

Forrest Bess

b. 1911 in Bay City, TX

d. 1977 in Bay City, TX

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Coming Home: Paintings by Forrest Bess*, City by the Sea Museum, Palacios, TX
- 2022 *Forrest Bess: Out of the Blue*, Camden Art Centre, London, UK
Forrest Bess: I Can Close My Eyes in a Dark Room, The Ranch, Montauk, NY
- 2020 *Forrest Bess*, cur. Moritz Wesseler, Fridericianum, Kassel, DE
- 2018 *Forrest Bess*, Modern Art (Helmet Row), London, UK
- 2016 *Forrest Bess Paintings*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2014 *Forrest Bess: Seeing Things Invisible*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 *Forrest Bess: Seeing Things Invisible*, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX; Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA; Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY; University of California at Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA
- 2009 Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA
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- 1989 *Here is a sign*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
- 1977 Bay City Art League, Bay City, TX
- 1967 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 1963 New Arts Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1962 Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1959 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1958 André Emmerich Gallery, Houston, TX
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 1957 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1954 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
- 1951 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Texas A & M Student Center, Bryan, TX
- 1949 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1938 Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio, TX

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *A Particular Kind of Heaven*, cur. Ali Dipp, Parrasch Heijnen, Los Angeles, CA
Friends in a Field: Conversations with Raoul De Keyser, cur. Hanneke Skerath, Douglas Fogle, Ilse Roosens, Mu.ZEE, Ostend, BE
Looking Backward & Forward: Forty Years with NEHMA & What's Next, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, East Logan, UT
- 2022 *Splendid Isolation*, S.M.A.K., Ghent, BE
Small Paintings, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY
STUFF, organized by Arlene Shechet, Pace, New York, NY
The Visionaries, Kirk Hopper Fine Art, Dallas, TX
- 2021 *On Leaving*, Modern Art Gallery, London, UK
The Botanical Mind: Art, Mysticism and The Cosmic Tree, Camden Art Centre, London, UK

- Seeing Differently: The Phillips Collects for a New Century*, The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
- Seen in the Mirror: Things from the Cartin Collection*, David Zwirner, New York, NY
- The Forrest Bess Effect Visions Laid Bare*, Franklin Parrasch at ADAA Art Show, NY
- 2019 *The World According To....*, Pace, New York, NY
- 2018 *Outliers and American Vanguard Art*, National Gallery of Art Washington, D.C., High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Forrest Bess | Joan Snyder*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY, Parrasch Heijnen, Los Angeles, CA
- When Modern was Contemporary; Selections from the Roy R. Neuberger Collection*, American Federation of Arts, Palm Beach, FL
- 2016 *When Modern was Contemporary*, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- Surrealism: The Conjured Life*, MCA Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *It's Magic!*, Betty Cunningham, New York, NY
- 2014 *Pace Gems: Selections from the Pace Foundation Permanent Collection*, Linda Pace Foundation, San Antonio, TX
- 2012 Whitney Biennial, New York, NY
- 2011 *Forest Bess: 100 Years*, Kirk Hopper Fine Art, Dallas, TX
- Sets and Sutures*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *La maison et l'infini*, La collection de Christian Zacharias, Fondation de l'Hermitage, Lausanne, Switzerland
- Four Decades*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 *CORE*, Betty Cunningham Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 *Disarming Matter*, Larissa Goldston Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *a point in space is a place for an argument*, David Zwirner, Inc., New York, NY
- 2006 *We Make Any Size Of Mirror*, Mitchell-Innes & Nash. Madison Av., New York, NY
- 2003 *Half Air*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 *Perfect Being: Paintings in code/Codes in painting*, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1988 *Texas Art: An exhibition selected from The Menil Collection*, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and Trustees' Collections, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX
- 1982 *In Our Time: Houston's Contemporary Arts Museum 1948-1982*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 1966 *Eighth Annual Painting Invitational*, Junior league, Long View, TX
- 1964 *Dealer's Choice: An Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Prints*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 1962 *Wit and Whimsy in 20th Century Art*, American Federation of Arts, New York, NY
- 1959 *Walter Murch & Forrest Bess*, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
- 1958 M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1952 Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa, OK
- 1939 Corcoran Gallery Biennial, Washington, DC
- 1938 Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Grants

- 1973 Mark Rothko Foundation