

DEBBIE HESSE

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Debbie Hesse creates parallel, ephemeral environments that combine organic and artificial materials and forms with cast shadows to explore ideas about growth, materiality and the ethereal. She recently received a 2019 Connecticut Office of the Artist Fellowship grant, an International Artist-in-Residence in Busan, South Korea, and a Connecticut Regional Project Initiative Grant. She is also recipient of a Rhode Island Visual Artist Sea Grant, a Connecticut Visual Artist Sea Grant, Vermont Studio Residency Individual Grant, and Weir Farm Artist Residency. Hesse holds a BA from Smith College, a Masters in Painting and Printmaking from University of New Mexico, where she also was a fellow at Tamarind Institute of Lithography.

SOLO/TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Debbie Hesse*. Lila Delman with Bowler Lane Works, Providence, RI
Sway Shift: Formation. Richmond Art Center Mercy Gallery, Loomis
- 2018 *Sway. Shift. Rising*. Five Points Gallery. Torrington, CT
Ephemeral Environments. Kohn-Joseloff Gallery, Cheshire Academy
- 2017 *Water*. Video Screening. American Fabric Building. Bridgeport, CT
Construction Workers. Keyes Gallery. Willoughby Wallace. Stony Creek, CT
- 2016 *Sway. Shift: Sea Garden*. Site-specific installation. Vaiuso Farms Greenhouses.
- 2015 Hongti Art Center, Busan, South Korea
- 2014 *Sway.Shift. Version 3.0*. SCA Contemporary Art. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2013 Alexey von Schlippe Museum of Art. University of Connecticut. Groton, CT
- 2012 *New Work by Debbie Hesse*. The Orison Project. Essex, CT.
- 2010 *Nature Trail: New Work*. Debbie Hesse. Bodell Fahey Gallery. New York, NY.
- 2008 *New Work*. Keyes Gallery. Willoughby Wallace Library. Stony Creek, CT
- 2006 *Nature Studies*. NCC Gallery. Norwalk, CT.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS/ PROJECTS

- 2019 *Somewhere in the Sequence*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT.
Curator, David Borawski.

- Artist Fellowship Recipients Exhibition.* Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery, Manchester Community College. Curator, Susan Classen-Sullivan
- Cross Currents. Connecticut Sea Grant Art Exhibition.* Alexey von Schlippe Museum. University of CT, Avery Point.
- 2018 *Winter Asterism. Marion Belanger. Debbie Hesse. Martha Lewis at Theaterworks,* Hartford, CT.
Mighty Mini's II. Melanie Carr Gallery. Essex. CT
- 2017 *Mighty Mini's.* The Souterrain Gallery. West Cornwall. CT. Curator, Suzan Shutan
Women's Work, Western Connecticut State University
- 2016 *Artist as Curator III.* Kehler Liddell Gallery. New Haven, CT
- 2015 *Going Big.* Central Booking, New York, NY Curator, Suzan Shutan
By Night. Six Summit Gallery, Ivoryton, CT. Curator, Melanie Carr
- 2014 *Lines of Communication.* Collaboration with BP Gallery.
 Presented at Arlington Art Fair, Emerge Art Fair and Dumbo Art Festival.
Plastic Variations. Trailer Box Gallery, Danbury, CT
- 2013 *Slight of Hand.* Seton Gallery. University of New Haven. Curator, Laura Marsh
Lichen Field Project. BP Gallery. Governor's Island Art Fair. New York, NY
 Governors Island Art Fair. Curated by 4 Heads. New York, NY
- 2012 *Paper New England: Our Expanding Circle.* Art on Main. Manchester, CT
Governors Island Art Fair. Curated by 4 Heads. New York, NY
Geode: A Site-Specific Installation. CWOS. New Haven Register Building.
Garbage Barge Revisited: Art from Dross. Islip Museum of Art, East Islip, New York. Curator, Karen Shaw.
Growth Factors. Eye Show, New Haven Independent. Curator, S.Kobasa
- 2011 *I Think Its Conceptual.* John Slade Ely House of Contemporary Art. New Haven, CT
Ripple Effect. 756 Studio. 756 Chapel Street. New Haven, CT (artist/organizer)
Loss Generation. Seton Gallery. University New Haven, CT. Curator, Christina Vassallo
- 2012 *Geomorphic Tank.* Project Storefronts. New Haven, CT
The Seed Project. Curated by David Cohen, Center Contemporary of Environmental Art
Flock. Artspace, New Haven. CT. Curators, Patricia Hickson, Kristina Newman-

Scott.

Flower (re) Power. Housatonic Museum of Art. Bridgeport, CT. Curator, Terri Smith

2009 *Large-Scale Wall Works*. Debbie Hesse, Cat Balco, Ethan Boisvert. A- Space

2008 *Potluck*. Parachute Factory. New Haven, CT

Women in Conversation. Norwalk Community College Gallery. Catalogue
Focus: New Haven. Paper New England. Hartford, CT

AWARDS. HONORS. RESIDENCIES

2019 Individual Artist Fellowship Award. Connecticut Office of the Arts
Richmond Art Center Innovation & Technology Center. Loomis Chaffee
School. Visiting Artist-in-Residence

2017 Weir Farm Art Center and Historic Trust. Artist-in-Residence.

2016 Keynote Speaker. CT Art Education Association Conference, *Lead with Art*
Regional Project Initiative Grant in partnership with Shoreline Arts Alliance,
Department of Economic & Community Development, Connecticut Office of
the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts.
Green Wave. Artist in Residence

2015 Hongti Art Center. International Artist-in-Residence. Busan, South Korea

2013 Rhode Island Visual Artist Sea Grant. University of Rhode Island. Kingston, RI
The Orison Project. Artist in Residence. Winter. Essex, CT

2012 Selected CWOS curator-led studio tour, with Paul Ha, Director, MIT List Art
Center.

2011 Vermont Studio Center. Johnston, VT. Individual Artist Grant.

2010 Connecticut Visual Artist Sea Grant. University of Connecticut. Groton, CT

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EDUCATION

University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, N.M. Masters in Art. Painting and Printmaking

Tamarind Institute of Lithography. Albuquerque, N.M. Fellowship

Smith College. Northampton, MA. Bachelor of Arts. Art and Psychology