

Matthias Merkel Hess

Born 1978 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Education

- 2010 MFA, University of California Los Angeles
- 2003-2006 Post baccalaureate studies in art, Pasadena City College and California State University, Long Beach
- 2002 BS in journalism, BA in environmental science, The University of Kansas

Exhibitions

- 2010 *WET PAINT 2: Nine Young LA Artists*, Steve Turner Contemporary, Los Angeles
Fine Art (626) 394-3963, 18th Street Arts Center Project Room, Santa Monica
Art MFA Exhibition #1, New Wight Gallery, University of California Los Angeles
Inaugural Group Show, Neon Gallery, California State University, Long Beach Graduate Sculpture Studios
- 2009 *MFA 2010 Group Exhibition*, New Wight Gallery, University of California Los Angeles
Greater LA MFA Exhibition, California State University, Long Beach
College Art Association Los Angeles MFA Exhibition, curated by Alex Klein, University of Southern California Roski Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2008 *Greater LA MFA Exhibition*, California State University, Long Beach
- 2006 *Insights 2006: The Annual Student Art Exhibition*, University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach
- 2005 *Scholarship Show*, Pasadena City College Gallery, Pasadena
- 2004 *kilnopening.edu*, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona

Curatorial Projects

- 2008 *Wight Biennial: Group Effort, Collaboration as Form and Process*, New Wight Gallery, University of California Los Angeles, co-curator with Jennifer Gradecki, Alexandro Segade and Wu Ingrid Tsang

Awards

- 2009 Elaine Krown Klein Scholarship, University of California Los Angeles
Matthias Denny Scholarship, University of California Los Angeles
Hoyt Scholarship, University of California Los Angeles
- 2008 Hyman Eugene Oxman Scholarship, University of California Los Angeles
- 2007 Laura Andreson Ceramics Scholarship, University of California Los Angeles
- 2006 Fine Arts Affiliates Scholarship, California State University, Long Beach
- 2005 Art Department Scholarship, Pasadena City College