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Kenny Scharf

Biography

Born 1958 in Los Angeles, CA, US
Currently lives and works in Los Angeles, CA, US

Education

1980
Bachelor of Fine Arts, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, US

Solo Exhibitions

2026
'Emotional', Hubei Museum of Art, Wuhan, China
Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain

2025
'Jungle Jungle Jungle', Almine Rech, Brussels, Belgium
'Emotional', Modern Art Museum (MAM), Shanghai, China

2024
'Kenny Scharf', The Brant Foundation, New York, NY, US

2023
'Tout Suite', Almine Rech, Paris, France

2021
'Earth', Almine Rech, Shanghai, China
'Phlatscreenz TVOD', Honor Fraser Gallery, Aspen, CO, US
'Vaxi Nation', Almine Rech, Paris, France

2020
'Dystopian Painting', Almine Rech, New York, NY, US
'Moodz', Jeffrey Deitch, Miami, FL, US
'Moodz', Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA, US

2019
'Optimistically Melting', Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Anxiously Optimistic', Baik Gallery, Seoul, Korea
'Universalis', La Nave Salinas, Ibiza, Spain
'Blue Blood', Totah, New York, NY, US
'Viva Lo Vivo', After & Again, Mexico City, Mexico

2018
'Super Pop Universe', Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
'Inner and Outer Space', Lelia Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE
'Scharftopia The Far Out World of Kenny Scharf', Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, US
'Kenny Scharf', David Klein Gallery, Detroit, MI, US
'Paradis Perdu', Galerie Enrico Navarra, Paris, France

2017
'Blox and Bax', Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Inner and Outer Space', Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY, US

2016
'Kenny Scharf', Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY, US

2015
'Born Again', Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'SCHOW', Frederic Snitzer Gallery, Miami, FL, US

2014
'Pace Face', Pace Prints, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Colette, Paris, France

2013
'Kolors', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Amerikulture', Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY, US

2012
'Hodgepodge', The Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

2011
'Naturafutura', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US

2009
'Barberadise', Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

2008
'Superdeluxa', Waddington Gallery, London, UK
'80's Back', Seomi & Tuus, Seoul, Korea

2007
'NEW!', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US

2006
'Astro Cumulo Nibus Uber Express', Raleigh Hotel Art Basel, Miami Beach, FL, US

2005
'Superpop', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Outer Limits', Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, US

2004
'Groovenian Drawings', Kantor Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Schablobz', Kenny Schachter/Rove, New York, NY, US
'California Grown', Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA, US
'Face Value', Kevin Bruk Gallery, Miami Beach, FL, US

2003
'Nightlight', Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, US
'Paintings 1990-1997', Cotthem Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2002
'Muted', Chac Mool Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

2001
'Car Nation', UC Fullerton Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA, US
'Portraits', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Hollywood Stars', Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA, US

2000
Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA, US
'Small Paintings & Bronzes', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Closet # 18', Young at Art Children's Museum, Davie, FL, US

1999
'Heads, Small Paintings and Closet # 16', Galerie Hans Mayer, Berlin, Germany
'New Sculpture', PICA - Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland, OR, US
'Heads and Small Paintings', Galerie Hans Mayer, Düsseldorf, Germany

1998
'Kenny Scharf', Galerie Ramis Barquet, Monterrey, Mexico
'Kenny Scharf', McIntosh Gallery, Atlanta, GA, US
'Kenny Scharf', Kantor Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US

1997
'Pop Surrealist', Salvador Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL, US
'When Worlds Collide', University Galleries Illinois State University, Normal, IL, US
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Ultraelektrik', Paintings, Sculpture & Customized Appliances, Sony Building, New York, NY, US

1996
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'El Mundo de Kenny Scharf', Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
'Kenny Scharf', Center for the Fine Arts, Miami, FL, US
'Kenny Scharf', Galerie 56, Budapest, Hungary

1995
'Early Paintings 1975-78', Yoshi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Galerie Cotthem-Hedwig Van Impe, Knokke, Belgium
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Scharf-O-Rama 1978-1995', Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US

1994
'Wildlife', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US

1993
'Kenny Scharf', Works on Paper, Galerie Burkhard R. Eikelmann, Düsseldorf, Germany
'Kenny Scharf', Closet #11, Cafe Click, Düsseldorf, Germany
'Kenny Scharf', Closet # 10, World Gallery, Miami, FL, US

1992
'Kenny Scharf', Edward Totah Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Galeria Rocca 6, Turin, Italy
'Kenny Scharf', Galeria Seno, Milan, Italy

1991
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Studio Trisorio, Naples, Italy
'Kenny Scharf', AC&T Corporation, Tokyo, Japan
'Kenny Scharf', Galerie Hans Mayer, Düsseldorf, Germany
'Kenny Scharf', Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1990
'Kenny Scharf', Galerie Beaubourg, Paris, France

1989
'Kenny Scharf', Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

1988
'Kenny Scharf', Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1987
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US

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'Kenny Scharf', Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1985
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, Zürich, Switzerland

1984
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Gagosian Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

1983
'Kenny Scharf', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', American Graffiti Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1982
'Kenny Scharf', Fun Gallery, New York, NY, US

1981
'Kenny Scharf', National Studio Artists P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', Customized Appliances Club 57, New York, NY, US
'Kenny Scharf', The Jetsons Fun Gallery, New York, NY, US

1979
'Kenny Scharf', Celebration of the Space Age, Club 57, New York, NY, US

Group Exhibitions

2026
'Sea, Pop & Sun', Villa Carmignac, Porquerolles, France
'Kenny Scharf & Keith Haring: K! K!', Nakamura Keith Haring Collection, Hokuto, Japan
'KAWS. Art & Comix', Albertina Modern, Vienna, Austria
'BEYOND THE STREETS', La Villette, Paris, France
'Le Musée Imaginaire d'Oli', Grand Palais, Paris, France

2025
'Rammellzee Alphabeta Sigma (Face B)', Capc - Musée d'art contemporain, Bordeaux, France

2024
'Cute. The Dark Side', MACA Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
'50——90: The Tenth Anniversary of the Long Museum', Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China

2023
'TEMPO. TEMPO! TEMPO?', Kunstmuseum Schloss Derneburg, Derneburg, Germany
'Basquiat X Warhol, À Quatre Mains', Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

2021
'Salon de Peinture', Almine Rech, New York, NY, US
'Un Hiver à Paris', Almine Rech, Paris, France

2020
'The Shadow', Totah, New York, NY, US

2019
'Happy', NSU Art Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US
'Beyond The Streets', Brooklyn, New York, NY, US
'Fatherhood', Over the Influence, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Summer of 82', Johannes Vogt, New York, NY, US
'L.A. on Fire', Wilding Cran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Yesterday's Tomorrowland Today a Xerox Show', Winslow Garage, Los Angeles, CA, US

2018
'Paper Trail', Allouche Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Polarities', Totah, New York, NY, US
'Auto didactic the Juxtapose School', Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Warhol & Friends New York in the 80's', Palazzo Albergati, Bologna, Italy
'Dancing Goddesses', Dio Horia Gallery, Mykonos, Greece
'Under One Roof', Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany
'Donald Baechler, Ross Bleckner, Enoc Perez & Kenny Scharf', Allouche Benais, Athens, Greece
'Beyond The Streets', Los Angeles, CA, US
'Stand Still: A Still Life Show', Allouche Gallery, New York, NY, US

2017
'Bombay Beach Biennale', White Salton Sea, CA, US
'Animal Farm', Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CT, US
'Fast Forward - Painting from the 1980's', Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, US
'Club 57: Films, Performance and Art in the East Village 1978-1983', MoMA, New York, NY, US

2016
'Around the World in 86 Days', Ludwig Forum Aachen, Aachen, Germany
'A Selection of Works of the 80's', Vito Schnabel Gallery, St. Moritz, Switzerland
'Cosmic Connections', David Totah Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Piston Head 2 Artist Engage the Automobile', Venus Over Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Masters: Urban & Street Art', Galerie Laurent Strouk, Paris, France
'The Neon Wilderness Voices from Los Angeles', The Conversation, Berlin, Germany
'Muse', Galerie Hideout, Paris, France
'AftermodernisM', Neumann Wolfson Art, Watermill, NY, US
'DESIRE', Gagosian & Deitch, Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami Beach, FL, US

2015
'She Sells Seashells by the Seashore', Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY, US

2014
'Urban Theater: New York Art in the 1980's', The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX, US
'Fun and Games', Montalvo Art Center, Saratoga, CA, US
'Saying Yes to Everything', Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US
'LOISADA: NY's Lower East Side in the 80's', Addison Gallery, Andover, MA, US
'Appropriate Disruption', Jacob Lewis Gallery, New York, NY, US

2013
'AREA THE EXHIBITION', The Hole, New York, NY, US
'Artist Engage The Automobile Pistonhead', Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami Beach, FL, US
'Calligraffiti', Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Futures Project', Center for the Living Arts, Mobile, AL, US
'Contemporary Magic Tarot Deck Art Project', The Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL, US
Virginia MOCA, Virginia Beach, VA, US

2012
'Thank You Andy Warhol', Benrimon Contemporary, New York, NY, US
'Times Square Show Revisited', Leubsdorf Gallery Hunter College, New York, NY, US
'Portrait of a Generation', The Hole Gallery, New York, NY, US
'All For You', Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY, US

2011
'The Artist Museum', MOCA, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Art In The Streets', MOCA, Los Angeles, CA, US
'New York Minute', Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow, Russia
'Facemaker', Royal-T, Culver City, CA, US
'Unfinished Paintings', Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA, US
'Nose Job', Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY, US
'East Village West', Royal T Lounge, Los Angeles, CA, US
'From Here to Eternity', Scion Installation Space, Culver City, CA, US

2010
'Pause', Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, US
'Art Shack', Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, US
'Mutant Pop', Loyal Gallery, Malmö, Sweden

2009
'Wynwood Walls', Outdoor Mural Project, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL, US
'Primary Flight', Site-specific Street Level Mural, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL, US
'Loveable Like Orphan Kitties and Bastard Children', Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, US
'Just What Are They Saying', Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans, LA, US
'Nude Show', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US

2008
'Four Friends', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Totally Rad', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US
'American Standard', Design District, Miami Beach, FL, US
'Juxtapose School', Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, US
'Zero Carat Jewelry', Friedman Benda Gallery, New York, NY, US

2007
'Four Friends', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Art Parade', Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY, US
'Big Secret Cache', Angstrom Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

2006
'Surrealism Then and Now', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Juxtapose Anniversary', Copro Nason, Culver City, CA, US

2005
'Enjoy By, Bill Farroux', Venice, CA, US

2004
'East Village USA', New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY, US
'Beginning Here: 101 Ways', Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY, US
'100 Artists See Satan', Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA, US

2003
'Quest', Vincent Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
'Splat, Boom, Pow', Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX, US
'Portraits', Heidi Lee Fine Art, New York, NY, US
'Faces and Figures', The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL, US
'Beauty Stripped Bare / LA Black & White', BGH Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, US

1997
'In Your Face Haring, Basquiat & Scharf', Leo Malca Fine Art, New York, NY, US
'Art and Provocation: Images from Rebels', Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO, US

1996
'New Figuration', Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ, US
'Hot Off the Press: New Editions', Pace Prints, New York, NY, US

1995
'Altered and Irrational: Selections from the Permanent Collection', Whitney Museum, New York, NY, US
'Art, Design and Barbie', Liberty Street Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Art + Architecture', Center for Contemporary Art, Miami, FL, US
'A New York Time: Selected Drawings from the Eighties', Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT, US

1993
'About Nature', Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH, US
'Art and Environment', National Arts Club, New York, NY, US
'Extravagant: The Economy of Elegance', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'1982-93: Ten Years After', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US

1992
'1492', Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
'Variations Gitanes', Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris, France
'Objets Trouves', Galerie de Jour, Agnes B, Paris, France
'Balade de l'Amour', Halle de l'Union des arts Décoratifs, Palais du Louvre, Paris, France
'Beauty Stripped Bare / LA Black & White', BGH Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, US

1991
'American Art of the '80's', Palazzo delle Albere, Trento, Italy
'Closet #9', Queens Museum of Art, Flushing, NY, US
'Just What is it That Makes Today's Home So Different, So Appealing', Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, NY, US
'The 1980's: A Selected View from the Permanent Collection', Whitney Museum, New York, NY, US

1990
'The Last Decade: American Artists of the '80's', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US

1989
'Don't Bungle the Jungle', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
'The Studio American Collection', Witkacy Theater, Zakopane, Poland

1988
'Figure a Subject: Revival of Figuration Since 1975', Whitney Museum, New York, NY, US
'The Weisman Collection', California State University, Fullerton, CA, US

1987
'Comic Iconoclasm', Institute of Contemporary Art, London, UK

1986
'An American Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture from 1940 to Present', Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US
'Homage to Nicolas A. Moufarrage', Gabrielle Bryers Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Picture From the Inner Mind', The Palladium, Solway Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Cincinnati', Cohn Gallery, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1985
'Biennial', Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, US
'Drawings', Leo Castelli, New York, NY, US
'Eight Artists/Eight Years', SVA School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, US
'East Village Artists', Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Investigations', Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, US
'Sights For Small Eyes', Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY, US
'Vernacular Abstraction', Wacoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
'Art in Action', Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo, Japan
'Out of the Ooo Cloud', Edith C. Blum Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, US

1984
'Via New York', Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art, Montreal, Canada
'The Innovative Landscape', Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY, US
'New Hand-Painted Dreams: Contemporary Surrealism', Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Arte di Frontiera', Galeria d'Arte Moderna, Bologna, Italy
'Aperto 84', Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
'The Human Condition', Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, US
'Contemporary Perspectives 1984', Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, US
'New Idioms', Robert Fraser Gallery, London, UK
'New Attitudes Paris/New York', Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA, US

1983
'Champions', Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY, US
Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA, US
'Surrealist Show', Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Morton G. Neuman Family Collection', Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Kalamazoo, MI, US
'The Comic Art Show', Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, US
'Back to the U.S.A.', Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland
'Tendencias en Nueva York', Palacio de Cristal, Madrid, Spain
'Clocktower Open Studio Show', P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY, US
'Bienal de São Paulo', São Paulo, Brazil
'References', Palais des Beaux-Arts, Charleroi, Belgium

1982
'Installation Project Room', P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY, US
'The Times Square Show', Times Square, New York, NY, US
'New Wave', P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY, US
'Drawing Show', Mudd Club, New York, NY, US
'Beyond Words', Mudd Club, New York, NY, US

1981
'Open Studio Show', P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY, US

Special Projects

2019
Mural at the Bluffs, Playa Vista, CA, US
Mural at the City Club, Minneapolis, MN, US

Public Collections

The Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL, US
Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CT, US
Emergentes Art Foundation, Lebanon
The Dannheiser Foundation, New York, NY, US
The Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, US
The Hall Foundation, Reading, VT, US
Groniger Museum, Groniger, The Netherlands
Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, US
The Jewish Museum, New York, NY, US
Lotte Museum, Seoul, Korea
Ludwig Museum, Cologne, Germany
Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL, US
Museo De Arte Contemporaneo De Monterrey, Mexico
Museu De Arte Moderna, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, US
Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA, US
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US
New England Center for Contemporary Art, Brooklyn, CT, US
Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasedena, CA, US
Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ, US
Patrick Lannan Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, US
Pearl Arts Foundation, Portland Oregon, US
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, US
Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, US