Jo Smail

1943 Born in Durban, South Africa, Lives and works in Baltimore, MD

EDUCATION

- 1978 NHDAD. Johannesburg College of Art, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 1975 NDAD. Johannesburg College of Art, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 1963 BA. University of Natal, Durban, South Africa.

SELECTED SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Jo Smail: If All the World were a Blackbird, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse
- 2020 Jo Smail: Bees with Sticky Feet, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse (catalogue)
 - Jo Smail: Flying with Remnant Wings, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD Curator: Kristen Hileman (catalogue)
- 2018 Jo Smail and Paul Jeanes: Clippings, Voids and Banana Curry, Kohl Gallery, Washington College, Chestertown, MD
- 2017 Jo Smail: The Past is Present, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse (catalogue)
- 2015 Jo Smail & William Kentridge: Dialogue, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse
- 14-15 Jo Smail: Leaning Over the Edge of the Moon, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse (catalogue)
- 11-12 Jo Smail: Degrees of Absence, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse (catalogue)
- 2009 Jo Smail: Conjurations, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse (catalogue)
- 2008 The Limits of Language: A Selection from 10 Years, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA
- 2007 Species of Love and Angels Footsteps, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD
- 2006 New Beginnings, Axis Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 Degrees of Fluency, Heriard Cimino Gallery, New Orleans, LA
 - Curator: Margaret Evangeline
 - Jo Smail, Rockville Art Place. Rockville, MD
 - Jo Smail, Goya Girl Press & Contemporary Art Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- 2003 Jo Smail, Pinkard Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2002 Jo Smail, Goya Girl Press & Contemporary Art Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- 1997 Jo Smail, Rockville Art Place, Rockville MD, Curator: Jack Rasmussen
- 1990 Jo Smail, 55 Mercer Street, New York, NY
 - Jo Smail, Ombondi Gallery, New York, NY
- 1989 Jo Smail, Ombondi Gallery, New York, NY
- 1984 Jo Smail, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1981 Jo Smail, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1979 Jo Smail, Association of Arts, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1978 Jo Smail, Gertrude Posel Gallery, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

1977 Jo Smail, Johannesburg Art Museum, Johannesburg, South Africa Jo Smail, Fabian Fine Art, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 The Trawick Prize: 20th Anniversary Emerald Award, American University Museum, Katzen Art Center, Washington, DC
- 21-22 Fields and Formations: A Survey of Mid-Atlantic Abstraction, The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE; traveled to: American University Museum, Washington, DC, Curator: Kristen Hileman (catalogue)
- 2019 School 33 Art Center's 40th Anniversary Exhibition, School 33 Art Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2017 Trawick Prize, Ruby Award Show, American University Museum, Katzen Art Center, Washington, DC
 - Painting not Painting, Sindikit, Baltimore, MD, Curators: Zoe Charlton and Tim Dowd
- 2016 Repurposed Realities, Goya Contemporary Gallery, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse
- 2015 With Silence Comes Peace, Silber Gallery, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD Curator: Laura Amussen Juried Faculty Exhibition MICA, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

Juror: Barry Schwabsky

- 2014 Transformations, Mclean Project for the Arts, VA, Juror: Jack Rasmussen Baltimore Artists + WPA + Mera Rubell = LOVE, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY, Curator: Mera Rubell
- 2012 Philosophy of Figure, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD, Curator: Amy Eva Raehse It..., Hirshhorn Museum, Two Person Show with Fabienne Lasserre, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD, Juror: Melissa Ho Trawick Prize 10th Anniversary Exhibition, Gallery B, Bethesda, MD
- Becoming Something Found, Jolie Laide Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2011 Sondheim Semi-Finalists, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD Faculty Exhibition, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2010 The Marks of Six Painters, Gallery 447, Cambridge, MD
- 2008 Grand Prize Winners of Trawick Prize and Bethesda Painting Award, Fraser Gallery, Bethesda, MD
 - The Grey House that Thinks Itself into Your Head Without Asking, Fingston Gallery, Pace University, New York, NY
 - The Commerce and Culture Series, The Center Club, Baltimore, MD
- Triangle Alumni DUMBO Arts Festival Exhibition 25, Brooklyn, NY 2007 Trawick Prize Finalists, Creative Partners Gallery, Bethesda, MD Strictly Painting 6, McLean Project for the Arts, VA, Curator: Kristen Hileman Speaking of Silence 1, Sub-Basement Studios, Curator: Peter Brum
- 2006 Trawick Prize Finalists, Creative Partners Gallery, Bethesda, MD
- 2005 Soft Openings, Katzen Art Center, American University Museum, Washington, DC Curator: Jack Rasmussen
 - Critics' Picks: Just Looking, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD, Curator: Franklin Sirmans
- Inward Gazes, Goucher College, Towson, MD, Curator: Cara Ober 2004 Trawick Prize Finalists, Creative Partners Gallery, Bethesda, MD
 - Prize Winners, Maryland State Art's Council, Baltimore, MD. Curator: Peter DuBeau
 - Conversations, collaboration with William Kentridge, Evergreen House, Baltimore, MD Curator: Barry Nemett
 - Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Wilmington, DE

Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, Hartford, CO
Tufts University Gallery, Medford, MA
Bevier Gallery, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
Karl Drerup Gallery, Plymouth State University, NH

2003 Breaking New Ground, Curated by Peter Brum, Wyman Arts Center, Baltimore, MD Fully Integrated, Degas Gallery, McLean, VA, Curators: Y. Chung and Andrea Pollan The Fables of La Fontaine, Centre pour l'Art et la Culture, Aix-en-Provence, France Curators: Koren Christofides, Ken Tisa & Robyn Chadwick

Exhibition Space of Temple University Rome, Italy

The Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA The Meyerhoff Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

- 2001 Artists of the Alfred & Trafford Klotz Residency at Rochefort-en-Terre, Pinkard Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2000 Musee du Chateau de Rochefort-en-Terre, Morbihan, France
- 1999 The Untroubled Mind, Vila Julie College, MD, Curator: Peter Brum
- 1998 Chance and Necessity, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD, Curator: Power Booth St. Mary's College, St. Mary's City, MD Mclean Center for the Arts, McLean, VA University of Ohio, Athens, OH
- 1998 Chance and Necessity Prints, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD WPA/Corcoran Art Auction, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC Cross Currents '98: Pure View, The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, Curator: Kristen Hileman

Empowerment Zone Artists, City Hall Gallery, Baltimore, MD Biennial '98, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE

1997 Not So Simple, Gallery 901, Washington, DC, Curator: Annie Gawlak Artist as Collector, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, Curators: Bill Schmidt and Helen Glazer

Reunion Benefit Exhibition, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD Out of the Ashes, Rosenberg Gallery, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD

- 1996 Natalie Knight Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1995 Then and Now, Maryland Institute, Montpelier Cultural Arts Center, Laurel, MD Curator: Barry Nemett
- 1994 New Realities, Staib Gallery/Art Wall + B, New York, NY, Curator: Patricia Patton Then and Now, Maryland Institute, Josiah White Exhibition Center, Jim Thorpe, PA Works from the Garden, Four Person Show, School 33 Art Center, Baltimore, MD Curator: Jann Rosen-Queralt

Between the Sexes, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

- 1993 Trask Gallery, The National Arts Club, New York, NY Contemporary South African Art, Consulate General, New York, NY
- 1992 Triangle Artists, The Lorraine Kessler Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 1991 Reverberations, Four Women Show, Frostburg University, Frostburg, MD Enigmatic Expressions, Four Person Show, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD Curator: Charlotte Cohen
- 1990 Maryland Art Place Benefit, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD Curator: Susan Badder

Voices from South Africa, Contemporary Art against Apartheid, Stuart Levy Gallery, New York, NY

- 1989 Triangle Artist's Workshop, Pine Plains, NY
- 1988 Faculty Exhibition, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 1986 Guest Artist Retrospective, Invitational Exhibition, Johannesburg Art Museum, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Cape Town Triennial, Juried Exhibition, South African National Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
- Tributaries Contemporary South African Art Cross-cultural, Invitational Exhibition, 1985 European tour. Sponsored by BMW
 - Women's Festival of the Arts, Funda Gallery, Soweto, Gertrude Posel Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1984 Four Johannesburg Painters, National Touring Exhibition: South African National Gallery, Cape Town; 1820 Monument Gallery, Grahamstown; University of the Orange Free State Gallery, Bloemfontein; Pretoria Art Museum; Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg; Durban Art Gallery, South Africa
- 1983 South African Contemporary Art, Invitational Exhibition, sponsored by BMW, South Africa
- 1981 Faculty, Fine Art Department, University of the Witwatersrand, Gertrude Posel Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1979 Association of Art, Johannesburg, South Africa Faculty, Fine Art Department, University of the Witwatersrand, Gertrude Posel Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1978 Touring Exhibition, USA, Invitational Exhibition, SA Prints Renaissance '78, SA Association of Art, Johannesburg, South Africa Preview Tel Aviv Art Fair Exhibition, Total Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa Group Show, Association of Art, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1976 Invitational Summer Show, Fabian Fine Art, Cape Town, South Africa
- 1975 Art South Africa Today, Biennial, Durban, South Africa, Juror: Clement Greenberg (Prize Winner)
- 1974 New Signatures, Pretoria, South Africa

SELECTED PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

Canopy by Hilton Hotel Art Collection, Baltimore, MD

Chase Manhattan Bank, Johannesburg, South Africa

Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, NY

Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Durban Museum and Art Gallery, South Africa

Fidelity Collection

Gertrude Posel Collection, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Johannesburg Art Museum, South Africa

Johannesburg Chamber of Industries, South Africa

Johns Hopkins University Collection, Baltimore, MD

Mobil Corporation

National Gallery of South Africa, Cape Town

Premier Milling Group, Johannesburg, South Africa

Pretoria Art Museum, South Africa

University of the Orange Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

University of the Western Cape, South Africa

USA Embassy, Johannesburg, South Africa

AWARDS

2014	Nominated for Anonymous as A Woman
2012	Best of the Best, Sapphire, Trawick Prize Winner, selected from Trawick Prize
0010	winners of the past 10 years
2010	Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award (Painting)
2007	Trawick Prize: Best in Show, Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards
	Strictly Painting, McLean Project for the Arts
	Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award (Painting)
	Residency, Rochefort-en-Terre, France
2004	Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award (Painting)
2003	Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Creative Fellow, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts
	Residency, Rochefort-en-Terre, France
2000	Residency, Rochefort-en-Terre, France
1996	Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant
	Residency Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, Vermont
1995	Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award (Painting)
1994	Residency Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, Vermont
1992	Maryland Institute College of Art, Trustees Teaching Award
1991	Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award (Painting)
1989	Triangle Artist's Workshop, Pine Plains, New York
1975	Cambridge Shirt Award, Art South Africa Today
	Abel Coetzee Award, Johannesburg College of Art

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Jo Smail: Flying With Remnant Wings, © Goya Contemporary, 2020 Essays by Karen Wilkin, Kristen Hileman. ISBN 978-1-7923-3015-5 Library of Congress Number 2020900771

Jo Smail: The Past is Present, © Goya Contemporary, 2017, Essays by Shannen Hill, Timothy App, ISBN: 978-1-5323-4938-6

Jo Smail: Leaning Over the Edge of the Moon, © Goya Contemporary, 2014 Essay by Amy Eva Raehse, ISBN: 978-1-4951-3233-9

Jo Smail: Degrees of Absence, © Goya Contemporary, 2011

Art Collection of the United States Consulate General, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2011 Waking Up from the Inside Out: Jo Smail 1998 – 2009, © Goya Contemporary, 2009

Essays by Terence Maloon, Karen Wilkin ISBN: 978-1-61539-739-6, LoC#: 2009928019

The Hudson Review © VOL. LXII, NO. 4, Essay by Karen Wilkin, 2010

The Limits of Language: A Selection From 10 Years, text by Nancy Sausser, © McLean Project For the Art, 2008

Trawick Prize Catalog, © Trawick Prize, 2007, 2006, and 2004

ISBN 13: 9780947458256

The Hudson Review © Volume LIX, No. 2, Essay by Karen Wilkin, 2006

Influence & Collaboration in Contemporary Art, © Evergreen House of Johns Hopkins University, Essay by Barry Nemett, 2003

Chance and Necessity, © Art Papers, 1999, Essay by Adam J. Lerner

15th Anniversary Celebration Catalog, © Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD, 1997

150 South African Paintings by Lucy Alexander and Evelyn Cohen, © Struikhof Publishers, Cape Town, South Africa, 1990, ISBN 10:0947458255

- Johannesburg Art and Artists: Selections from a Century by Sheree Lissoos, © Cape Town Triennial, Johannesburg Art Gallery, 1986, ISBN: 062012101 9780620102100 OCLC Number: 1925834
- Tributaries: A View of Contemporary South African Art, AD Art Director (No 2 & No 3), © Johannesburg (BMW), Johannesburg, South Africa, 1985
- Cape Town Triennial Catalogue, Cape Town, South Africa, 1985

Four Johannesburg Painters, 1984

- Art and Artists of South Africa by Esme Berman, p 49, 163, 166, 244, 300, 517, 519, Balkema, Rotterdam and Cape Town, 1983
- Jo Smail, © Goodman Gallery, South Africa, 1981, Essay by Terence Maloon Art in South Africa - A Short Survey, by Frieda Harmsen, © Department of Information, Pretoria, 1977

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- 2022 Goofy Gravity and Weighty Gravitas: Jo Smail at Goya Contemporary by Barry Nemmett, BaltimoreArt, Fall 2022
 - Women take the spotlight in a pair of art shows at the A.U. Museum by Mark Jenkins, The Washington Post, March 2, 2022
 - Sitting in Uncertainty: Fields and Formations at the Katzen Arts Center by Katie Hartley, May 18, 2022
- Powerful Show of Art by women and non-binary artists working in the region 2021 today, at the Delaware Contemporary, by Susan Isaacs, Art Blog, December 15, 2021
- 2020 Critics' Picks, Jo Smail, by Andy Martinelli Clark, ARTFORUM, October 2020 In Conversation: Jo Smail with Louis Block, The Brooklyn Rail, July 2020 An Artist as Resilient as She is Joyous, Hyperallergic, May 9, 2020 Jo Smail's Visual Poetry Transforms Loss Into Joy by Matthew King, Baltimore Magazine, November 2020
 - Focus On: Jo Smail by Amy Raehse, Goya Contemporary, Summer 2020 Blank Canvas: 2020 Fall Arts Preview by Mary Carole McCauley, The Baltimore Sun, September 20
- 2018 Mid-Shore Arts: A Review of Jo Smail and Paul Jeanes at the Kohl by Mary McCoy, Chestertown Spy, November 2018
- 2017 Jo Smail The Past is Present by Rebekah Kirkman, City Paper, Baltimore, September 13, 2017
 - Beginning Anew, Jo Smail at Goya Contemporary by Andy Martinelli Clark, Full Bleed: A Journal of Art and Design, Issue 2
- Studio Visit, Ten Award-Winning Baltimore Artists in their Element, Jo Smail, 2016 Painter, Photographer, Printmaker, BmoreArt Journal of Art + Ideas: Issue 2
- 2015 Compatriots Collaborat, e Interview by Judith Krummeck, 91.5FM WBJC Baltimore, October 8, 2015
 - Palette Palace, Illustration, Baltimore Magazine, October 2015
 - Starting from Scratch by Rebekah Kirkman, City Paper, Baltimore, September 30, 2015 Meet Me in the City, Jo Smail's photographs and paintings respond to centuries
 - of change in Florence, by Marie Claire, City Paper, Baltimore, January 7, 2015
- Group Dynamics by Cara Ober, Style Magazine, September 2014 Top 10 Visual Art, Leaning Over the Edge of the Moon, City Paper, Baltimore, Vol 58, No 51 December 17-24, 2014
- 2012 Jo Smail Wins the Mega-Champion "Best of the Best" "Sapphire" Trawick Prize, Bmoreart, November 3, 2012, Baltimore, MD

- The Trawick Prize Celebrates 10th Anniversary Baltimore Artist Wins \$10,000 Prize by Jessica Ablamsky, Gazette, November 7, 2012
- Baltimore, DC Artists Named Trawick Prize 10th Anniversary Winners by Erin Donahue, ChevyChasePatch, November 5, 2012
- The Trawick Prize 10th Anniversary Competition and Exhibit by Michael O'Sullivan, Washington Post, November 9, 2012
- 2012 Juried Faculty Exhibition "It...", Decker & Meyerhoff & Pinkard Galleries Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- Jo Smail at Goya Contemporary by Jennie Hirsh, Art in America, April 2012 Presence in Absentia by Cara Ober, Urbanite, January 3, 2012, Baltimore, MD
- 2010 At the Galleries by Karen Wilkin, Hudson Review, VOL. LXII, NO. 4, Winter.
- 2009 A Year in Visual Art, Top Ten, Jo Smail, Conjurations at Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, City Paper, December 12, 2009
- The Searcher by Deborah McLeod, City Paper, October 31, Baltimore, MD 2007 Baltimore Artist Wins Award by Glenn McNatt, The Baltimore Sun, September 11 Trawick Prize Winners, Arts Beat by Rachel Beckman, The Washington Post, September 6
- 2006 Art in Review: Jo Smail at Axis Gallery by Holland Cotter, New York Times, February 10, 2006
 - New Beginnings: Jo Smail (including collaborations with William Kentridge) at Axis Gallery, by Briget Goodbody, Art on Paper, May-June 2006.
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- 2005 Jo Smail at Heriard-Cimino by Susan Elizabeth Ryan, Art in America, May 2005 MAP show is a striking snapshot of regional art by Glenn McNatt, The Sun, May 5 Residents In? Just Looking: The 19th Annual Critics' Picks Exhibition by J. Bowers, Baltimore City Paper, April 27, 2005
 - Jo Smail by Laurie Delk. The New Orleans Art Review. January/ February 2005
- 2004 Pink Freud by J. Bowers, Baltimore City Paper, September 29, 2004
- 2003 Artistic Give and Take by Linell Smith, Baltimore Sun, December 18, 2003
- 2000 Expo Franco-Americaine au Musee du Chateau, Review, Quest-France, July 5, 2000
- 1999 Chance and Necessity, Review by Adam J. Lerner, Art Papers, March/April 1999
- 1998 Jo Smail at Rockville Art Place by Joe Shannon, Art in America, June 1998
- 1997 The Artist as Lobbyist Review by Michael O'Sullivan, The Washington Post, December 11, 1997
 - Jo Smail at Rockville Arts Place Review by Ken Oda, KOAN Art Newsletter, Washington, DC, November 1997
 - Artist's Collect the Darndest Things Review by John Dorsey, Baltimore Sun, November 25, 1997
 - The Colors of War and Peace at Rockville Arts Place, Review by Nancy Ungar, Montgomery Gazette, October 31, 1997
 - Not So Simple by Annie Gawlak, October 1997
 - Artist as Collector by Helen Glazer and Bill Schmidt, October 1997
 - Artistic Rebirth in Shades of Pink by Holly Selby, Baltimore Sun, April 13, 1997 Out of the Ashes by Helen Glazer, April 1997
- New Realities by Carl Hazlewood, Review, Cover, October 1994 Maryland Institute is Gratifying Surprise by Adrienne Redd, Review, The Morning Call, PA, July 10, 1994
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- 1985 Jo Smail, illustration and interview by Hillary Prendini and Glynnis Underhill, Style Magazine, March 1985
- 1984 A Little Artistic Courage by John Dewar, Review, Johannesburg Star, August 8, 1884 Jo Smail Interview by Franka Severin, Johannesburg Art Foundation News Letter, July 1984

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