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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, NJ112 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, ArgentinaMuseum of Plastic Arts, Montevideo, UruguayAteneo de Madrid, Spain
- 1966 Joan Semmel, Ateneo de Madrid, Spain

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Making Their Mark: Works from the Shah Garg Collection, Kemper Art Museum, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
 Woman in a Rowboat, Olivia Foundation, Mexico City, Mexico

- 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
- 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 The Naked Portrait, 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 Woman On Woman, The White Box, New York, NY 2003 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 York20 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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