

JOHN SONSINI (b. 1950, Rome, NY) received his Bachelor of Arts from the California State University, Northridge in Northridge, CA.

He has been the subject of recent solo exhibitions at Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA; Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; Art, Design & Architecture Museum, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA; Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA; Emerson Gallery, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY; and the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

Sonsini has been included in group exhibitions at numerous institutions including the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.; The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, among others.

His work may be found in the collections of The Broad Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Fundación AMMA, Mexico City, Mexico; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA; Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; and elsewhere.

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EDUCATION

1975 BA, California State University, Northridge, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 "Still Life Stories," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 "Watercolors," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 "Cowboy Stories & New Paintings," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
- "A Day's Labor: Portraits by John Sonsini," Art, Design & Architecture Museum, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2018 "Daywork: Portraits," Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
- 2016 Ameringer | McEnergy | Yohe, New York, NY
- 2015 Patrick Painter Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 "John Sonsini: New Paintings," Bentley Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012 "John Sonsini: Paintings," Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
- "John Sonsini: New Paintings," Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2011 "Los Vaqueros," James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- "John Sonsini: Men," Emerson Gallery, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
- 2010 "Broad Reminders: The Paintings of John Sonsini," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- "Portraits from Los Angeles," Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Utah State University, Logan, UT
- 2008 "New Paintings," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 "John Sonsini: Paintings and Drawings," Atkinson Gallery, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA
- Cheim & Read, New York, NY
- 2006 "New Paintings," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 Anthony Grant Gallery, New York, NY
- "Cerca Series: John Sonsini," Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA
- 2003 "Portraits," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2000 "Gabriel," ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 "Gabriel: New Paintings," Dan Bernier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 "John Sonsini: New Photographs," David Aden Gallery, Venice, CA
- 1997 "Photographs of John Sonsini," Tom of Finland Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

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- 1995 Dan Bernier Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1986 Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1983 Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1982 Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 "Faces and Figures: Recent Acquisitions," The Hudson River Museum of Art, Yonkers, NY
"a field of bloom and hum," Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2024 "All Bangers, All The Time: 25th Anniversary Exhibition," Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
"Guerrero - Sonsini," Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
"To Move Toward the Limits of the Living: LGBTQ+ Works from the Collection," Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA
"Unfinished," Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art, Fullerton, CA
- 2023 "Perpetual Portrait," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 "Order / Reorder: Experiments with Collections," Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY
"Where Words Falter: Art and Empathy," Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
"Some People," Cheim & Read, New York, NY
- 2021 "Art and Hope at the End of the Tunnel" (curated by Edward Goldman), USC Fisher Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 "Really" (curated by Inka Essenhigh & Ryan McGinness), Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
"20 Years," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 "The Warmth of Other Suns: Stories of Global Displacement," The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
"Collecting on the Edge," Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Utah State University, Logan, UT
- 2018 "Belief in Giants," Miles McEnergy Gallery, New York, NY
"Modern and Contemporary," Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
"From the Collection of Karen & Robert Duncan," The Assemblage, Lincoln, NE
- 2017 "The Sweat of Their Face: Portraying American Workers," National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.
"¡Cuidado! - The Help," Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2016 "Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
"Us is Them," Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
- 2015 "Human Touch: Selections from the RBC Wealth Management Collection," Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY
- 2014 "The Triumph of Love: Beth Rudin DeWoody Collects," Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
"Who we are: Selections from the Collection of Karen & Robert Duncan," Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum, Clarinda, IA
"Concrete Infinity, Selections from the Permanent Collection," Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 "Art of the West," Autry National Center of the American West, Los Angeles, CA
"The Human Touch: Selections from the RBC Wealth Management Art Collection," Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ
"Mr & Mrs," James Salomon Contemporary, New York, NY
- 2012 "Body Language," Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA
"All I Want is a Picture," Angles Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
"1960 to the Present: Selections from The Permanent Collection," San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 Tobey C. Moss Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

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- “Works of Paper,” ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- “Mise-en-Scène,” Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2010 “Personal Identities: Contemporary Portraits,” Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA
- “Private Display,” New York Academy of Art, New York, NY
- “Disquieted,” Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
- “Think Pink,” Gavklak Gallery, Palm Beach, FL
- “The Human Touch,” Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE
- 2009 “Posture,” Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- “With You I Want to Live,” Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2008 “The Sum of Its Parts,” Cheim & Read, New York, NY
- “Other People,” Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 “Selected Paintings - Los Angeles,” Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA
- “Twice Drawn,” Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- “Art on Paper,” Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC
- 2005 “Plip, Plip, Plipity,” Richard Telles Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 “Rogelio” (curated by JoAnne Northrup), Installation painting, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
- “About Painting,” Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
- “Singing My Song,” ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- “SPF, Self-Portraits,” Angles Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2003 “ACME. @ Inman,” Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- “intimates,” Angles Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2002 “L.A. Post Cool,” San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
- “nude + narrative,” P.P.O.W., New York, NY
- “Representing L.A.,” Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2001 “Made in California: Art, Image, and Identity 1900-2000,” Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 “Portraits from L.A.,” Robert V. Fullerton Museum, California State University, San Bernardino, CA
- “Painting: Fore and Aft,” ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- Mark Moore Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 “Photographs,” David Aden Gallery, Venice, CA
- “Examining Sexuality,” Marc Arranaga, Los Angeles, CA
- 1997 “Private Reserve,” Photo Impact Gallery, Hollywood, CA
- 1996 Rosamund Felson Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1994 “L.A. Nude,” Photo Impact Gallery, Hollywood, CA
- “LAX: The L.A. Biennial,” Otis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 “Contemporary Figure” (curated by Peter Frank), Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA
- 1991 “L.A. Nude,” Photo Impact Gallery, Hollywood, CA
- 1990 “Feminine/Masculine,” Christopher John Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- “Time,” Marc Richards Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- “Humans Being,” Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1986 “Issues,” Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1985 “Contemporary Monotypes,” Security Pacific Plaza, Los Angeles, CA

Miles McEnery Gallery

- “Paintings/Invitational Candidate Exhibition,” American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
- “Perspectives,” California State University Northridge, Northridge, CA
- 1984 “Pastels,” Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- “Seventeen Self Portraits,” Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA
- “No Finish Line,” Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- “From Los Angeles,” Eason Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 1983 “Figure Fascination,” Jan Baum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- “Monoprints from Angeles Press,” Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1982 “Domestic Relations,” Newspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- “Four L.A. Painters,” American Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

SELECT COLLECTIONS

Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA

Art, Design & Architecture Museum, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Autory Museum of the American West, Los Angeles, CA

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL

The Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX

The Broad Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York, NY

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Fundación AMMA, Mexico City, Mexico

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA

Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

Mulvane Art Museum, Washburn University, Topeka, KS

Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS

Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Utah State University, Logan, UT

Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA

Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY

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Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Pagel, David, *John Sonsini: Broad Reminders*, Santa Fe, NM: Radius Books.
- 2022 *John Sonsini*, New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.
- 2019 Heilich, Marie, Paul Loya, *John Sonsini*, New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.
- 2018 Loya, Paul, John Sonsini, *John Sonsini, Daywork: Portraits*, Long Beach, CA: Long Beach Museum of Art.
- 2016 Berry, Ian, Jeffrey D. Grove, Allan M. Jalon, *John Sonsini*, New York: Ameringer | McEnery | Yohe.
- 2010 Wood, Eve, *John Sonsini*, Los Angeles: ACME.
Duncan, Michael, *Portraits from Los Angeles*, Logan, UT: Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art at Utah State University.
- 2009 Lippman, Irvin M., *The Collection of Gordon Locksley & George Shea*, Fort Lauderdale, FL: Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale.
- 2008 Dini, Jane, *The Male Portraits of John Sonsini*, Santa Barbara, CA: Santa Barbara City College.
- 2007 Grove, Jeffrey D., *John Sonsini*, New York: Cheim & Read.
- 2005 Berry, Ian, *John Sonsini: New Paintings*, New York: Anthony Grant Inc.
- 2001 Leddick, David, *Male Nude Now*, New York: Taschen.
Made in California: Art, Image, Identity 1900-2000, Los Angeles: Los Angeles County Museum of Art.
- 2000 Fuglie, Gordon L., *Representing LA; Pictorial Currents in Southern California Art*, Seattle, WA: Frye Art Museum.
- 1999 Ianco-Starrels, Josine, *Portraits From L.A.*, San Bernardino, CA: Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art.
- 1998 Lucie-Smith, Edward, *Adam: The Male Figure In Art*, New York: Rizzoli.
Leddick, David, *The Male Nude - 100 Year History*, New York: Taschen.

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- 2022 Stone, Marrie, "Francis De Erdely's Striking Figures strikes a resonant chord at the Laguna Art Museum," *Stu News Laguna*, 30 June.
- 2021 Teicholz, Tom, "Edward Goldman's Own 'Made In LA'— Pandemic Version," *Forbes*, 19 October.
Moldan, Tessa, "Expo Chgo Online: Six Artwork Highlights," *Oculus*, 1 April.
- 2020 Stamberg, Susan, "Artist Says His Portraits Of Day Laborers Are Paintings—Not Statements," *NPR Morning Edition*, 13 February.
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Wood, Eva, "A Man's History As Passing Shadow in John Sonsini's 'Cowboy Stories & New Paintings,'" *Riot Material*, 20 January.
- 2019 Cameron, Dan, "Affirming the humanity of individual conscripts, Sonsini's paintings lead the way," *The Brooklyn Rail*, May.
- 2017 Foster, Grace Aldridge, "A history of labor in America, as seen through the faces of its workers," *Smithsonian Insider*, 7 December.
- 2013 Gonzalez, Daniel, "Painter John Sonsini's Works Portray Quiet Dignity of Day Laborers," *The Republic*, 26 March.
- 2012 Zastudil, Nancy, "John Sonsini: Men at Work," *Arts+Culture Magazine Houston*, February.

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- “John Sonsini’s Expressionist Portraits of Latino Laborers,” Huffington Post, January.
- 2011 Zevitas, Steven, “10 Must-See Painting Shows In The US: Summer Heat Edition,” Huffington Post, July.
McGraw, Kate, “Intense Portraits,” Albuquerque Journal, 25 June.
Tiche, Rachel, “Arts & Entertainment,” The Spectator, January.
Paris, Candice M., Rome Observer, February.
White, Roger, “Get Real,” Modern Painters, February: 55.
- 2010 Rodriguez, Frank, “The Remarkable Men of John Sonsini,” Artillery, Nov/Dec: 26-30.
Pagel, David, “Partly Visible Stories,” Los Angeles Times, 2 July: D19.
- 2009 Rubin, Edward, “With You I Want to Live,” D’art International, Fall.
Trelles, Emma, “Locksley-Shea Collection at Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale,” September.
Bradner, Liesl, “Quite a Crowd,” Los Angeles Times, 4 January: F2.
- 2008 Pagel, David, “Day Laborers in a New Line of Work,” Los Angeles Times, 9 May: E17.
Wood, Eve, “John Sonsini at ACME,” Artillery, July/August.
- 2007 Biel, Kim, “John Sonsini,” Art Ltd., West Coast Art & Design, September.
Woodard, Josef, “John Sonsini at Atkinson Gallery,” Santa Barbara Seasons, Fall: 74-79.
- 2006 Wood, Eve, “John Sonsini,” artUS, March-April.
- 2005 Duncan, Michael, “The Faces of Work,” Art in America, December: 124-127.
Jalon, Allan, “Out of the Shadows,” Los Angeles Times, 24 July: E27, E34.
Pincus, Robert L., “Face Time,” San Diego Union Tribune, 31 March.
Johnson, Ken, “John Sonsini at Anthony Grant,” The New York Times, 25 March: B29.
- 2003 Pagel, David, “Family, friends, other ‘Intimates,’” Los Angeles Times, 29 August: E18-19.
- 2002 Goldman, Edward, “Art Talk,” KCRW 89.9 FM, September.
Cooper, Bernard, “In the Raw,” Los Angeles Magazine, December: 124-128.
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- 2000 Goldman, Edward, “Art Talk,” KCRW 89.9 FM, July.
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- 1999 Duncan, Michael, “L.A. Portraiture: Post Cool,” Art in America, October.
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- 1996 Duncan, Michael, “John Sonsini at Dan Bernier,” Art in America, March.
- 1995 Muchnic, Suzanne, “John Sonsini,” ARTnews, April.
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Knight, Christopher, "Monoprints from Angeles Press," L.A. Herald Examiner, May.
- 1982 Tuchman, Mitch, "John Sonsini: New Paintings," LA Weekly, September.
Muchnic, Suzanne, "John Sonsini," Los Angeles Times, September.
Muchnic, Suzanne, "Domestic Relation," Los Angeles Times, June.
Drohojowska, Hunter, "Four L.A. Painters," LA Weekly, April.

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