

Doug Fogelson Artist's Statement

The Witness

The Witness is a recent series of color photograms created over multiple exposures onto a single sheet of film as stacked glass objects are re/arranged.

Various potential interpretations of "witnessing" are signified beginning with the circular nature of the images referencing the iris and pupil of an eye. Light-sensitive film records, and therefore "witnesses", the accumulated exposures onto its singular flat surface. Once developed, an image contains multiple moments extending the typical duration of a photograph into a kind of temporal collage.

As metaphor this series can imply a different kind of "witnessing" or perhaps the self-awareness one may experience during altered states of consciousness. "Seeing yourself sensing" or "separating one's self from the story" are ways to describe cognition of thoughts, feelings, or even visual sensations. Some of the photograms in this series are similar to visualizations I have had while practicing pranayama or meditation.

Aside from any metaphysical states, a "character", "eye", or "expert" witness can be used to testify in legal proceedings. The presence of an "observer" or witness itself as a factor cannot be entirely separated from causing some degree of impact, quantum mechanics experiments question "objective" reality itself as a debatable concept— and yet observational data forms the foundation for so many bodies of knowledge we rely on. Regardless, the images in this series have been created by a blend of multiplicity, chance, and light in equal measure to my agency in the process.

Biography

Doug Fogelson studied at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Columbia College Chicago. His works are exhibited with esteemed galleries and museums and included in collections such as The J. Paul Getty Center, Los Angeles; The Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago; Center for Creative Photography, Tucson and Staatliche Museum für Fotografie, Berlin. Fogelson has been recognized by The Brooklyn Rail, Photo District News, and AfterImage among others. Aside from creating art Doug founded and directed Front Forty Press, an independent arts focused publishing imprint, taught in the Photography Department of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and currently serves as President of the Board for Filter Photo.

Doug Fogelson

Resume

Born 1970

Lives and works in Chicago

Education

1994 Bachelor of Fine Art / School of the Art Institute of Chicago

1992 Photography Studies / Columbia College Chicago

Solo & Two-Person Exhibitions

2023

Bert Green Fine Art / The Witness / Chicago, IL

2021

Indiana University Northwest School of the Arts / Reverb / Gary, IN

2020

Bert Green Fine Art / Dissolution / Chicago, IL

2019

Klompching Gallery / Anthem / Brooklyn, NY

Klompching Gallery / On Plane View: Doug Fogelson & Max de Esteban / Brooklyn, NY

2018

SFO Museum / Chemical Alterations / San Francisco, CA

Alpineum Produzentengalerie / Doug Fogelson / Luzern, CH

2017

Goethe Institute / A Little Piece of Bauhaus: Forms & Records / Chicago, IL

2016

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods / On Climate / Riverwoods, IL

Sasha Wolf Gallery / Creative Destruction / New York City, NY

2015

Linda Warren Projects / The Broken Cabinet / Chicago, IL

La Luz De Jesus / Broken Cabinet / Los Angeles, CA

2014

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts / What Is Left Unspoken / Michigan City, IN

2013

Delta Institute / Selections from "Exit Eden" / Chicago, IL

2012

Linda Warren Projects / Potpourri / Chicago, IL

Walnut Ink / Momenti / Michigan City, IN

Royale Projects / Masters, Edits, and Cuts / Palm Desert, CA

City Gallery at the Historic Water Tower / Exit Eden / Chicago, IL

Quintenz & Co. / Exit Eden /

2011

Casati Gallery / Momenti / Chicago, IL

2010

Quintenz & Co. / Up & Down: Recent Topographies / Aspen, CO

Heaven Gallery / Neon Wilderness Redux / Chicago, IL

Studio 1020 / Salt Room (Winter on the Moon) / Chicago, IL

Pagoda Red / Sakura / Chicago, IL

Chicago Urban Art Society / Field Work / Chicago, IL

2008

Harper College / Doug Fogelson: Studies / Palatine, IL

Hejfina / Camouflage and Biosemiotics / Chicago, IL

Edenhurst / Doug Fogelson: A Survey / Palm Desert, CA
2007
Elmhurst Art Museum / Etheria / Elmhurst, IL
Gallery 414 / Doug Fogelson: Photographs / Fredericksburg, TX
2006
Kraft Lieberman Gallery / Cush / Chicago, IL
2005
Kraft Lieberman Gallery / Intersections / Chicago, IL

Group Exhibitions

2022
University of Michigan Museum of Art / Watershed / Ann Arbor, MI
Museum of Contemporary Photography / Beyond the Frame / Chicago, IL
Klompching Gallery / Land Revisited / Brooklyn, NY
2021
Lubeznik Center for the Arts / Nature Now / Michigan City, IN
Think About Water / Think About Water Exhibition / Online VR (Curator)
Bert Green Fine Art / Group Show / Chicago, IL
2020
Royal Geographic Society / Earth Photo 2020 / London, UK (October 2020)
Catherine Edelman Gallery / Photography & ____ / Chicago, IL
Klompching Gallery / Winter Works / Brooklyn, NY
2019
Firecat Projects / Positive Slope – CPSLives / Chicago, IL
Kunsthalle Darmstadt / Bauhaus und die Fotografie / Darmstadt, Germany
Museum Für Fotografie / Bauhaus and Photography / Berlin, Germany
Para Foundation / Metric 1:50 / Berlin, Germany
2018
Bauhaus und die Fotografie / NRW Forum / Düsseldorf, Germany
Humble Arts Foundation / New Psychedelics / Seattle, WA
Schneider Gallery / Experimental Approaches: Part II / Chicago, IL
Perspective Gallery / Shadow Fixation / Evanston, IL
The Arts Club of Chicago / 88th Annual Members Exhibition / Chicago, IL
Griffin Museum of Photography / Tree Talk / Boston, MA
2017
Bauhaus Archiv Museum / New Bauhaus Chicago: Experiment Photography and Film / Berlin, Germany
Hyde Park Art Center / Open Land Art & Fact Team (O.L.A.F.T.) / Hyde Park, IL
Museum of Contemporary Photography / re:collection / Chicago, IL
Perspectives Gallery / Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design / Milwaukee, WI
Art for Water / Sotheby's - Waterkeeper Alliance Auction / New York City, NY
Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art / Water, Rain, and Fog / Midland, MI
Photo LA / Focus Photo LA / Los Angeles, CA
2016
Richard Levy Gallery / Camera-less / Albuquerque, NM
University of NM: Hemera Collective / Workshop of Light & Color: Legacy of the New Bauhaus / Taos, NM
The Arts Club of Chicago / 87th Annual Members Exhibition / Chicago, IL
2015
Elmhurst Art Museum / Chicago Statements / Elmhurst, IL
Miami Project / Sasha Wolf Gallery / Miami, FL
Linda Warren Projects / Roots / Chicago, IL
Minotaur Projects / The Duck Show L.A. / Los Angeles, CA

Water After Borders / Water in Art / Chicago, IL
Joseph Glimer Gallery / Chicago Angels Project / Chicago, IL
Wheaton College Photography Biennial / Framing Photography / Norton, MA
The Art Center / Meditative Surfaces / Highland Park, IL
2014
Kasher/Potamkin / Intangible Beauty / New York City, NY
Kasher/Potamkin / Miami Project / Miami, FL
Chicago Cultural Center / 35 Years of Public Art / Chicago, IL
The Arts Club of Chicago / 86th Annual Members Exhibition / Chicago, IL
2013
Johalla Projects / Argus Organic Visual Archive / Chicago, IL
La Luz De Jesus / The Bus: 29 Hooligans from Chitown/ Los Angeles, CA
Sullivan Galleries / ArtWork 6 / Chicago, IL
2012
Matthew Marks Gallery / Art for Water / New York City, NY
Museum Belvedere / Terra Cognita: Nooderlicht Photofestival / Heerenveen, Netherlands
2011
Chicago Cultural Center / Write Now: Artists & Letterforms / Chicago, IL
Walnut Ink / ReConstruct / Michigan City, IN
Believe Inn / Uplift / Chicago, IL
Firecat Projects / Verge Art Fair / Brooklyn, NY
2010
James Hotel / MixArt curated by Monique Meloche Gallery / Chicago, IL
Pavilion / Compositions in Black, White, and Grey / Chicago, IL
Walnut Ink / Inaugural Show / Michigan City, IN
KEPCO Art Center / [prak-sis] Seoul Exhibition / Seoul, Korea
2009
Hyde Park Art Center / Signs of the Apocalypse/Rapture (Curator) / Hyde Park, IL
2008
Marlborough Chelsea / Summer Exhibition / New York City, NY
The Green Living Show / Art of Nature / Toronto, Canada
2007
New Life Shop / Urban Space / Berlin, Germany
Victoria Price Gallery / First Blooms: Dialogues in Exuberance / Santa Fe, NM
Devening Projects / Go Between / Chicago, IL
2006
Palm Springs Art Museum / New Acquisitions / Palm Springs, CA
Superfantastic Art Show / CLAP / Porto, Portugal
2005
Walker Art Center / Some Assembly Required / Minneapolis, MN
Arnot Art Museum / Re-presenting Representation VII / Elmira, N
Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs / City Selections / Chicago, IL
2004
Zolla Lieberman Gallery / Frozen In Light / Chicago, IL
Judith Racht Gallery / Art from Flo / Harbert, MI
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago / Exhibition of American Art / Chicago, IL
LBI Foundation / 2004 National juried Competition / Loveladies, NJ

Select Collections

Aon Corporation
Center for Creative Photography

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Credit Suisse
The Cleveland Clinic
Deloitte
Eaton Corporation
Elmhurst Art Museum
J. Paul Getty Center Museum
Joan Flasch Artists Book Collection
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
McCormick Place West Convention Center
Museum of Contemporary Photography
Museum Für Fotografie Berlin
Palm Springs Art Museum
The Ritz Carlton
Thomson Corporation

Honors/Commissions/Residencies

2018 Photolucida Critical Mass Top 200
2018 Alpenium Produzentengalerie Artist-in-Residence Lucerne, Switzerland
2018 Geste Paris -Series Shortlist
2017 Photo L.A. - Focus Photo L.A.
2016 Museum of Contemporary Photography – Midwest Photographers Project
2015 Openlands Artist-in-Residence 2015-2016
2015 Creative Quarterly Journal CQ37 Fine Art Winner
2014 ArtSlant Showcase #6 Selection in Photography
2014 Chicago Transit Authority Permanent Commission 69th St. Station
2013 Museum of Contemporary Photography – Midwest Photographers Project
2013 The Violet Hour Mural
2011 Latin School of Chicago Science Center Commission
2008 Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs Daley Plaza Commission
2007 International Center Exhibition – Fotoseptiembre in San Antonio, TX
2007 PS1 MoMA: Fine Print Alternative Media
2006 Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs Permanent Commission at Wicker Park Public Library
2005 The McCormick Place Center West Public Art Commission
2004 Marshall Frankel Foundation Chicago Artists Grant Award
2002 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Residency with James Watson Long Island, NY
2001 Photo District News Magazine “30 Under Thirty” Photographers

Select Publications

Antennae #40 / Summer 2017
Creative Quarterly 100 Best of 2015 / Spring 2016
Harper’s Magazine / July 2015
Buddhadharma Magazine / May 2014
Orion Magazine / September 2013
Terracognita / Noorderlicht / 2012
AJP Perspectives / Fall 2012
New York: A Photographer’s City / Rizzoli / 2011
Shambala Sun Magazine / September 2011
The Open Daybook / Mark Batty Publisher / 2010
The Time After / Front Forty Press / 2009
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Select Press

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