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**EMIL LUKAS**

*Biography*

1964 Born Pittsburgh, PA.  
Lives and works in Stockertown, PA.

Education

1986 BFA, Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, 1986

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023-24 “Emil Lukas: 1989 from the Sinai to Harlem,” Fundación Pablo Atchugarry, Miami, 3 December 2023 – 27 April 2024
- 2023 “Emil Lukas: Fine Line,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 20 October – 22 November  
“Emil Lukas: Four Modes,” curated by Robert Mattison, Lafayette College Art Galleries, Easton, PA, 23 January – 15 April  
“Emil Lukas: The Distance of Time,” Piero Atchugarry Gallery, Garzón, Uruguay, 10 January – 12 February (catalogue)  
“Emil Lukas: Between two tenuous lines,” MACA - Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Atchugarry, Manantiales, Uruguay, 6 January – 20 March (catalogue)
- 2022 “Emil Lukas: The Narration of Light,” Galleria Gracis, Milan, 20 September – 20 October; Photo & Contemporary, Turin, 5 November – 24 September
- 2020-21 “Emil Lukas: All Connected, Like It or Not,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 5 December 2020 – 16 January 2021
- 2019 “Emil Lukas,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 9 January – 23 February
- 2018 “Emil Lukas: Twin Orbit,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 5 May – 16 June
- 2017 “Emil Lukas,” Studio La Città, Verona, 12 October – 18 November  
“Emil Lukas,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 7 January – 11 February (brochure)
- 2016 “Emil Lukas,” Morris Gallery at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, 14 January – 10 April (brochure)
- 2015 “Recent Works,” Photo & Contemporary, Torino, 15 May – 30 June  
“Emil Lukas: Ringing of Distant Events,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 21 March – 9 May (brochure)
- 2014-15 “Emil Lukas: Large Curtain,” Studio La Citta, Verona, 13 December 2014 – 7 February 2015
- 2014 “Emil Lukas,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 9 January – 22 February (catalogue)
- 2012-13 “Emil Lukas: Curvature,” Studio La Città s.r.l., Verona, 10 November 2012 – 9 February 2013 (catalogue)
- 2011 “in, on, un,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 21 May – 1 July  
“Emil Lukas: Larva, Bubble, and Thread,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 25 February – 26 March
- 2010 “Recent Works,” Photo & Contemporary Gallery, Torino, November – January
- 2009-10 “Accumulate and Dissolve,” Gian Enzo Sperone, Sent, 29 December 2009 – 31 March 2010
- 2008-09 “Titration,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 13 December 2008 – 31 January 2009
- 2008 “Moderate Climate and the Bitter Bison,” Hunterdon Museum, Hunterdon, 10 May – 20 June
- 2007 “One to the Other,” Hosfelt Gallery, New York, 15 September – 27 October
- 2006-07 “Recent Sculptures and Related Paintings,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 2 December 2006 – 20 January 2007
- 2005 “Things with Wings,” The Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh, September – December  
“Emil Lukas: Connection to the Curious,” The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, 10 July – 9 October  
“Emil Lukas,” The Weatherspoon Museum, Greensboro, July – September
- 2003 “Developmental Years,” Gallery Otto, Bologna, March – April

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- 2002 Marcel Sitcoske Gallery, San Francisco, September – October  
Starks Gallery, New York, 2 February – 2 March
- 2001 “Emil Lukas: Moment of Process” and “Kidspace,” MASS MoCA, September – December  
Haines Gallery, San Francisco, May – June  
“Exploring the Interior,” Galerie Lucien Durand Le Gaillard, Paris, March – May  
“New Works,” Galerie Schroeder, Cologne, March – May  
“Marks that Make Themselves,” Grossman Gallery at Lafayette College, Easton, February –  
March
- 2000 Galleria Otto, Bologna, October  
Spence School, New York, September – October  
“The Use of Evidence,” Gorney Bravin & Lee, New York, 25 May – 30 June
- 1998 “Story Without Words,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco  
Galerie Schroder, Cologne
- 1997 Studio la Citta, Verona, April  
Haines Gallery, San Francisco
- 1996 Bravin Post Lee, New York
- 1995 Studio la Citta, Verona  
“The Use of Evidence,” Art Museum of The University of South Florida, Tampa  
Haines Gallery, San Francisco
- 1994 Bravin Post Lee, New York, 17 November – 23 December  
Tom Solomon’s Garage, Los Angeles
- 1993 Studio la Citta, Verona, 2 October – 20 November  
John Post Lee Gallery, New York, 4-27 February
- 1992 Thomas Solomon’s Garage, Los Angeles  
Galerie Nova, Pontresina
- 1990 Althea Viafora Gallery, New York
- 1989 Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh
- 1988 Pinta Galleria d’Arte Contemporanea, Genova
- 1987 Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh
- 1986 Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh
- 1985 Meadville Council on the Arts, Meadville

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 “The Golden Thread: A Fiber Art Exhibition,” curated by BravinLee programs, 207 Front Street,  
The Seaport, New York, 26 April – 19 May  
“buongiorno, buonasera,” curated by Luca Massimo Barbero and Hélène de Franchis, Studio La  
Città, Verona, 10 February – 4 May
- 2023-24 “L’uomo senza qualità: Gian Enzo Sperone collezionista,” Museo di arte moderna e  
contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto (Mart), Roverto, Italy, 26 October 2023 – 3 March  
2024
- 2023 “Net Zero,” King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 14  
September – 23 October  
“Emil Lukas | Giorgio Vigna: Autodispersi: Random and purpose,” Studio la Città, Verona, 1  
April – 1 June (catalogue)
- 2022-23 “Ex natura. Opere degli artisti della collezione Panza (1982 -2003),” Villa e Collezione Panza,  
Varese, 10 November 2022 – 1 October 2023  
“Emergenze Contemporanee” Museo della Città “Luigi Tonini,” Rimini, Italy, opened 5  
November 2022  
“A Point Stretched: Views on Time,” San José Museum of Art, San José, CA, 4 November 2022 –  
9 July 2023
- 2022 “.RE” Palazzo Reale, Palermo, 22 April – 31 October

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- “50 Yeas, a Day: Studio la Città, a Story,” curated by Marco Meneguzzo, Piero Atchugarry  
Gallery, Miami, 2 April – 30 July
- 2021-22 “Out of the Frame,” Studio La Città, Verona, 11 December 2021 – 5 February 2022
- 2021 “Map and Territory: Environmental Art from the Panza Collection,” Hauser & Wirth, St. Moritz, 9  
July – 3 October
- “WOOD WORKS: Raw, Cut, Carved, Covered,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 4 June – 27  
August
- 2020 “Color & Complexity: 30 Years at Durham Press,” Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA, 19  
January – 3 May (catalogue)
- 2019-20 “Can It Really Be 20 Years Already? Art in Our Times, Contemporary Masters, and  
Philanthropy,” The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse, Miami, 15 October 2019 – 25  
April 2020
- 2018 “W.W.W. – What Walls Want,” Marignana Arte Gallery, Venice, 23 May – 15 September
- 2017-18 “Sculpture, Painting, and Video,” The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse, Miami, 25 October  
2017 – 28 April 2018
- 2017 “The End of Utopia: Jacob Hashimoto, Emil Lukas,” Studio La Città, Palazzo Flanginni, Venice,  
13 May – 30 July
- 2015 “La percezione del futuro. La Collezione Panza a Perugia,” Galleria Nazionale dell’Umbria, and  
Museo civico di Palazzo della Penna, Perugia, 20 June – 8 November (catalogue)
- “On Paper: Spin, Crinkle, Pluck,” The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, 19 April – 20  
September
- 2014 “Prospect 2014,” Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, LaJolla, 22 February – 30 April
- 2012-13 “Stretching the Limits,” SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, 22 October 2012 – 3 February 2013
- 2012 “Tra Natura e Spirito: Omaggio a Giuseppe Panza di Biumo,” Galleria San Fedele, Milan, 29  
October – 21 November (catalogue)
- “Look Both Ways,” Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, 8 September – 6 October
- 2011 “Nel Frattempo (Meanwhile),” Mercato della Frutta, Valeggio sul Mincio (VR), 23 September –  
16 October
- 2010 “State of Mind,” Lucca Center of Contemporary Art, Panza Collection, Lucca, April – August
- “In Full Color,” Hosfelt Gallery, New York, January – March
- 2008 “Group Show,” Mendelson Gallery Pittsburgh, May – July
- 2007 “Whole Parts,” Sam Francis Gallery, Santa Monica
- 2006 “Material Abuse,” Caren Golden Fine Art, New York
- “Group Show,” Bravin Lee Programs, New York, June – July
- “Studio in the Park,” Riverside Park Fund Art Project, New York, May – September
- “Summer Group Show,” Marlborough Chelsea, New York, May – July
- 2004 “Paintings that Paint Themselves,” Kresge Art Museum, East Lansing, September – November  
Germantown Academy Arts Center Gallery, Fort Washington
- “Challenged Horizons,” Gallery 31 North, Glen Gardner, January – March
- 2002 “The Drawing Center’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition,” New York, 21 September – 25 October
- “Made by Nature,” Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, September – October
- “Group Show,” Gorney Bravin & Lee, New York, 15 March – 20 April
- “Is the Medium the Message?: Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection,” San José  
Museum of Art, San José, CA, 2 March – 2 June
- “Officina America,” Galleria d’Arte Moderna di Bologna, Imola; Museo di San Domenico,  
Censea; Ex-Pescheria, Rimini; Palazzo dell’Arengo, Ascoli Piceno, January – March
- 2001 “New Prints 2001,” International Print Center, New York
- “Lafayette Faculty Exhibition,” Grossman Gallery at Lafayette College, Easton, 20 October – 8  
December
- 2000 Chiesa di S. Antonio, Breno (BS), November  
Rocca di S. Giorgio, Orzinuovi (BS), October  
Spazio Mostre del Vittoriale, Gardone Riviera (BS), September  
“Dello Spirituale nell’Arte,” Torre Avogadro, Lumezane Pieve (BS), July

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- “The Panza di Biumo Collection – Works from the 80’s and 90’s,” American Academy, Rome, March  
Galerie Lucien Durand Le Gaillard, Paris  
“Life Cycles,” South Eastern Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA), Winston-Salem, 18 February – 21 May
- 1999 “Gallery Artists,” Gorney Bravin & Lee, New York  
“Morbida Quiete e La Notte,” Studio La Citta, Verona
- 1998 “Abstract Painting Once Removed,” Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City  
“Abstract Painting Once Removed,” Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, 3 October – 6 December  
“Interior Landscapes,” from the Collection of Cliff Diver, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, 21 April – 12 July  
Bravin Post Lee Gallery, New York, February
- 1997 “Landscape & Memory,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco  
“Human Nature,” The Work Space, New York  
“Onomatopoeia,” Studio la Citta, Verona  
“Obsession + Devotion,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco, 15 October – 15 November  
“Le Jardin Complice de l’Art,” Fondation d’Art Contemporain Daniel et Florence Guerlain, Les Mesnuls
- 1996 “The Collection of Panza di Biumo,” Museo di arte moderna e contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto, Palazzo delle Albere, Rovereto (Trento)  
“Painting in an Expanding Field,” Ursan Gallery, Bennington  
“Heineskjerning Og Zenit,” Galerie Zenit, Frederiksberg  
Studio la Citta, Verona
- 1995 “La Belle e la Bête,” Musée d’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris  
“Up the Garden Path,” The Work Space, New York  
“From Nature,” Haines Gallery, San Francisco, 4 May – 17 June  
“A Drawing,” Bravin Post Lee, New York
- 1994 “Recent Work,” Heines Gallery, San Francisco  
“60 Drawings from Art Hotel,” The Drawing Room, Amsterdam  
“Possible Things,” Bardamu Gallery, New York  
“Critical Mass,” Yale University, New Haven and The McKinney Ave Contemporary, Dallas, 5 December – 21 December
- 1993 “Inner Circle,” Tom Solomon’s Garage, Los Angeles  
“Between,” John Post Lee Gallery, New York  
“Windows and Doors,” Holly Solomon, New York  
“Hyper-Cathexis,” Stux Gallery, New York  
“Major Medical,” City without Walls, Newark  
“Painting as Paradigm,” Stark Gallery, New York
- 1992 “Group Show,” Margulies|Taplin, Miami  
“New Address,” Muranushi-Lederman, New York  
“The Hole is Part of the Sum,” Micheal Klein Gallery, New York  
“Collector’s Choice,” Ruth Vered Gallery, East Hampton  
“10 Steps,” Horodner Romley Gallery, New York
- 1991-92 “Casual Ceremony,” White Columns, New York, 13 December 1991 – 13 January 1992
- 1991 “Ornament,” John Post Lee Gallery, New York  
“James Hyde, Emil Lukas, Vik Muniz,” Mendelson Gallery  
“Benefit Show,” White Columns, New York  
“A Question of Paint,” Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo  
“Works on Paper,” Paula Allen Gallery, New York  
“Small Works,” 80 Washington Square East Gallery
- 1989 “Selection 46,” Drawing Center, New York
- 1988 Mendelson Galleria d’Arte, Genova
- 1987 Pinta Galleria d’Arte, Genova

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- 1985 “New Attitudes: Recent Pennsylvania Abstraction,” Southern Allegheny Museum, Pittsburgh  
“Pittsburgh Now 8 Artists,” Three Rivers Arts and Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh  
“Spring Exhibition,” Erie Art Museum, Erie

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Comcast Technology Center, Philadelphia  
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AK  
Dakis Joannou Collection, Greece  
Denver Art Museum  
Fondation d'Art Contemporain Daniel et Florence Guerlain, Paris  
Henry Art Gallery at the University of Washington, Seattle  
Margulies Collection  
Museo della Città di Rimini, Regione Emilia-Romagna  
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego  
The Norton Museum, Shreveport, LA  
Panza Collection, Italy  
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art  
San José Museum of Art  
UBS Art Collection  
Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC