earned an international reputation for his hundreds of unique commissioned sculptures and fountains, creating iconic landmarks which embody the spirit of their environment. His work can be seen in public, corporate, and private collections around the world.

“For me, making sculpture is both a spiritual and an artistic act. The studio is my playground, my laboratory, my sanctuary, where I practice and experiment with sculptural ideas. When I am working I am truly living in the present moment: focused and aware of choices as I make them, functioning in an elevated state between the conscious and the subconscious. Over time, I have been fortunate to gather together enough skill and vision to realize my ideas as they have come into my heart. Art for me is a way of life, not just a passion.”

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Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 Illinois Wesleyan University Campus
- 2013 Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
- 2013 Samuel Lynne Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 2011 Louis Meisel Gallery, New York, New York
- 2011 Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, New York
- 2008 Goldman Warehouse, Wynwood District, Florida
- 2007 Sculpturesite Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 2007 Basel Miami Art Fair, Goldman Warehouse, Miami, Florida
- 2007 Basel Miami Art Fair, Gary Nader Fine Art, Miami, FL
- 2006 Danubiana Meulensteen Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2005-06 Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, New Jersey
- 2003 Louis Meisel Gallery, New York, New York
- 2003 Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, New York
- 2003 Sagaponack Sculpture Fields, New York, New York
- 1996 Michener Museum, Doyles Town, Pennsylvania
- 1996 Camino Real Gallery, Boca Raton, Florida
- 1994 Quietude Gallery, East Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1993 Elaine Benson Gallery, Bridgehampton, New York
- 1992 Shidoni Contemporary Gallery, Tesuque, NM
- 1981 Tiffany's, New York, New York
- 1981 University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- 1979 Sculpture Center, New York, New York
- 1976 Brooklyn Borough Hall, New York, New York
- 1976 Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, New York
- 1970 Jacksonville Children's Museum, Jacksonville, Florida
- 1968 10 Downtown, New York, New York
- 1965 Glassboro State College, Glassboro, New Jersey
- 1963 New York University, New York, New York
- 1961 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2015 Two Sculptors on The Stroll
Vaadia and Van de Bovenkamp, Rockford, IL
- 2014 Philippe Staib Gallery, Taipei City, Taiwan
- 2014 Art Sarasota, Seafare, Sarasota, Florida
- 2013 Season of Sculpture, Sarasota Marine Park, Florida
- 2012 Mark Borghi Gallery, Bridgehampton, New York
- 2011 Art Fair, Shanghai, China
- 2011 Gary Nader, Miami, Florida
- 2010 Miami Sculpture Biennale, Miami, Florida
- 2009 Spanierman Gallery, East Hampton, NY
- 2009 ArtHampton, Bridgehampton, NY
- 2008 ArtHampton, Bridgehampton, NY
- 2007 40 Years of Central Park, Lincoln Center, NY, NY
- 2007 Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
- 2005 Sculpturesite Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2000-04 City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 2000-04 Arlene Bujese Gallery, East Hampton, New York
- 1996-11 Elena Zang, Woodstock, New York
- 1994-11 Cavalier Gallery, Greenwich, Connecticut
- 2003 Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, New York
- 1999-09 Shidoni Contemporary Gallery, Tesuque, NM
- 1999 Long Beach Museum, Long Beach, New Jersey
- 1996 Stamford Museum, Stamford, Connecticut
- 1988-91 Shidoni Contemporary Gallery, Tesuque, NM
- 1988 Chicago Art Fair, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois
- 1987 Hudson River Museum, Sculptors Guild, Yonkers, NY
- 1984 Molly Barnes Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1982 Oakland Museum, Oakland, California
- 1969-99 Elaine Benson Gallery, Bridgehampton, New York
- 1978 PS1 Contemporary Art Museum, Long Island City, NY
- 1978 Nassau County Art Museum, Roslyn Harbor, NY
- 1978 The United States Mission, New York, New York
- 1977 National Academy of Design, New York, New York
- 1976 American Institute of Arts & Letters, NY, NY
- 1973-76 Storm King Art Center, Cornwall, New York
- 1970 University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
- 1969 New York Sculptors Guild, Bryant Park, NY, NY
- 1968 Loeb Student Center, New York University, NY, NY
- 1968 Stamford Museum, Stamford, Connecticut
- 1964 Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas

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Selected Corporate Collections

- 2011 Louis Meisel, Watermill, New York
- 2009 Manhattan House, New York, New York
- 2005 Stamford, Connecticut (9 Fiddleheads)
- 2001 Corporate Business Park, Columbia, Maryland
- 1995 Litwin Building, Wall Street, New York, New York
- 1995 Goldman Properties, 110 Greene Street, NY, NY
- 1993 Mayer Collection, Denver, Colorado
- 1992 Hyatt Regency, Paris, France
- 1990 Marina Village, Alameda, California
- 1988 Amlri Realty Corporation, Chicago, Illinois
- 1986 Haverstraw Marina, Haverstraw, New York
- 1984 Christiania, Tarrytown, New York
- 1980 Litwin Building, 72nd & 2nd Ave., NY, NY
- 1977 Cargill, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1967 Gaslight Tower, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1966 Georgetown Plaza Building, New York, New York
- 1966 Levitt Headquarters, Lake Success, New York

Selected Major Commissions

- 1966 Mushroom Water Garden
Levitt Headquarters
Lake Success, NY
- 1984 Crescendo
Tarrytown, NY
- 1986 Mariner's Gateway
Haverstraw, NY
- 1988 Spring Mist
Itasca, IL
- 1991 Menos
Texas A & M University
- 2001 Trinity
Corporate Office Properties Columbia, MD
- 2005 Flight
R.J. Kirk Roanoke, VA
- 2007 Stella in the Wind
Bridgehampton, NY
- 2008 Green Thunder
Meisel Watermill, NY
- 2012 Long Island Sound Portal
Greenwich CT

Museum Collections

- Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, New Jersey
- Danubiana Meulensteen Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
- Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, Ohio
- Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, Florida
- Estate of Nelson Rockefeller, Kykuit, New York
- Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables, Florida
- Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio

Municipal Collections

- 2011 Jing'an Park, Shanghai, China
- 2001 City of Toledo, Ohio
- 1999 Mt. Sinai Hospital, Miami, Florida
- 1992 Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 1988 City of Ormond Beach, Florida
- 1988 City Hall, Voorhees, New Jersey
- 1983 State Capitol Plaza, Lansing, Michigan
- 1976 I-80 Nebraska Bicentennial, Sidney, Nebraska
- 1972 Jewish Institute for Geriatrics Care,
Lake Success, New York

University Collections

- City University of New York
- Staten Island Community College, New York, New York
- Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
- Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- Towson University Art Center, Towson, Maryland
- University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia

Awards

- 2003 Best Sculpture Award, Guild Hall
East Hampton, NY
- 1996-04 Listing, Who Is Who in American Art
- 1996 Sanctuary Design Competition
Omega Holistic Health Institute
Rhinebeck, New York
- 1976 American Institute Arts & Letters
New York, NY
- 1976 Nebraska Bicentennial Sculpture Competition
Sydney, Nebraska
- 1964 Emily Lowe Sculpture Award
New York, New York