

## CELESTE RAPONE

### BIOGRAPHY

1985 Born in New Jersey  
Lives and works in Chicago

### EDUCATION

2013 MFA, School of The Art Institute of Chicago  
2007 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design

### SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2024 Chicago, IL, **Corbett vs. Dempsey**, *Big Chess*, November 16 – December 21, 2024  
2023 London, UK, **Josh Lilley Gallery**, *House Sounds*, March 23 – April 29, 2023  
2022 Los Angeles, CA, **Josh Lilley Gallery**, *Celeste Rapone + Ryan Masley*, July 16 – July 30, 2022  
New York, NY, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *Nightshade*, May 3 – June 11, 2022  
2021 Chicago, IL, **Corbett vs. Dempsey**, *Controlled Burn*, October 16 – November 13, 2021  
2020 Luxembourg City, **Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery**, *Celeste Rapone and Sarah Peters*, September 11 – October 17, 2020  
Chicago, IL, **Corbett vs. Dempsey**, *The Big Dig: Celeste Rapone* (Virtual Exhibition), 2020  
2019 Los Angeles, CA, **Roberts Projects**, *Future Amateur*, September 14 – October 12, 2019  
London, UK, **Josh Lilley Gallery**, *Retreat*, February 27 – March 26, 2020  
2018 New York, NY, **Monya Rowe Gallery**, *Rose Tinted: Celeste Rapone and Justin O'Brien*, November 29, 2018 – January 5, 2019  
Chicago, IL, **Corbett vs Dempsey**, *Everlast: Celeste Rapone and Betsy Odom*, September 21 – October 27, 2018  
2017 Chicago, IL, **Julius Caesar Gallery**, *Celeste Rapone and Jenn Smith*, April 21 – May 14, 2017

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Chicago, IL, **Secrist | Beach**, *Master Class*, April 19 – June 21, 2025  
Chicago, IL, **Corbett vs. Dempsey**, *Nothing Is: Sun Ra and Others' Covers*, January 24 – March 1, 2025  
2023 West Palm Beach, FL, **Bunker Artspace**, *The Endowed Chair*, December 3, 2023 – May 1, 2024  
West Palm Beach, FL, **Bunker Artspace**, *Odalisque*, December 3, 2023 – May 1, 2024  
Chicago, IL, **Rhona Hoffman Gallery**, *Women on the Verge*, October 27 – December 15, 2023  
Paris, France, **No Name**, *Flesh & Flowers – Made in America*, October 15, 2023 – January 19, 2024  
Bronx, NY, **Lehman College Art Gallery**, *Framing the Female Gaze*, October 10, 2023 – January 20, 2024  
Aspen, CO, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *Aspen Part II*, July 26 – September 4, 2023  
Omaha, NE, **Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts**, *Presence in the Pause: Interiority and its Radical Immanence*, May 20 – September 17, 2023  
Chicago, IL, **The Peninsula Chicago**, *Neo Chicago*, curated by Laura Dvorkin and Maynard Morrow, April 14 – May 2023  
2022 Boston, MA, **The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston**, *A Place for Me: Figurative Painting Now*, curated by Ruth Erickson, March 31 – September 5, 2022  
2021 Los Angeles, **The Pit**, *Wild Frontiers*, July 17 – August 21, 2021  
London, UK, **Josh Lilley Gallery**, *Time Takes a Cigarette*, February 11 – March 24, 2021  
Aspen, CO, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *In Situ*, January 22 – February 28, 2021  
New York, NY, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *In Situ*, January 7 – February 6, 2021  
2019 Portland, OR, **Russo Lee Gallery**, *Drinking the Reflection*, November 7 – 30, 2019  
Chicago, IL, **Corbett vs. Dempsey**, *Small Painting*, June 28 – August 17, 2019  
London, UK, **Josh Lilley Gallery**, *Stains on a Decade*, June 6 – August 3, 2019  
Los Angeles, CA, **Roberts Projects**, *Behind Face*, March 16 – April 27, 2019  
2018 Los Angeles, CA, **Roberts Projects**, *Five Propositions*, September 8 – October 13, 2018  
Glen Ellyn, IL, **Cleve Carney Gallery**, *On Anxiety*, August 31 – October 13, 2018  
Riverside, IL, **Riverside Arts Center**, *Women Painting Men*, May 20 – June 23, 2018  
Chicago, IL, **Green Door Gallery**, *Stretching out the Cramp: A Drawing Survey from 2017*, January 2018

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# MARIANNE BOESKY GALLERY

NEW YORK | ASPEN

- 2017 Chicago, IL, **Heaven Gallery**, *Not Knowing*, September 2017  
New York, NY, **Elizabeth Houston Gallery**, *8*, March 22 – May 13, 2017  
Chicago, IL, **Zolla Lieberman Gallery**, *Layer Cakes*, February 17 – March 25, 2017  
Chicago, IL, **Ed Paschke Art Center**, *Minds Eye I*, February 4 – May 21, 2017  
Chicago, IL, **Roots and Culture**, *Close to Me*, January 27 – February 25, 2017
- 2016 Athens, GA, **Georgia Museum of Art**, *Storytelling* November 5, 2016 – January 29, 2017  
Boston, MA, **Steven Zevitas Gallery**, *Figure It Out*, June 3 – August 20, 2016
- 2015 New York, NY, **Elizabeth Houston Gallery**, *Seven*, September 23 – October 31, 2015
- 2014 Chicago, IL, **Hyde Park Art Center**, *Ground Floor: A Biennial Exhibition of New Art for Chicago*, December 12, 2014 – March 22, 2015  
Chicago, IL, **Union League Club of Chicago**, *Luminarts Cultural Foundation Visual Arts Exhibition*, May 2014  
DeKalb, IL, **Northern Illinois Art Museum**, *Hoarding, Amassing, and Excess*, March 25 – May 23, 2014
- 2013 Chicago, IL, **Union Civic and Arts Foundation**, *Visual Arts Competition*, 2013  
Chicago, IL, **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**, *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, 2013  
New York, NY, **Art Amalgamated**, *Should have gave you my number*, November 14 – December 21, 2013  
St. Joseph, MI, **Krasl Art Center**, *American Painting Today: Physical and Visceral*, September 13 – October 20, 2013  
Chicago, IL, **LeRoy Neiman Center Gallery**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, *Severe Style*, January 24 – February 14, 2013
- 2010 Media, PA, **The Gallery at Delaware County Community College**, *I Speak American*, October 28 – December 1, 2010
- 2009 New York, NY, **SOHO20 Chelsea**, *InPlace*, November 26 – December 21, 2009  
New York, NY, **Jim Kempner Fine Art**, *ATOA (Artists Talk on Art) Winners Exhibition*, September 2009  
Hudson, NY, **Limner Gallery**, *Emerging Artists 2009*, March 7 – 28, 2009
- 2008 Brooklyn, NY, **Brooklyn Artists Gym**, *Rockers and Posers*, May 22 – June 5, 2008
- 2007 South Orange, NJ, **Pierro Gallery of South Orange**, *The Last Word*, 2007  
New York, NY, **Caelum Gallery**, *RISD Alumni Exhibition*, 2007  
Providence, RI, **Woods Gerry Gallery**, *RISD Senior Invitational Exhibition*, 2007  
Providence, RI, **Woods Gerry Gallery**, *RISD Illustration Departmental Exhibition*, 2007

## FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS / RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Finalist, Chicago Artadia Award
- 2018 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant Recipient
- 2017 Working Artist Grant Recipient
- 2013 Teaching Fellowship, Department of Painting and Drawing, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2009 First Place, Emerging Artists 2009, Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2008 Artist Fellowship, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY  
Winner, Curator's Choice, ATOA (Artists Talk on Art)
- 2007 School of Visual Arts Summer Residency Program, Painting and Mixed Media, New York, NY  
Winner, Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Exhibition, Caelum Gallery, New York, NY  
Illustration Departmental Award for Excellence in Figure Painting, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2025 Ansporn, Catherine D., "What to Collect at Dallas Art Fair, Year 17," *Paper City* (April 7, 2025)  
Sherwin-Murray, Liam. "Half-Believers," *Harper's Magazine* (February 2025)
- 2023 Morton, Tom. "Adulthood According to Celeste Rapone," *Frieze* (March 30, 2023) [online]  
Artnet Gallery Network. "7 Questions for Chicago Painter Celeste Rapone on Painting the Sounds and Textures of Her Home," *Artnet News* (March 23, 2023) [online]  
Alfred, Brian. "Episode 361 / Celeste Rapone." *Sound & Vision* (March 16, 2023)
- 2022 Dafoe, Taylor. "Figuration Is the Art of Our Era for a Simple Reason: Because Artists Are Painting 'What They Love,'" *Artnet News* (April 12, 2022) [online]  
Walsh, Brienne. "Celeste Rapone Crosses The River To The Jersey Side In A New Body Of Work," *Forbes* (May 11, 2022) [online]  
Whyte, Murray. "At the ICA, 'A Place For Me' breathes new life into an old art form," *The Boston Globe* (May 12, 2022) [online]
- 2021 Estiler, Keith. "Artists Capture Moments of Stillness Amid COVID-19 in Group Exhibition", *Hypebeast* (January 12, 2021) [online]

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- Valencia, Ines. "In Situ - New Paintings: Inspired Art in Quarantine at Marianne Boesky Gallery", *Provokr* (January 29, 2021) [online]
- 2020 Elci, Yasmin. "Artists Who Travel Through Time", *Luxembourg Times* (September 18, 2020) [online]  
Goldstein, Andrew. "5 of the Best Artworks to Be Found at the Armory Show, From a \$210,000 Livestream of the Sun to the 'Amazing Black-Man'", *ArtNet* (March 5, 2020)  
Steer, Emily. "The Essential Artists You Need to Know Right Now," *Elephant Magazine* (February 7, 2020)  
Tam, Elaine. "The Figure Does Not Win Every Time: In Discussion with Celeste Rapone", *Femme Art Review* (July 30, 2020) [online]
- 2019 Osberg, Annabel. "Celeste Rapone; Lenz Geerk", *Artillery Magazine* (September 18th, 2019)  
*New American Paintings*, Midwest Issue No. 143  
"7 NAP Alumni Shows You Can't Miss", *New American Paintings Blog* (September 18th, 2019) [online]  
"Celeste Rapone and Betsy Odom: Everlast", *Fabrik Magazine* (February 18th, 2019)  
Kostarias, Yannis. "Playful Interplay of Volumes and Colours Command Celeste Rapone's Paintings", *Art Verge* (March 8th, 2019)
- 2018 Editors, "Art: Rose-tinted - Justin Liam O'Brien & Celeste Rapone", *GAYLETTER*, November/December 2018, Letter 471 (December 1, 2018)  
Hawbaker, KT. "Curator Gwendolyn Zabicki talks Kierkegaard, FOMO and the relationship between art and anxiety", *Chicago Tribune* (August 29, 2018)  
Hawbaker, KT. "KT Hawbaker, 'Crushing the patriarchy with one look'", *Chicago Tribune* (May 25, 2018)  
Johnson, Paddy. "What Should We Do?, Expert Picks, 'The Best NYC December Events, According to These Culture Vultures'", *What Should We Do* (December 1, 2018)
- 2017 Pocaro, Alan. "Fun and Fresh Directions in Painting", *New City* (March 2017)  
Reaves, Kelly. "Celeste Rapone and Jenn Smith at Julius Caesar", *Chicago Artist Writers* (June 2017)
- 2016 *New American Paintings*, Midwest Issue 125
- 2015 Gazin, Nick. "All the Beautiful, Expensive, and Corny Art I saw at Art Basel This Year", *Vice Media* (December 11, 2015)
- 2013 Hess, Jenny Gropp. "Featured Artist, 'Material Memories'", *The Georgia Review* (Fall 2012)
- 2012 *New American Paintings*, MFA Annual, Juror: Dominic Molon, Chief Curator, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis
- 2009 Caponi, Nancy Clare. "Profile: The Art of Celeste Rapone", *Makeshift Magazine*, Issue #5
- 2008 *CMYK Magazine*, Issue #39
- 2007 "Discover New Talent", *ArtInfo* (May 15th, 2007) [Online]

### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Boston, MA  
Jorge M. Perez Collection, Miami, FL, promised gift to Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)  
M Woods, Beijing, China  
Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY  
START Museum, Shanghai, China  
Xiao Museum of Contemporary Art, Rizhao, China

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