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EDUCATION

MFA, 1972, Pratt Institute, New York
BFA, 1963, Pratt Institute, New York
Diploma, 1952, Cooper Union Art School, New York

SELECTED ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2024	Joan Semmel: An Other View, Xavier Hufkens, Brussels, Belgium
2023	Joan Semmel: Against the Wall, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2022	Joan Semmel: Skin in the Game, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
	Joan Semmel: Recent Work, Morán Morán, Mexico City, Mexico
2021	Joan Semmel: Skin in the Game, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
	Joan Semmel: A Balancing Act, Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY
	Joan Semmel: A Balancing Act, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2019	Joan Semmel: A Necessary Elaboration, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2016	Joan Semmel: New Work, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2015	Joan Semmel: Across Five Decades, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2013	Joan Semmel, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
	Joan Semmel–A Lucid Eye, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY
2011	Joan Semmel, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2003	Mitchell Algus Gallery, New York
2000	The Mannequin Series: Recent Work by Joan Semmel, Jersey City Museum, NJ
1999	Joan Semmel: Self Images, Mitchell Algus Gallery, New York
1998	Joan Semmel, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY

1993	Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York
	An Other View, Bypass Gallery, New York
1992	Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel, University Art Gallery, State University of New York, Albany, NY
	Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College,
	Saratoga Springs, NY
	Through the Object's Eye: Paintings by Joan Semmel, Tyler Art Gallery, State University of New York, Oswego, NY
	The Works of Joan Semmel, Newcomb Gallery, University of Virginia, Richmond, VA
1991	Selves: Joan Semmel, Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC
1989	Joan Semmel: Recent Work, East Hampton Center for Contemporary Art, East Hampton, NY
1987	A Selection, Gruenebaum Gallery, New York
1986	University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO
1984	Douglass College Women's Series, New Brunswick, NJ
	112 Greene Street, New York
1981	Douglass College Women's Series, New Brunswick, NJ
	Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York
1980	Joan Semmel, Sharadin Gallery, Kutztown State College, Kutztown, PA
	Joan Semmel, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA
	Joan Semmel, Myers Fine Arts Gallery, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, NY
1979	Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York
1978	Jorgensen Museum, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
	Joan Semmel: Recent Paintings, Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York
1977	Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York
	Joan Semmel: 1977, Pelham Von Stoffler Gallery, Houston, TX
1975	Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York
1973	141 Prince St. Gallery, New York
1969	Juana Mordo Gallery, Madrid
1968	Bonino Gallery, Buenos Aires, Argentina
	Museum of Plastic Arts, Montevideo, Uruguay
	Ateneo de Madrid, Spain
1966	Joan Semmel, Ateneo de Madrid, Spain

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 The Woman Question 1550-2025, Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, Poland Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR Sixties Surreal, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY Making Their Mark: Works from the Shah Garg Collection, Kemper Art Museum, Washington University in St. Louis, MO

Giant Women on New York, James Fuentes, New York, NY

Erotic City, Eric Firestone Gallery, New York, NY

Visions of the World, Museum Kampa, Prague, Czech Republic

Woman in a Rowboat, Olivia Foundation, Mexico City, Mexico

2024 Ordinary People: Photorealism and the Work of Art since 1968, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

Get in the Game: Arts, Sports, Culture, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA

Making Their Mark: Works from the Shah Garg Collection, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA

Mother Lode: Material and Memory, James Cohan, New York, NY

The Inside Out, Kunstmuseum Schloss Derneburg, Hall Art Foundation, Germany

2023 Making Their Mark: Works from the Shah Garg Collection, Shah Garg Foundation, New York, NY Can You See Me Now? Painting the Aging Body, Ryan Lee, New York, NY

Capturing the Moment, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Full and Pure: Body, Materiality, Gender, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX

It's Pablo-matic: Picasso According To Hannah Gadsby, Brooklyn Museum, NY

Hardcore, Sadie Coles HQ, London

2022 An Expanded Portrait: Works from the Permanent Collection, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY Dark Light: Realism in the Age of Post-Truths, Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon

Paintings in New York: 1971-83, Karma, New York, NY

HANGING/LEANING: Women Artists on Long Island, 1960s-80s, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY

Women Painting Women, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, TX

2021 La Reina Blanca, Museu d'Art Contemporani d'Eivissa, Ibiza, Spain and I will wear you in my heart of heart, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York

2020 i'm yours: Encounters with Art in Our Times, Institute of Contemporary Art Boston, MA

Never Done: 100 Years of Women in Politics and Beyond, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

ID: Formations of the Self, Shirley Fiterman Art Center, New York

Transitional Positions, Galerie St. Etienne, New York

2019 Women Artists on the Leading Edge: Celebrating Douglass College at 100, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ

Please Recall to Me Everything You Have Thought Of, Morán Morán, Los Angeles

Go Figure!, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY

Drawn Together Again, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York

A Woman Looking at Men Looking at Women, Muzeum Susch, Susch, Switzerland

2018 My Silences Had Not Protected Me, Fort Gansevoort, New York

	Super Bodies, Anita Shapolsky Gallery, New York
	Women.Now, Austrian Cultural Forum, New York
	Half the Picture: A Feminist Look at the Collection, Brooklyn Museum, NY
	Land & Sea & Sky, MM Fine Art, Southampton, NY
	IN THE CUT- The Male Body in Feminist Art, Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken, Germany
	Go Figure, Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
	Scenes from the Collection, The Jewish Museum, New York
2017	Aging Pride, Österreichische Galerie Belvedere, Vienna, Austria
	Secret Garden: A Group Exhibition, Untitled Space, New York
	Painting the Visible World: American Woman Realists, Bernaducci Meisel Gallery, New York
	Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros, curated by Eric Fischl, Hall Art Foundation, Reading, VT
2016	Olympia, Galerie Patrick Seguin, Paris
	Coming to Power-25 Years of Xplicit Art By Women, Maccarone Gallery, New York
	The Female Gaze, Part II: Women Look at Men, Cheim & Read Gallery, New York
	Skins: Body as Matter and Process, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York
	Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
	Black Sheep Feminism: The Art of Sexual Politics, Dallas Contemporary, TX
2015	Selfies and Portraits of the East End, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
2014	Robert Gober: The Heart is Not a Metaphor, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
	Femfolio, Gallery 112, Scripps College, Claremont, CA
	The Avant-Garde Collection, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA
	Expanding the Field of Painting, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
	Face Value: Portraiture in the Age of Abstraction, National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC
2013	Skin Trade, curated by Larry List and Martha Wilson, PPOW Gallery, New York
	Sie. Selbst. Nackt. Paula Modersohn-Becker Museum, Bremen, Germany
2012	History, Painting, Alexander Gray Associates at Art Basel Miami Beach, Art Kabinett, FL
	Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York
	Pairings: the Collection at 50, curated by Dan Cameron, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA
	Remix: A Fresh Look At Our Modern And Contemporary Art Collections, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
	Disrobed, Allan Stone Gallery, New York
2011	Glee, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles
	Teasers: Selected Works From the Pizzuti Collection by Women Artists, The Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
2010	Pavers, Schroeder, Romero & Shredder, New York
	Shifting The Gaze, The Jewish Museum, New York
	Looks Good on Paper, DFN Gallery, New York

	Real(ists), Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL
2009	Rebelle, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnhem, The Netherlands
	The Female Gaze, Cheim & Read, New York
	New Acquisitions, Guild Hall Museum, Easthampton, NY
2008	Solitaire: Lee Lozano, Sylvia Mangold Plimack, Joan Semmel, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH; Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2007	Wack!: Art and the Feminist Revolution, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; National Museum of Women in the Arts , Washington, DC; MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY; Vancouver Art Gallery, Canada
	Dangerous Beauty, The Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY; Palazzo Delle Arti, Naples, Italy
	<i>The Naked Portrait</i> , The National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland; Compton Verney, Warwickshire, England; American University Galleries, Washington, DC
	Singularity in the Communal Tide, Pierro Gallery, South Orange, NJ
	All The More Real: Portrayals of Intimacy and Empathy, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
	Aspects of Realism, Jason McCoy Gallery, New York
2006	America/America, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
	How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism: 1970-1975, Mason Gross School of the Arts Galleries, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
	Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary American Art, The National Academy Museum, New York
	Bearings: The Female Figure, P.S. 122, New York
	Splash, ACA Gallery, New York
	Why the Nude? Contemporary Approaches, The Art Student's League, New York
2005	Upstarts & Matriarchs, Mizel Arts Center, Denver, CO
2004	NYC, DFN Gallery, New York
2003	Woman On Woman, The White Box, New York, NY
	Counterparts: the Self-portraiture of Joan Semmel and John Coplans, The Berry Art Galleries, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ
	Through the Looking Glass: Women and Self-Representation in Contemporary Art, Palmer Museum of Art, University Park, PA
	Transgressive Women: Yayoi Kusama, Lee Lozano, Ana Mendieta, and Joan Semmel, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
2002	Personal and Political, Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
2001	Acquisitions 1999-2000, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
	To Be A Mirror, curated by Jonathan Lasker, Eugene Binder, Long Island City, NY
2000	The Figure: The Other Side of Modernism, curated by Lily Wei, Newhouse Center of Contemporary Art, Snug Harbor, NY
	International Armory Show, New York
	DFN Gallery, New York
	Five Artists, 31 Grand, Brooklyn, NY

1999	Anni Albers, Robert Beck, Cady Noland, Joan Semmel, Nancy Shaver, curated by Robert Gober, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York
	International Armory Show, New York
	Treatment: Women's Bodies, Dinnerware Gallery, Tucson, AZ
1997	Women, Women, Women: Artists, Objects, Icons, Greenville County Museum of Art, SC
1996	Sexual Politics, Armand Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
1994	New Jersey Arts Annual, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
1993	Coming to Power, David Zwirner Gallery, New York
	Songs of Retribution, Richard Anderson Gallery, New York
	Self-Portrait: The Changing Self, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, NJ
1992	Narrative Paintings, Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY
1991	Designing Women, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ
1990	At The Water's Edge, Tampa Museum of Art, FL; Nahan Contemporary, New York; Virginia Beach Center for the Arts, VA
	Gender and Representation, Zoller Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, University Park, PA
1989	Lines of Vision: Drawings by Contemporary Women, Hillwood Art Gallery, Long Island University, Brookville, NY; Blum Helman Gallery, Warehouse Space, New York; Murray State University, KY; Grand Rapids Art Museum, MI; University Art Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, TX; Richard F. Brush Gallery, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY; University of Oklahoma, Museum of Art, Norman, OK
	Drawings from the Figure, East Hampton Center for Contemporary Art, NY
1988	Contemporary Nudes, One Penn Plaza, New York
	Just Like A Woman, Greenville County Museum of Art, NC
1987	New York, New Venue, Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC
	Self-Portraits: The Message, The Material, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY; Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
1986	Guerilla Girls Exhibition, The Palladium, New York
1985	Variations On A Theme: Figurative Painting, Brainard Art Gallery, State University of New York, Potsdam, NY
	Contemporary Figure Drawing, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis
1984	The Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC
1983	Portraits, Concord Gallery, New York
	20 Outstanding Alumni, Pratt Invitational, New York
1982	The Erotic Art Show, Washington Women's Art Center, Washington, DC
1981	Heresies Benefit, Grey Art Gallery, New York University, NY
	Exchanges III, Henry Street Settlement, New York
1980	Thirty Years of American Figure Painting, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA
	Contemporary Naturalism, Nassau County Museum, Roslyn, NY
	Renderings of the Modern Woman, University of Hartford, CT

1979	Feministische Kunst Internationaal, Haags Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands De
	Oosterpoort, Groningen, The Netherlands; Noordbrabants Museum, Den Bosch, The
	Netherlands; De Vleeshal, Middelburg, The Netherlands; De Vest, Alkmaar, The Netherlands;
	De Beyerd, Breda, The Netherlands; Nijmeegs Museum, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
	New Acquisitions, Newport Beach Museum, CA
1978	Drawing Today-Aspects of Change, Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY
1977	Contemporary Women: Content and Consciousness, Brooklyn Museum, NY
	Nothing But Nudes, The Whitney Museum, Downtown Branch, New York
1976	A Patriotic Show, Lerner Heller Gallery, New York
1975	The Year of the Woman, Bronx County Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY
	Soho Visual Arts Center, New York
	A Change of View, Larry Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT
1974	Contemporary Reflections, Larry Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT
	Realisms, Douglas Drake Gallery, Kansas City, MO
1969	Concurso Nacional, Madrid
	Juana Mordo Gallery, Madrid
1966	Museum of Modern Art, Barcelona

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas, Austin, TX
Brooklyn Museum, NY
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
Dallas Museum of Art, TX
Douglass College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Greenville County Museum, SC
The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
The Jewish Museum, New York
The Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE

Museu d'art Contemporani d'Eivissa, Spain

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles

Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX

The Museum of Modern Art, New York

Museum of Plastic Arts, Montevideo, Uruguay

National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC

New Jersey State Museum of Art, Trenton, NJ

Olivia Foundation, CDMX, Mexico

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken, Germany State University of New York, Albany, NY Sweet Briar College Museum, Sweet Briar, VA Tate, London, United Kingdom Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

GRANTS / AWARDS

2014	Selected as a National Academician of the National Academy Museum
2013	Women Caucus for Art Lifetime Achievement Award
2008	Anonymous Was A Woman
1996	Richard Florsheim Art Fund Grant
1985	National Endowment for the Arts Grant
1985	Distinguished Alumnus Award, Cooper Union
1980	Yaddo Residency
1980	National Endowment for the Arts Grant
1977	Macdowell Colony Residency
1975	Educational Professional Development Act Grant
1975	Creative Artists Public Service Program Grant

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