

NICHOLAS FRANK

b. 1967, Milwaukee, WI

Lives and works in Milwaukee, WI

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2015-2016 *Post Self*, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Peregrine was great...*, Peregrine Projects. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 *The Secret Choreographer: For Lost Walls (After Bratsch & UB)* with NICHOLAS FRANK. Western Exhibitions. Chicago, IL
The Secret Choreographer: Atopical Band-aids (After Calabrese), The John Riepenhoff Experience at Pepin Moore Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Spiraling Jeté (Down), Lump Gallery, Raleigh, NC
Spiraling Jeté (Up), The Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2010 The Poor Farm, Manawa, WI
NARRATOR, The Green Gallery East, Milwaukee, WI
- 2009 *Reality, whatever that is*, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Kind of Abject*, Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2004 *Meeting the Suitabilians*, Suitable Gallery, Chicago, IL

A Few Snapshots From History, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2003 *Hermetic Radio Hour*, Bridge Online, Vol. 1, Issue 4 2000
Nicholas Frank: Biography, Riverwest Art Works, Milwaukee, WI
- 1998 *Nicholas Frank: Sculpture*, Wisconsin Academy Gallery, Madison, WI
Nicholas Frank, inova, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
(catalogue essay by David Robbins)
- 1996 *One on One Chicago*, Project Room, Chicago, IL

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2008 *Dead Center / Marginal Notes: Lockett & Hermetic*, curated by John Neff, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2006 *Peter Barrickman and Nicholas Frank*, Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *International Artist-in-Residence*, curated by Michelle Grabner, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *Wisconsin Triennial*. Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Madison, WI

Drawing, Broadly Speaking. Dean Jensen Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Kevin Maginnis, Spun. STUART & CO. GALLERY. Chicago, IL

- 2013-14 *A Study in Midwest Appropriation*, Curated by Michelle Grabner, Hyde Park Art Center.
- 2013 *19516 kilometers from Milwaukee or 12126 miles*, Misako & Rosen, Tokyo, Japan
- 2011 *Handler by John Riepenhoff*, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
People Don't Like to Read Art, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
Dressing the Monument, Lynden Sculpture Garden, River Hills, WI
WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD? ORIGINAL JOKES ABOUT THE SUBURBAN AND THE POOR FARM BY THE ARTISTS WHO HAVE EXHIBITED THERE. Yale University, School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2010 *Wisconsin Triennial.* Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Madison, WI
- 2009 *Picturing the Studio*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
The Great Poor Farm Experiment, The Poor Farm, Manawa, WI
Halbjahresgaben, Tanzschuleprojects, Munich, DE
Untitled (Field Work), O'Connor Art Gallery, Dominican University, River Forest, IL
- 2008 *200597214100022008*, Small A Projects, New York, NY
- 2006 *On Platforming*, Locust Projects, Miami, FL
_____ : a daisy chain of videos, Milwaukee Art Museum
Art, Faith and Social Justice, UWM, Marquette University, Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI
- 2005 *Art Chicago in the Park*, Western Exhibitions (booth), Chicago, IL
City Selections: Art from the Galleries, Chicago Tourism Center, Chicago, IL
- 2004 *Drunk vs Stoned*, Gavin Brown Enterprises' Passerby, New York, NY, organized by Scott and Tyson Reeder
Books and Shelves, Arts Center at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL
This Thing We Do, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
The Stray Show, (booth), Western Exhibitions (booth), Chicago, IL
- 2003 *Subject Index*, by Cindy Loehr, The Pond, Chicago, IL
Hysterical Pastoral, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL organized by John Neff
Nature Delivers: Urban Gardening and Beyond, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL
The Stray Show, Western Exhibitions (booth), Chicago, IL
- 2002 *Pretending to Pretend*, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN curated by Jo del Pesco,
- 2001 *Function/Nonfunction*, MIAD, Milwaukee, WI Curated by Mark Lawson
- 1999 *Wisconsin Triennial Exhibition*, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI
Big Muddy, Zolla Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1998 *No Budget Films from No Budget Galleries*, 57 Hope, Brooklyn, NY
The Harry Carey Show, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX Curated by Michelle Grabner and Brad Killam
- 1997 *Small Works*, Robert Clements Gallery, Portland, ME Curated by David Wells
10,000 Lincoln Cheese Logs, Wriston Art Center, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI, Curated by Nadine Wasserman, traveled to Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL & Carlton College, MN

New Wisconsin Photography II, Milwaukee Art Museum (catalogue) Curated by Tom Bamberger
Selected Works, Robert Clements Gallery, Portland, ME Curated by David Wells and Rosemary Frick

Pack 'Em In & Hang 'Em High!, Walkers Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI

- 1996 *Prep Gallery 16*, San Francisco, CA Organized by Griff Williams
Wisconsin Triennial Exhibition, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI
SPF 10, Walkers Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI. Curated by Brad Killam, Michelle Grabner, and Kent Mueller
ICED 3, International Recap Elvehjem Museum of Art, Madison, WI Organized by FIELDWORK
Hush, N.A.M.E. Gallery, Chicago, IL Curated by Robert Jacobs and Amy Theobald
- 1995 *Stationwagon*, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison, WI Curated by Brad Killam and Michelle Grabner
Generation X: New Art From Milwaukee, Milwaukee Art Museum (catalogue)
- 1991 *Wisconsin Artists Biennial*, Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

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- 2001 [New Art Examiner](#) Brad Killam, "Nicholas Frank: Biography"
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CURATORIAL

- 2016 Nicholas Frank Public Library: Evan Gruzis and Amy Granat. The Open, Milwaukee, WI
 2014 – current Curator-In-Residence at The Poor Farm. Little Wolf, WI. Programming included Assaf
 Evron, Nelly Agassi, Amikam Toren, Steve Wetzel, and Sara Caron. "Listening and Making
 Sounds," co-curated by Nicholas Frank and Molly Zuckerman-Hartung, includes Amy Yao, Kirsten
 Stoltmann, Poncili Creacion

COLLECTIONS

Alan Chasanoff Bookworks Collection, New York, NY
 Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee WI
 Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI

Pedro Velez, San Juan, PR
Anthony Elms, Chicago

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Nicholas Frank multidisciplinary art works, including painting, video, installation, photography, sound and artist books, are often presented within the framework of The Nicholas Frank Biography, a lifetime project detailing the history and historical significance of the output of the. Whether presented in museum-style surveys of past projects or as book pages, the “author” is unnamed, presumed by its third-person perspective to be other than Nicholas Frank. Book pages are presented singularly in frames or hand-bound, without benefit from the context given in the preceding and following pages.

Nicholas Frank is an artist, curator and writer residing in Milwaukee. He ran the Hermetic Gallery from 1993-2001; co-founded the Milwaukee International in 2006; programmed INOVA (Institute of Visual Arts) from 2006-2011; and is currently Curator-In-Residence at the Poor Farm. Recent solo projects include NADA New York with Green Gallery and Untitled Art Fair with Nathalie Karg (both 2013), Peregrine Program and Western Exhibitions (both Chicago, 2013), and dual solo exhibitions at Lump in Raleigh, NC and the Green Gallery in Milwaukee in 2012. His independent curatorial projects have been presented nationally and internationally and he recently opened a space in Milwaukee, The Open, to be used for a multitude of other’s creative activities as well as presenting his ongoing Nicholas Frank Public Library project. His critical writing has been published in Possible Press, NYFA.com, Sculpture, New Art Examiner, Purple, X-tra, Artpapers as well as a catalogue essay, “David Foster Wallace: Nicholas Frank speaks with Brooke Kanther”, for the *2014 Whitney Biennial*. He is represented by Western Exhibitions in Chicago and The Green Gallery in Milwaukee.