

GAY BLOCK

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EDUCATION

1959-61 Newcomb College of Tulane University
1971-72 University of Houston School of Architecture
1973-76 Photographic studies with Geoff Winningham, Garry Winogrand, Anne Tucker

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

RESCUERS: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust

by Gay Block and Malka Drucker

Exhibited at the following venues

1990 Santa Monica College Photography Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1991 Jewish Community Center, Cleveland, OH
The Public Library, Cincinnati, OH
Lawton Art Gallery, U. of WI at Green Bay, WI
1992 Museum of Modern Art, New York
Presentation House Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA
Michener Fine Art Center, Doyleston, PA
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
1993 Mahn Und Gedenkstaate, Dusseldorf, Germany
Volkshochschule Dorsten, Recklinghausen, Germany
KZ Gedenkstaate Mittelbau-Dora, Nordhausen, Germany
Galleri F15, Moss, Norway
KZ Gedenkstaate Buchenwald, Germany
Melanchthon Akademie, Cologne, Germany
Virginia Beach Art Center, VA
The Des Moines Art Center, IA
The Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, DC
Charach-Epstein Museum, West Bloomfield, MI
Levis Jewish Community Center, Boca Raton, FL
Tufts University, Medford, MA
Hollywood Arts/Cultural Center, FL
1994 Kirkpatrick Center, Oklahoma City, OK
Texas A&M University, College Station
Judah Magnes Museum, Berkeley, CA
1995 Witte Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX
Mead Museum, Amherst, MA
Goethe Institute, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Tabor Center, Denver, CO
Museum at Stonybrook, CUNY at Stonybrook, NY
1996 Grand Rapids Museum, IA

- West Nebraska Art Center, Scottsbluff, NE
 Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN
 Harold Washington Library, Chicago, IL
 1997 Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis, IN
 Greenwich High School, Greenwich, CT
 Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX
 1998 Millersville University, Millersville, PA
 Boston Public Library, Boston, MA
 University of Bern, (U.S. Embassy sponsorship) Switzerland
 1999 Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH
 St. Leo College, St. Leo, FL
 Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI
 2000 Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center, Springfield, MA
 El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX
 Houston Holocaust Museum Houston, TX
 2001 Jewish Community Center, Albuquerque, NM
 William Benton Museum of Art, University of CT
 Holocaust Memorial Center, Maitland, FL
 Museum of Art, University of CT
 2002 Tandy Center, Ft. Worth, TX
 2004 The History Center, Ft. Wayne, IN
 2005 Untitled Art Space, Oklahoma City, OK
 2006 Misel Museum, Denver, CO
 2019 Holocaust Memorial Gallery, Jewish Family & Community Services,
 Jacksonville, FL
 Levis Jewish Community Center, Boca Raton, FL
 2020 Arkansas Tech University, Russellville
 2022 Jack Fischer Gallery, Minnesota Street Project, San Francisco, CA

OTHER SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *To Feel Less Alone: Gay Block, A Portrait*, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe
 2013 *LOVE: South Beach in the 80s*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY
 2012 *About Love*, Blue Sky, Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts, Portland
 2012 *About Love: Gay Block*, Margolis Gallery, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, TX
 2005 *Out in Santa Fe: Portraits by Gay Block*, Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM
 2005 *People and Places*, St. John's College Art Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
The Last Dance: 1974 & 2005, Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM
 2004 *Bertha Alyce: A Photographic Biography*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX
 2003 *Bertha Alyce: A Photographic Biography*, The Art Museum at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
 1996 *Portraits: 2 Projects*, Rhode Island School of Design,
 1994 New Mexico Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM
Summer Camp, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
 1988 Margolis Gallery, Houston, TX
 1986 Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY

- 1985 Film in The Cities, St. Paul, MN
 College of The Mainland, Texas City, TX
 Laurence Miller Gallery, New York, NY
 Northlight Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
 Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY
 Graham Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1984 *Portraits by Gay Block*, Twin City Art Foundation, Masur Museum, Monroe, LA
- 1982 Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
- 1981 University of Houston, Clear Lake City, TX
- 1979 The Cronin Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1977 Portland School of Art, Portland, ME

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *The Comer Collection*, the University of Texas, Dallas
The Female Gaze, Jack Fisher Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2020-21 *Word Play*, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe
- 2017 *South Beach, 1974-1990*, HistoryMiami Museum, FL
- 2015 *Axle Indoors*, Peters Projects, Santa Fe, NM
- 2013 *Autophotography: Self-Portraits by New Mexico Photographers*, Axle Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM (catalogue)
- 2012 *Portrayal/Betrayal*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA (catalogue)
- 2010-11 *Pictures by Women: A History of Modern Photography*, MoMA, New York
- 2008 *Through the Lens: Creating Santa Fe*, Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe, NM
- 2007 *Lifting the Veil: New Mexico Women and the Tricultural Myth*, Institute of American Arts Museum, Santa Fe, NM (catalogue)
Originals 2007, Harwood Museum of Art, Taos, NM (catalogue)
Discovery Awards Exhibition, Arles, France
- 2006 *Southwest Biennial*, Albuquerque Museum, NM
Silver: 25th anniversary retrospective exhibition, Houston Center for Photography, TX
Through a Jewish Woman's Lens, The JCC in Manhattan, New York, NY
- 2005 *Heartfelt*, Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
- 2005 *Photographers Photograph Their Families*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, NY
- 2004 *Perspectives @ 25: A Quarter Century of New Art in Houston*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX (catalogue)
- 2004 *Visions of Passage*, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2002 *Photographers, Writers and the American Scene*, MOPA, San Diego, CA
- 2002 *20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX
- 2000 *Texas: A Sense of Place*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Jewish Artists on the Edge, The Marion Art Center, College of Santa Fe, NM. Traveling.
The Perpetual Well: Contemporary Art from the Collection of The Jewish Museum. Traveling.
- 1999 *The Changing Face of the Family: Photographs from the Collection of the Jewish Museum*, NY
New Mexico 2000, Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM
Out West, Plan B Evolving Arts Center, Santa Fe, NM

- 1997 *Family And Friends*, The Museum Of Contemporary Photography, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- 1994 *Contemporary Women Photographers*, Museum Of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Women & the Representation of Aging, Firehouse Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1993 *New Directions*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
Angels In December, Scheinbaum & Russek, Santa Fe, NM
Menopause: Honoring And Celebrating Change, The Gallery At The Rep, Santa Fe, NM
Culture And Continuity: The Jewish Journey, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
- 1991 *Women Photographers*, Rockford College Art Gallery, IL
- 1990 *Women View Women: Painting and Photographs By 10 Artists*, RGK Foundation Gallery, Austin, TX
- 1988 *The Explicit Image*, G. Ray Hawkins Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Re-View: 10 Years Later, Women And Their Work, Austin, TX
The Extended Portrait, Graham Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1987 *Portrait: Faces Of The 80's*, Virginia Museum Of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
- 1986 *Contemporary Texas*, Amon Carter Museum, Ft. Worth, TX
Western States Biennial, Brooklyn Museum, NY (catalogue)
Ethnics of Houston, Foley's Department Store, TX
American Color, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. Traveling.
- 1985 *Naked*, University Of Colorado, Boulder, CO
The East End Show, University of Houston, TX
The Family, Red Wings Art Association, Red Wing, MN. Traveling
Self-Image Show, Houston Women's Caucus for Art, Midtown Arts Center, Houston.
- 1984 *Personal Assignments: Four Photographers*, Boston College of Art, Boston, MA
Contemporary Color, Sioux City Art Center, IA
The Ties That Bind: Photographers Portray the Family,
Women and Their Work, Austin, TX (catalogue)
- 1983 *Film And Photo Exhibition*, Santa Fe Center For Photography, Santa Fe, NM
1983 Perspectives, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi
- 1982 *Houston In Stavanger*, Stavanger, Norway/Houston, TX
- 1981 *Inside/Out: The Self Beyond Likeness*, Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach, CA
Texas Photographers, Washington Project for The Arts, Washington, DC
Texas Only Exhibition, TX Fine Arts Association, Austin. Traveling.
- 1980 *SECA Invitational*, San Francisco Museum Of Modern Art, CA (catalogue)
Response, Tyler Museum Of Art, Tyler, TX (catalogue)
U.S. Eye Exhibition, The Winter Olympics, Lake Placid, NY. Traveling.
American Vision 1980, The National Arts Alliance, New Haven, CT. Traveling.
- 1979 *Anthony G. Cronin Memorial Exhibition*, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
- 1977 *Four Texas Photographers*, Fort Worth Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX (catalogue)
Images of Woman, Portland Museum of Art, ME
- 1975 *Breadth of Vision: Portfolios of Women Photographers*, Women's International Arts Festival, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Center For Creative Photography, Tucson, AZ
The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
San Francisco MOMA, CA
University of Texas, Humanities Research Center, Austin, TX
Amon Carter Museum, Ft. Worth, TX
Fort Worth Art Museum, Ft. Worth, TX
The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA
Armand Hammer Museum, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Worcester Art Museum, MA
Faulconer Art Gallery at Grinnell College, IA
Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
The Blue Sky Gallery Collection, Portland Art Museum, OR
The Robert Heineken Collection, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Japan
The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, University of New Orleans, LA
The Comer Collection, University of Texas, Dallas, TX

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 BuzzFeed News, "Here Are 20 Photo Books That Brought Us Joy In The Very Exhausting Year Of 2020," by Kate Bubacz & Pia Peterson, Dec. 1
Harper's Magazine, September, Vol. 341 No. 2044, Pg. 21
Transformation, The Museum of Fine Arts Houston Magazine, "Twice in a Lifetime," Issue 19. Pp. 38-39
Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust, Gay Block and Malka Drucker, Radius Books, Santa Fe. Redesigned edition of 1992 book.
- 2017 "History Miami Remembers the Sassy Senior Citizens of South Beach's Past," *Miami New Times* online, 10/27/2017
- 2015 *Photography at MOMA: 1960 to Now*, New York, NY
The Albuquerque Journal, "Fearless Portraits," 4/26/15
- 2014 *Blue Sky 11/12*, Oregon Center for the Arts, Portland
- 2013 *Autophotography: Self-Portraits by New Mexico Photographers*, Axle Press, Santa Fe, NM
- 2012 *Portrayal/Betrayal: Photographic Portraits from the Permanent Collection*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA
- 2011 *About Love*, Gay Block: Photographs and Films, 1973-2011
Pasatiempo, The New Mexican, "Deeper kind of love," 12/16-22/11
- 2009 *Pasatiempo, The New Mexican*, "Art in Review: Growing up with Gay Block," 12/4-10/09
- 2008 *Photography: New Mexico*, by Thomas Barrow, Kristin Barendsen, Stuart Ashman, Fresco Fine Art Publications, Albuquerque, NM
- 2007 *Lifting the Veil: New Mexico Women and the Tricultural Myth*, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM
- 2007 *Originals 2007, New Mexico Women Artists*, New Mexico Committee of National Museum of Women in the Arts

- 2006 *Through the Lens: Creating Santa Fe*, Museum of New Mexico Press, Santa Fe
Spot, The Silver Issue, Fall 2006, Houston Center for Photography, TX
Texas 100: Selections from the El Paso Museum of Art, TX
- 2004 *Art in America*, Letters to the Editor, May, pg. 49
Art in America, by Arden Reed, March, pg. 136
Camerawork, by Aimee LeDuc, Vol. 31 No. 1, pg. 93
Perspectives @ 25: A Quarter Century of New Art in Houston,
Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston
Dallas Morning News, 3/21/04
Spot, Houston Center for Photography, Winter/Spring
www.ralph.org, *Bertha Alyce: Mother exPosed* 2/18/04 – Awarded Top 10 Books of
2003
- 2003 *THE Magazine*, “The Universe of Gay Block,” October
- 2003 *White Fire: A Portrait of Women Spiritual Leaders in America*, by Malka Drucker with
Portraits by Gay Block. Skylight Paths, Vermont
Chicago Tribune Online Edition, 10/29/03
Bertha Alyce: Mother ExPosed, University of New Mexico Press
- 2000 *Lesbian Art in America: A Contemporary History*, by Harmony Hammond, Rizzoli,
New York
Photographers, Writers, and the American Scene, James Enyeart, Arena Editions,
Santa Fe, NM
- 1992 *Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage In The Holocaust*, Gay Block and Malka Drucker
Holmes & Meier, New York. 4 reprints
Publishers Weekly, 2/17/92 and 2/24/92
The Forward, 2/21/92, Pp. 1, 9
The New York Times, by Charles Hagen 2/28/92 Living Arts
Time Magazine, 3/16/92. Pg. 65
The New Criterion, by Jed Perl, April 1992, Pp.52-55
MOMA Members Quarterly, Winter 1992, Pp.14-17
Passages, Paris, France, Pp.10-13
Art News, May 1992, “Knights Of The Spirit”, Pp.114-117
Aera, By Hiroko Tsumari, Japan, Pp.50-51
The New York Times Book Review, 6/7/92, P.18
The Wall Street Journal, 8/18/92, Pg. A12
The Hungry Mind, by Carole Kismaric, Fall 1992, Pg. 48
- 1996 *The Illustrated Worldwide Who’s Who of Jews in Photography*, George Gilbert?
- 1990-98 Various City And Jewish Newspapers re. Exhibitions of “Rescuers”
- 1991 *Framework: Portfolio 1991, Southern California*, Pg.56
- 1990 *Los Angeles Times*, November 18, Calendar Section, “Unsung Heroes Exhibition”
Artweek, November 29, “Some Perspectives On The Real,” Pg.1
Photography, 6th Edition, Phil Davis, Pg.46
- 1986 *50 Texas Artists*, Chronicle Books
Contemporary Texas: A Photographic Portrait, Texas Monthly Press
Art News, May, Pg.117
- 1985 *Views: The Journal Of Photography Of New England*, Vol.6, Number 1, Pg.14
Photographers Encyclopedia International 1839 to the present, Michele & Michel Aur
Editions Camera Obscura

- 1984 The Gallery of World Photography, Volume 12: 'New Directions'. Weston Naef. Ed. Tokyo; Sheisha Publishing Co.
- 1983 *Ms Magazine*, May
- 1982 *The Houston Chronicle*, May 23, "Ordinary People, Compelling Photos" by Patricia Johnson, *Zest Magazine*, Pg.17
- 1979 *Artweek*, June 16, "Portrait of A Community", by S. Kalil
Self-Portrayal, Friends Of Photography, Edited by James Alinder
- 1977 *Camera Magazine*, August

GRANTS

- 1999 National Millennium Survey, James Enyeart curator
- 1984 Texas Historical Foundation Photographer's Survey Grant
- 1981 National Endowment for the Arts Survey Grant, Under the Auspices of Women and Their Work, Austin, TX, *The Ties That Bind: Photographers Portray The Family*
- 1978 National Endowment for the Arts Photographer's Fellowship Grant

COMMISSIONS

- 1985 H.E.B. Grocery Stores, to photograph their employees: *Portrait Pairs: Work and Leisure*
- 1986 Foley's Department Store, *Ethnics in Houston*
Chronicle Books, to photograph Texas artists: *Fifty Texas Artists*

FILM

- 2009 *Camp Girls*, a 54-minute video of summer camp, 1981, and the women in 2006
- 2001 *Bertha Alyce*, a 24-minute video autobiography of my mother and photography
Film festivals listed below
- 1991 *They Risked Their Lives: Rescuers Of The Holocaust*, a 55 Minute Video
- 1984 *A Bie Gesunt (As Long As You're Well)* a 30-Minute Video About The Jews of Miami's South Beach
- 1976 *A Tribute To Spirit: The Beth Israel Experience*, 16mm, 30-minute, black and white film about reform Jews of Houston

TEACHING

- 1997 Visiting Artist Residency, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence.
- 1995 Faculty-American Photography Institute National Graduate Seminar / NYU
- 1996 Visiting Artist, Syracuse University
- 1995 Visiting Artist, Louisiana State University
- 1987 Faculty, California Institute of The Arts
- 1982-3, 79-80 Faculty, University of Houston

FILM FESTIVALS “BERTHA ALYCE”

- 2005
Film Out San Diego
Mardi Gras Film Festival, Australia
- 2004
Michigan Womyn’s Music Festival, Michigan
Madrid International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Spain
Image Out: The Rochester Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival, NY
Austin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, TX
NewFest: New York Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Film Festival
Inside Out Toronto Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, Canada
London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, Great Britain
- 2003
MIX: The New York Lesbian and Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival
The 22nd Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival
19th Berlin Lesbian Film Festival, Germany
1st Person Cinema, Northwest Film Forum, Seattle, WA
Minneapolis/St. Paul LGBT Film Festival, MN
Oakland International Film Festival, CA
Philadelphia International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, PA
Outfest 2003: Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, CA
Newport Beach Film Festival, CA
Kansas City Jubilee, KS
Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, Durham, NC
Cucalorus Film Festival, Wilmington, NC
New York Jewish Film Festival, NY
- 2002
Santa Fe Film Festival, NM
Dallas OutTakes Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, TX
Denver International Film Festival, CO
Mill Valley Film Festival, CA
Boulder Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, CO
New York Independent International Film Festival, NY
Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films, CA

Awarded Best Documentary

Dallas Video Festival, TX

Taos Talking Pictures, NM

Awarded People’s Choice and Best Documentary

Madrid International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Spain

Awarded Best Girl Short Film

Austin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, TX

Awarded Best Short Documentary

Oakland International Film Festival, CA