DEB SOKOLOW

b. 1974, Davis, California Lives and works in Chicago, Illinois

EDUCATION

2004 MFA, Sc	hool of the	Art Institute	of Chicago
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1996 BFA, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Deb Sokolow's archive of possibilities, curated by Kristin Korolowicz, The Stolbun Collection, Chicago, IL Conspiracies, Minimalism, and the Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich: An Artist Book Retrospective from Deb Sokolow. The Reading Room, Dallas, TX The Presidents (some of them). Reilly Gallery, Providence College Galleries, RI Deb Sokolow: Schematics, Surveillance, Murder, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2016 Men, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL Debate Stage Water Bottles, G Fine Arts, Washington, DC Deb Sokolow for Syntax Season, PrintText, Indianapolis, IN
- 2015 Mr. F, Ski Club, Milwaukee, WI
- 2014 All Your Vulnerabilities Will Be Assessed, The University Galleries, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
- 2013 Some concerns about the candidate / MATRIX 166, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2012 All Your Vulnerabilities Will Be Assessed, Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Notes on Denver International Airport and the New World Order, Abrons Art Center, New York, NY
 The Green Gallery West, Milwaukee, WI
 Drawings & Stories, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI
- 2010 Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Ground Level Projects: Deb Sokolow, Spertus Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2008 You are one step closer to learning the truth, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO *The trouble with people you don't know*, Inova [Institute of Visual Arts], Milwaukee, WI
- 2006 Secrets and Lies and More Lies, 40000, Chicago, IL Understanding Scarface, Polvo, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Someone tell Mayor Daley, the pirates are coming, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Manifesto : Art x Agency,* Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC *Conspiratorial Aesthetics*, Cressman Center for Visual Arts, Louisville, KY
- Vitrine, University Gallery, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
 Sign Sign Everywhere a Sign, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
 An Image for A Vessel, curated by Sharmyn Cruz Rivera. Gaylord and Dorothy Foundation, Chicago IL
 Declaration, curated by Stephanie Smith and Lisa Freiman, with Amber Esseiva, Johanna Plummer, and Lauren
 Ross. Institute for Contemporary Art, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2017 Unapologetic Drawing, Ralph Arnold Gallery, Loyola University Chicago Four Artists: Charlotte de Larminat, Josephine Messer, Cristina de Miguel and Deb Sokolow. Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY

Best American Comics 2017, South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN

The Unreliable Narrator, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID

The Presidential Library Project: Black Presidential Imaginary, curated by Ross Jordan, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

The Nothing That Is: a drawing show in five parts, curated by Matt Distel and Bill Thelen. The Carnegie, Covington, KY

History is boring, curated by Peter Skvara, The Mission, Chicago, IL

- Sapphire, Weinberg/Newton Gallery, Chicago, IL
 Century Safe. Roman Susan. Chicago, IL
 The End of Innocence, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT
 New American Paintings Midwest Edition, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
- 2015 Under the Guillotine, Center for Visual Art, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado The Nothing That Is: a drawing show in five parts, curated by Bill Thelen. CAM Raleigh, Raleigh, NC Occupational Therapy, curated by Kelly Shindler. Contemporary Art Museum. St. Louis, MO HA! HA! BUSINESS. Luis de Jesus, Los Angeles, CA. Drawing: Rachel Farbriaz, Lavar Munroe, and Deb Sokolow. G Fine Art, Washington DC. Ryan Travis Christian Presents 21st Century LOL's, Left Field, San Luis Obispo, CA. The world is mystical, dangerous, and delicious. Western Exhibitions, Chicago IL.
- Artadia 15th Anniversary Exhibition, Longhouse Projects, New York, NY
 ICA@50: Pleasing Artists and Publics Since 1963, Institute of Contemporary Art. Philadelphia, PA
 Linear Thinking: Selections from the Permanent Collection, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, AZ
 On Big Drawings, Curated by Friedhard Kiekeben, A+D Gallery, Columbia College Chicago, IL
- Agora, The 4th Annual Athens Bienniale, Athens, Greece
 Drawing Time, Reading Time, curated by Claire Gilman. The Drawing Center. New York
 At Work: Studio and Production as a Subject of Today's Art. Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Germany
 How I Wrote 'Elastic Man', Invisible-Exports, New York, NY
- Künstlerhaus Speckstrasse, Hamburg, Germany
 Twelve Galleries Project presents Quarterly Site #12: EPIC SOMETHING. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago,
 IL
 Big Reality, 319 Scholes, Brooklyn, NY, curated by Brian Droitcour

And She's Like, And He Goes. A+D Gallery, Columbia College Chicago

Artists tell stories (mostly about themselves), Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ Doomsday Film Festival Art Show, 92YTribeca, NY, New York CartoonInk!, Betty Rymer Gallery, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL People Don't Like to Read Art, Western Exhibitions, Chicago What Lies Beneath, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, LA Drawn to Disaster, Institute of Contemporary Art, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME in- and outside - writing, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium Terminal Jest, co-curated by Stamatina Gregory and Michael Hall, Delaware County College, Media, PA West, Wester, Westest, Part 2, curated by Ryan Travis Christian, FFDG, San Francisco, CA The Times Club, Iowa City, IA

- 2010 Production Site: The Artist's Studio Inside-Out, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL Party Crashers: Comic Book Culture Invades the Art World Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, Virginia Not Just Another Pretty Face, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Well Put Together II, Thomas McCormick Gallery, Chicago, IL3 Sonny Smith "100 Records", Gallery 16, San Francisco, CA Paper! Awesome!, Baer Ridgway Projects, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 Heartland, Smart Museum, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL Drawn/Draft/Depict, Irvine Valley College, Irvine, CA Sports!, Synchronicity, Los Angeles, CA they will not ruin us..., Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2008 Heartland, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands Grandma, Aftermodern, San Francisco, CA, traveled to Brooklyn Fire Proof, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 Mapping the Self, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL The Uncertainty Principle, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, DeKalb, IL The Adventurous Type, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Drawn into the World, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL Rudolph Projects, Houston, TX
- 2005 Drawn Out, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL Early Adopters, 3Arts Club, Chicago, IL
- 2004 Graduate Exhibition, SAIC Gallery 2, Chicago, IL

COMMISSIONS

- 2017 Institute of Contemporary Art, Virginia Commonwealth, Richmond, VA
- 2016 A Working Diagram of the Visual Arts Organizing Field, illustration for Art Journal
- 2011 Cover, spread for <u>Paletten Art Magazine</u> (Sweden), guest-edited by Maria Lind
- 2010 Creative Time. Online comic strip. April 2010 http://creativetime.org/comics/sokolow.html



Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago. *Production Site: The Artist's Studio Inside-Out* (commission for lobby)

2009 Chicago Public Schools

COLLECTIONS

Daniel Boone Fine and Performing Arts Magnet School, Chicago, IL

DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Joan Flasch Artists' Book Collection, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, Bloomington, Indiana

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ

Spertus Museum, Chicago, IL

Thomas J. Watson Library, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

University of Miami Special Collections, Coral Gables, Fl

University of Southern California

Stanford University Libraries

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT

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November 22, 2016

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<u>Louise & Maurice.</u> Cox. Erin. "REVIEW | The World is Mystical, Dangerous and Delicious." March 1, 2015 <u>Bad at Sports.</u> Blake, Kevin B. "The Nostalgia for Paradise is The Paradigm of Time." January 7, 2015

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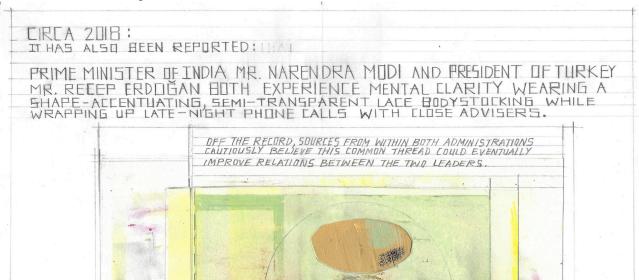
AWARDS, RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

- ARTADIA: The Fund for Art and Dialogue, Chicago grant cycle

 Residency, Nordisk Kunstnarsenter Dalsåsen, Norwegian Ministry Of Culture, Norway
- 2010 Residency, Art Omi, Ghent, NY Residency, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2009 Works-in-Progress Residency, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL Smart Museum Artist-in-Residence, Daniel Boone Fine and Performing Arts Magnet School, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Frankel Anderson Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center
- Visual Arts Fellowship, Illinois Arts Council
 Someone tell Mayor Daley, the pirates are coming, Performance, Marshall Field's store window, Chicago, IL

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Detail of Male Leaders of the World and their Soft, Sensuous Post-Dinner Loungewear Fabrics, 2018. Artist book, 9h x 6w x 1d in

Deb Sokolow's partially fictional, text-driven drawings and collages come from serious research and comical speculation into the details of shadowy histories, organizational brainwashing, the foibles of heads of state and the trope of the male genius. Recent topics include Frank Lloyd Wright's troubles with secretaries, an alternate career trajectory for would-be master illusionist David Copperfield, Kenneth Noland's uninhabited orgasms inside a Reichian Therapy box, and the CIA's failed assassination attempts on Castro. John Yau on Hyperallergic reviewed her 2016 solo show at Western Exhibitions; an excerpt:

Sokolow's interest in the well-known illusionist David Copperfield, who once made the Statue of Liberty briefly disappear, an act which purportedly interested Putin, reminds us that everything we see, especially in politics, may in fact be an illu sion, a form of deception, a cover-up – all of which appeals to anyone who has ever entertained a conspiracy theory. For all the deadpan humor running through Sokolow's work, along with a sharply attuned fascination with human foibles, one also senses her utter amazement: can people really be serious about these things? Are they really that important? If you find the answers disturbing, you are not alone.

Deb Sokolow is an artist and writer. Her work has been included in the 4th *Athens Biennale* in Greece and in other group exhibitions at The Drawing Center in New York; Museum für Gegenwartskunst Siegen in Germany; Van Abbemuseum in the Netherlands; and the Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia. Solo exhibitions include the Abrons Art Center in New York; Museum of Contemporary Art and Western Exhibitions in Chicago; Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City; Institute of Visual Arts in Milwaukee; and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, in which Sokolow's 2013 MATRIX exhibition, "Some Concerns About the Candidate," was reviewed in the New York Times. Her work has been reproduced for Creative Time's Comics project; for Swedish art magazine, *Paletten*; in Vitamin D2, a survey on contemporary drawing; and in a several page spread in the current issue of *BOMB Magazine*. Her work is in the permanent collections of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, DC; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago; Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, CT; Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art; Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction in Indiana; and the Thomas J Watson Library at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY. Sokolow is a recipient of an Artadia award and residencies at Art Omi and Nordic Artists' Centre in Norway. She received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2004. She is represented by Western Exhibitions and lives and works in Chicago.