

ZÜRCHER GALLERY

ALICE ADAMS **American, b. 1930**

EDUCATION:

Columbia University BFA, 1953.
L'Ecole Nationale d'Art Decoratif, Aubusson, France, 1953–1954.

TEACHING:

Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY 1960–1980.
California State College in Los Angeles, CA 1965.
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY 1979–1980.
School of Visual Arts, NY 1980–1986.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2025 Zürich Gallery, New York.
2024 Zürich Gallery, New York.
2023 Zürich Gallery, New York.
2018 David Hall Fine Art, Wellesley, MA.
2000 Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY.
1983 Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, NY.
1981 Hal Bromm Gallery, NYC.
1980 Artemesia Gallery, Chicago, IL.
1979 Hal Bromm Gallery, NYC.
1974 55 Mercer Gallery, NYC.
1973 55 Mercer Gallery, NYC.
1963 J. Blumenfeld Gallery, NYC.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2025 "Abstract Erotic: Louise Bourgeois, Eva Hesse, Alice Adams," The Courtauld Gallery, London.
"The Mad MAD World of Jonathan Adler," The Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY.
"Beauty is a Blast," Curated by Christian Haub, ART CAKE, Brooklyn, NY.
2024 "Sites of Impermanence," National Academy of Design, New York.
2023 "Blurring Boundaries, The of AAA, 1926-Present," Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, Connecticut.
"On Balance, New York by American Abstract Artists," Curated by Mary Birmingham, ART CAKE, Brooklyn, NY.
2021 "Groundings—dialogues between contemporary and historic members of American Abstract Artists," Curated by Jason Andrew.
2019 "SNOWJOB," Hal Bromm Gallery, New York, NY.
"Making Knowing: Craft in Art, 1950–2019," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY. Open 2019–2021.
2018 "Blurring Boundaries, The Women of AAA, 1936-Present," University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
2016 "Drawing for Sculpture" Curated by Courtney Puckett, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Brooklyn, NY.
"40: The Anniversary Exhibition," Hal Bromm, New York, NY.
2014 "Sensory Impact," Morgan Stanley International, Purchase, NY.
2013 "Potential Fields... A Meandering Algorithm," Clermont State Historic Site, Clermont, NY.
"Forty-for Forty," Fortieth Anniversary Exhibition, Artpark Gallery, Lewiston, NY.
"Composite Landscapes: Photomontage and Landscape Architecture," Isabella Stewart Gardiner Museum, Boston, MA.
"American Abstract Artists Print Portfolio," Brattleboro Museum of Art, VT.

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- 2012 "Materializing Six Years", Lucy Lippard and the Emergence of Conceptual Art, Brooklyn Museum, NY (award for best thematic museum show in NYC in 2012 by the International Association of Art Critics).
- 2011 "Splendor of Dynamic Structure: Celebrating 75 Years of the American Abstract Artists, Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Ithaca, NY.
"American Abstract Artists: 75 Years," OK Harris Gallery, NYC.
- 2010 "Artpark:1974–1984," University of Buffalo Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY.
- 2008 "Decoys, Complexes and Triggers, Feminism and Land Art in the 1970's," Sculpture Center, NYC.
- 2000 "Earthworks on Paper," 871 Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA. Catalog essay by Ted Purves.
- 1998 "Abstraction," Edwin I. Ulrich Museum, Wichita, KS.
"Footfalls," Greenport, NY.
- 1997 "A Long Look at Fifth Avenue," collaboration with Ken Smith, Landscape Architect, Municipal Art Society, NYC.
- 1994 "Art en Route: MTA Art for Transit," Payne-Webber Gallery, NY.
"Art for Learning," projects commissioned by the NYC Board of Education, Municipal Art Society, NYC.
"Hunter College Invitational," Hunter College Galleries, NYC.
- 1993 "Contemporary Public Art in the Bronx," Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY.
"Studio to Site, Public Art in New York City," Sidney Mishkin Gallery, College, NYC.
- 1989 "Lines of Vision: Drawings by Contemporary Women," Hillwood Art Gallery, Long Island University, NY and Blum-Helman Gallery, NY.
- 1988 "Westside Waterfront Competition: Prizewinning Entries," (with Alan Finkel), Municipal Art Society, Urban Center, NY.
- 1987 "Standing Ground: Sculpture by American Women," Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH.
- 1986 "American Abstract Artists— 1936–1986," Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY.
"House and Garden," Nassau County Museum of Fine Arts, Roslyn, NY.
- 1985 "Builtwork/Installation," Sarah Lawrence College Gallery, Bronxville, NY.
- 1984 "An International Survey of Painting and Sculpture," The Museum of Modern Art, NYC.
"Exhibition of Works by Newly Elected Members and Recipients of Honors and Awards," American Institute of Arts and Letters, NYC.
- 1982 "Women Sculptor's Drawing," Max Hutchinson Gallery, NYC. 1980
"Special Project Installation," PS1, Long Island City, NY.
"Architectural References," Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, CA.
- 1979 "The Artist's View," Wave Hill, Riverdale, NY.
- 1978 "Architectural Analogues," Whitney Museum Downtown, NYC.
"Dwellings," Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, PA.
- 1977 "Wood," Nassau County Museum of Fine Art, Roslyn, NY.
- 1976 "Four Sculptors," (Adams, Aycock, Ferrara, Miss), Williams College Museum, Williamstown, MA.
- 1974 "Painting and Sculpture Today," Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN.
- 1973 "Biennial," Whitney Museum of American Art, NYC.
- 1972 "American Women Artists Show," Kunsthaus, Hamburg, Germany.
- 1971 "Sculpture Annual," Whitney Museum of American Art, NYC.
Penthouse Gallery, Museum of Modern Art, NYC.
"Artists at Work," Finch College Museum, NYC.
- 1966 "Eccentric Abstraction," Fischbach Gallery, NYC.
"Miniature Tapestries," Museum of Contemporary Craft, NYC.
- 1965 "American Abstract Artists Annual," Riverside Museum, NYC
- 1963 "Woven Forms," Museum of Contemporary Craft, NYC.
- 1961 "American Tapestries," Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK.
- 1958 "Fulbright Designers," Museum of Contemporary Crafts, NYC.
- 1957 Bertha Schaefer Gallery, NY.

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PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

The Courtauld Gallery, London, UK.
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Weatherspoon Gallery, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC.
Sheldon Memorial Gallery, Lincoln, NE.
Edwin I. Ulrich Museum, Wichita, KS.
Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, NJ.
Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY.
Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
New York City Board of Education, NY.
City of Denver, CO.
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY.
Whitney Museum of American Art, NY.
Indianapolis Museum of Art, IN.
Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CN.
Princeton Museum of Fine Art, Princeton, NJ.
New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ.
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

Rockefeller Foundation Residency, Bellagio Study & Conference Center, Italy 2002.
Pritzker Foundation Fellowship, Djerassi Colony, Woodside, CA 1997.
Design for Transportation National Awards, 1996.
American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Award in Sculpture, 1984.
Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 1981–1982.
Short-term Fellow in the Humanities, Princeton University, NJ 1980.
National Endowment for the Arts, Artists Fellowship, 1978–1979, 1984–1985.
CAPS Grant, 1972–1973, 1976–1977.
French Government Fellowship, Fulbright Travel Grant to Aubusson, 1953–1954.

SITE WORKS:

2022	Klosterruine, Berlin, Germany. "Prototypical Triangle: Berlin Church Roof Destroyed on April 3rd, 1945, Reimagined"
1985	Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY. "Blue Line".
1983	Bemis Park, Omaha, NE. "Vertical Up for OOIC". Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, New York, NY. "Roof Landing".
1982	Belmont Park, Dayton, OH. "From the Center".
1980	Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. "Mound for Viewing Slope and Sky".
1979	Wave Hill, Riverdale, NY. "The Lost House".
1977	Artpark, Lewiston, NY. "Shorings".
1978	Queensborough Community College, Bayside, NY "Three Structures on a Slope".
1977	Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA. "Leveling". Nassau County Museum of Fine Arts, Roslyn, NY. "Adams' House."

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS:

2005	Veteran's Memorial Home, Vineland, NJ, "Wall of the Tides." A project for the New Jersey Council on the Arts.
2004	Montclair State University Station New Jersey Transit, Little Falls, NJ. "Habitat."
2000	North Terminal, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport, FL. Stone and Glass Gardens."
2000	University of Delaware, Newark, DE, "Scroll Circle."

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- 1997 University of Texas at San Antonio, TX, "Healer's Spring."
- 1994 Denver International Airport, Denver, CO, "Beaded Circle Crossing."
- 1992 The Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth, Middletown, CT, "The River." A percent-for-art project of the State of Connecticut.
- 1992 P.S. 12, Brooklyn, New York, "African Garden." A percent-for-art project of the New York City Dept. of Cultural Affairs.
- 1991 Thomas Jefferson University, "The Roundabout." A percent-for-art project of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, PA.
- 1990 Bathgate Industrial Park, Bronx, NY. "Glider Park". A percent-for-art project of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
- 1984 Toledo Botanical Garden, Toledo, OH. "Small Park with Arches."

DESIGN TEAMS AND MASTER PLANS:

- 2005– Charlotte Area Transit System. Charlotte, NC, Art Master Plan,
2008 Systemwide work in 90 locations.
- 1994– Ronkonkoma Station, Long Island Railroad, "Planting."
1995 A project of the New York City MTA.
- 1994 Soryocho, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan, "Haizuka Dam Earthworks Project."
- 1988– MetroLink Transit System St. Louis, MO.
1990 Design of new light-rail Transit System.
- 1988 Lawrence, MA, "Worker's Place Park."
- 1985– Downtown Seattle Transit Project, Seattle, WA,
1990 International District Station Plaza and Convention Place Station.

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- 2025 Corvin, William. "Alice Adams," ArtSeen, The Brooklyn Rail, June 2024.
- 2023 Murtha, Chris. "Alice Adams," Artforum, Vol. 62, No. 1, September 2023.
- 2020 Mdivani, Nina. "'Making Knowing: Craft in Art, 1950-2019' at the Whitney Museum of American Art, NYC," Art Fuse, October 17th.
- 2019 Murtha, Chris. "Crafting Art: "Making Knowing" at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York," Mousse Magazine.
- 2018 McQuaid, Cate. "Rawness and Mystery in the Early Work of Alice Adams," The Boston Globe, December 12.
- 2012 Spayder Jon. "Public Art and Placemaking" Public Art Review, Fall/Winter, p. 24.
- 2011 MacAdam Barbara. "American Abstract Artists: OK Harris Work of Art" (exhibition review) Art News, October 2011, p. 107.
- 2008 Boettger, Suzann. "Excavating Land Art by Women in the 1970's: Discoveries and Oversights," Sculpture, November.
- 2007 Rosenberg, Karen. "This Land is Her Land (And Her Artwork Too) Decoys, Complexes, Triggers," The New York Times, Friday, June 13.
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"Scale Models of Projects that Grace Cities," The New York Times, Sun. April 9, p. 16.
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 "Fifth Avenue: Designers and Critics Talk," Municipal Art Society Newsletter, July-Aug.
 Louis, Elaine. "Spaceships? No, Just Chandeliers," The New York Times, July 3.
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 "1994 in Review, Public Art." Art in America Annual Guide, vol. 83, number 8, p.35 photo.
- 1994 Adams, Alice. "St. Louis MetroLink; Changing the Rules of Transit Design," Places.
 Emily Blumenthal. "St. Louis, A Design Team Collaboration," Maquette Magazine, December, pp. 8-13.
 Wickersham, Claire. "Percent-for-Art: Variations on a Theme," Public Art Review, Issue 9, Vol. 5, #1, Fall-Winter 1993, p. 11 (photo).
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- 1993 Colin Poitras. "Artist Gives Patients Taste of Nautical Life," The Hartford Courant, December 14.
- 1992 NEWS, "Jefferson in Philadelphia," Landscape Architecture, June.
- 1991 Donald J. Canty. "Architectural Underground," Architectural Record, (centennial issue) July, pp. 212-221.
 Godfrey, Jean. "Melee in the Metro," Contract Design, June, pp. 35-40.
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2024 "Adam's House by Alice Adams." Zürcher Gallery, New York.
2018 "Alice Adams: Woven Forms and Post Minimal Sculpture 1959–1973." David Hall Fine Art.
2016 Humblet, Claudine. "Postminimalism et Antiform: dépassement de l'esthétique minimale." Skira
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2014 "Composite Landscapes: Photomontage and Landscape Architecture." Isabella Stewart Gardener
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