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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**

- 2025 *Joan Semmel: In the Flesh*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
- 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  
*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, 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  
*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  
*The Works of Joan Semmel*, Newcomb Gallery, University of Virginia, Richmond

1991 *Selves: Joan Semmel*, Greenville County Museum of Art, SC

1989 *Joan Semmel: Recent Work*, East Hampton Center for Contemporary Art, 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, PA  
*Joan Semmel*, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA  
*Joan Semmel*, Myers Fine Arts Gallery, State University of New York, Plattsburgh

1979 Lerner-Heller Gallery, New York

1978 Jorgensen Museum, University of Connecticut, Storrs  
*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**

2026 *Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL  
*Gray! Art on Aging*, Museum van Bommel van Dam, Venlo, The Netherlands

2025 *The Woman Question 1550-2025*, Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, Poland  
*Flesh Flowers*, Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon  
*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, 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, France

*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, 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  
*The Naked Portrait*, The National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh; 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  
*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

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

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; Naharn 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; Richard F. Brush Gallery, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY; University of Oklahoma, Museum of Art, Norman  
*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  
*Contemporary Figure Drawing*, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, MN

1984 The Greenville County Museum of Art, 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, Netherlands; De Oosterpoort, Groningen, Netherlands; Noordbrabants Museum, Den Bosch, Netherlands; De Vleeshal, Middelburg, Netherlands; De Vest, Alkmaar, Netherlands; De Beyerd, Breda, Netherlands; Nijmeegs Museum, Nijmegen, 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, 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, Spain  
Juana Mordo Gallery, Madrid, Spain

1966 Museum of Modern Art, Barcelona, Spain

## **SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Art Institute of Chicago, IL  
Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas, Austin  
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, CA  
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  
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, 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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