

MICHAEL HURWITZ
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BIOGRAPHY

Michael Hurwitz has been making studio furniture since earning a BFA from Boston University's Program in Artisanry in 1979 and was Head of the Wood Department at University of the Arts, Philadelphia between 1985 and 1989. He has shown extensively, including several solo exhibitions at the Peter Joseph Gallery and Pritam and Eames Gallery in NY. His work is represented in several public collections including the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, and the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

Michael Hurwitz is the recipient of many honors including three National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artist Fellowships, Japan Foundation Fellowship, and PEW Foundation in the Arts, fellowship.

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EDUCATION

- 1979 B.F.A. Boston University Boston, MA
1974-75 Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2008 Solo Exhibition, Pritam & Eames Gallery, East Hampton, N.Y.
2006-2008 “Inspired by China: Contemporary Furnituremakers Explore Chinese Traditions,” Peabody Essex Museum, Salem MA; travels to Museum of Art and Design, New York, N.Y; Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
2005 “Material worth: The celebrated object,” Pritam & Eames Gallery, East Hampton, N.Y.
2004-2005 “Right at home: American studio furniture,” Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
2004 “The Incredible Elastic Chairs of Samuel Gragg,” Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DE
2003 Solo Exhibition, Pritam & Eames Gallery, East Hampton, N.Y.
2003 “Contemporary Studio Case Furniture: The Inside Story,” Elvehjem Museum of Art, Madison, WI
2003 “Boston University Program in Artisanry Retrospective Exhibition” Fuller Museum of Art, Brockton, MA
2003 “The Makers Hand; Studio Furniture from 1950 – 1990” Museum of Fine Art, Boston MA
2001 Solo Exhibition, Temple University Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
1999 “Boudior,” Gallery Naga, Boston Massachusetts
1999 “Please be seated: Contemporary studio furniture,” Yale University art gallery, New Haven, Connecticut
1998 Solo Exhibition, John Elder Gallery, New York, N.Y.
1996, 94, 92 Solo Exhibition, Peter Joseph Gallery, New York, N.Y.
1994 Solo exhibition, “A Good Cup of Coffee and Other Antidotes for Modern Day Living,” Peter Joseph Gallery, New York, N.Y.
1994 “Child’s Play,” group exhibition, Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, N.Y.
1994 “Inaugural Group Show,” group exhibition, Donald Brecker Gallery, Miami Beach, FL
1994 “Visiting Artist Exhibition,” group exhibition, Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, HI
1993 “Fantasy Furniture,” group exhibition, Susquehanna Museum, Harrisburg, PA
1992 Solo Exhibition, “Michael Hurwitz: New Works,” Peter Joseph Gallery, New York, N.Y.
1991 “Masterworks,” group exhibition, Peter Joseph Gallery, New York, N.Y.
1990 “10 x 10’ Anniversary Show,” group exhibition, Pritam & Eames Gallery, East Hampton, N.Y.
1989 “Beyond the Tradition of the Rocking Chair,” group exhibition, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, N.Y.

- 1989 "Craft Enigma," group exhibition, Rosenwald Wolf Gallery, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 1989 "Extraordinary Objects," group exhibition, Foundation for Today's Art – Nexus, Philadelphia, PA
- 1989 Solo Exhibition, "Michael Hurwitz," Pritam & Eames Gallery, East Hampton, N.Y.
- 1989 "New American Furniture," group exhibition, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA; traveled to Oakland Museum of Fine Arts, Oakland, CA; Cincinnati Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH; Mississippi Museum of Art, Tupelo, MS
- 1981 Group exhibition, Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA.
- 1979-1980 "New Handmade Furniture," American Craft Museum, New York, N.Y. Traveled

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1999 PEW Fellowship in the Arts
- 1997 Japan Foundation Fellowship
- 1992, 90, 88 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship
- 1990 National Endowment for the Arts/ U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission Japan Fellowship
- 1986 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship
- 1985 Altos de Chavon Artist-in-Residence Fellowship, la Romana, Dominican Republic

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- Museum of Arts & Design, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I.
- Renwick Gallery of National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
- Altos de Chavon Foundation, New York, N.Y.
- Anne and Ron Abramson, Washington, D.C.
- Graham Gund, Cambridge, MA
- Peter and Wendy Joseph Estate, New York, N.Y.
- Ziff - Stafford Residence, Pawling, N.Y.
- Diana and Roy Vagelos, Short Hills, N.J.
- Edward and Allison Johnson, Boston, MA
- Vin and Carla Ryan, Vero Beach, FL
- Martin Puryear, Accord, N.Y.
- Glenn Close, New York, N.Y.