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EXHIBITION OF WORK BY NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS AND RECIPIENTS OF HONORS AND AWARDS

May 18 – June 11, 2017

New York, NY, May 3, 2017 – The American Academy of Arts and Letters is pleased to announce its exhibition of paintings, works on paper, video, and photographs; architectural models and renderings; and original manuscripts by newly elected members and recipients of honors and awards. Works will be on view from May 18 through June 11, at the Academy galleries located on Audubon Terrace in Washington Heights.

*Paintings, sculptures, works on paper,
photographs, videos, architectural models
and renderings*

Newly Elected Members in Art

Mary Heilmann, Julie Mehretu,
Annabelle Selldorf, Stanley Whitney

The Gold Medal for Painting

Wayne Thiebaud

Architecture Award Winners

Theaster Gates
Paul Goldberger
Walter Hood
Diébédo Francis Kéré
John Ronan

Art Award Winners

Marissa Bluestone, Janice Caswell, Louise Despont
Cornelia Foss, Joe Fyfe, Vanessa German
Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Joanna Pousette-Dart
Hap Tivey

Art Purchases

Joe Ballweg, Andrea Bergart, Marissa Bluestone
Caetlynn Booth, Janice Caswell, Daniella Dooling
Joe Fyfe, David Hornung, Joyce Kozloff
Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Kakyong Lee
Marilyn Lerner, Michael Luchs, Beverly McIver
Kathy Muehleemann, Helen O'Leary, Walter Robinson
David Seccombe, Jonathan Shahn, Greta Waller

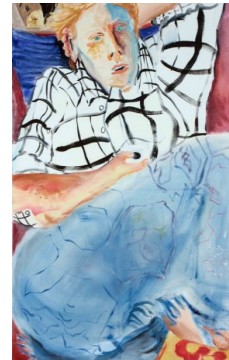
Manuscripts and personal statements

Newly Elected Members in Literature & Music

Henri Cole, Junot Díaz, Amy Hempel, Edward Hirsch
Ursula K. Le Guin, Colum McCann, Ann Patchett
Kay Ryan, Melinda Wagner, Julia Wolfe



Mary Heilmann, *Vivian*, 2015
© Mary Heilmann, courtesy 303
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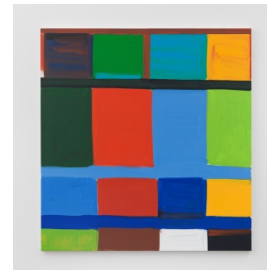
Marissa Bluestone, *Lean In*
2015. Courtesy the artist



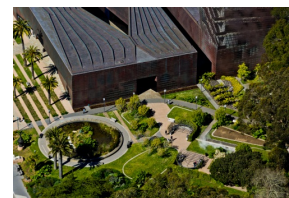
Diébédo Francis Kéré, *Schorge Secondary School*, 2016. Photo: Iwan Baan



Wayne Thiebaud, *Swimsuit Figures*
1966. Art © Wayne Thiebaud
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Stanley Whitney, *Black Beauty*, 2016
© Stanley Whitney
Courtesy Lisson Gallery



Walter Hood, *New de Young Museum Gardens*
San Francisco, CA, 2005. © Steve Proehl
Courtesy Hood Design Studio

Newly Elected Foreign Honorary Members

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Kaija Saariaho

Zadie Smith

Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts

Adam Weinberg

The Gold Medal for Belles Lettres and Criticism

Janet Malcolm

Literature Award Winners

Joan Acocella, Ayad Akhtar, Chris Bachelder

Paul Beatty, Judy Blume, Kathleen Graber

Jennifer Haigh, Lee Clay Johnson, August Kleinzahler

Elizabeth Kolbert, Robert Macfarlane, Karan Mahajan

Jamaal May, Dominique Morisseau, Lynn Nottage

Richard Sieburth, Safiya Sinclair, Dana Spiotta

Luis Alberto Urrea

Music Award Winners

Lisa Bielawa, Yu-Hui Chang, Ryan Chase

Jan Krzywicki, Andrew Norman, Jake Landau

Eric Guinivan, Saad Haddad, Carl Schimmel

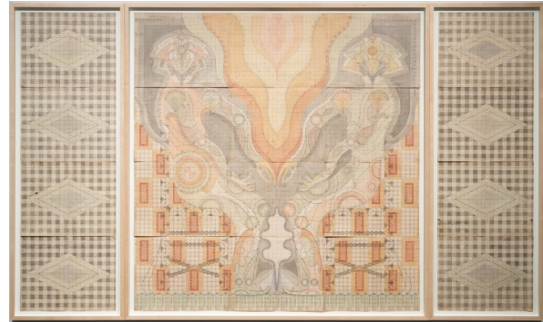
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David Hornung, *Downstream*, 2016
2017 Hassam, Speicher, Betts and Symons
Fund Purchase



Jonathan Shahn,
Head with Big Nose, 2009
2017 Sculpture Fund Purchase



Louise Despont, *Energy Scaffolds and Information Architecture (Return to formlessness)*
2015. Courtesy the artist and Nicelle Beauchene Gallery



Walter Robinson, *Macy's 60% Off*
2015. 2017 Hassam, Speicher, Betts
and Symons Fund Purchase



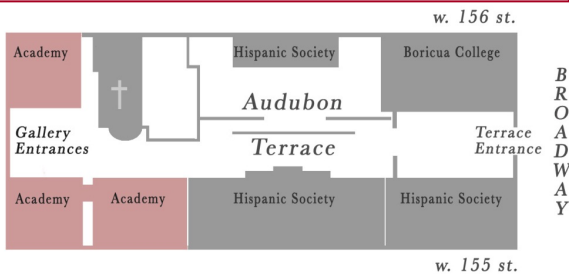
Janice Caswell, *Construction 78*, 2016
2017 Hassam, Speicher, Betts and Symons
Fund Purchase. Courtesy the artist

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Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

On Audubon Terrace, west side of Broadway
between 155 and 156 Streets, New York City.
#1 train to 157 Street and Broadway

Admission Free



American Academy of Arts and Letters

The American Academy of Arts and Letters, chartered by Congress, was established in 1898 to foster, assist, and sustain an interest in literature, music, and the fine arts. Founding members include William Merritt Chase, Kenyon Cox, Daniel Chester French, Childe Hassam, Henry James, Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Vedder, and Woodrow Wilson.

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