

Erik den Breejen

Born 1976, Berkeley, California  
Lives and works in Brooklyn, New York

2006 MFA, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
1999 BFA, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA  
1994-96 University of California at Santa Cruz.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2016 *Song of the Earth*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

2014 *There's a Riot Goin' On*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

2013 *Word*, One River gallery, Englewood, NJ (with Jim Torok)

2012 *Image, Music, Text*, DNA gallery, Untitled art fair, Miami Beach, FL

2011 *Smile*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

2008 *Throwaway Lines Often Ring True*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

2007 *Ruined by Love Songs*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

2006 *Hits*, Hartell Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Public Commissions

2018 PS 24 Q mural, Flushing, Queens, NY.  
Commissioned by Public Art for Public Schools

2016 Freddie Mercury mural for Wythe Hotel, Brooklyn, NY

2014 Ahmet Ertegun mural for Atlantic Records headquarters, New York, NY.  
Project coordinated by Gensler, NY.

2013 David Bowie mural for Rag and Bone, New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019 Em Dash, Ampersand, Portland, OR

2018 Meet the Parents, Essex Flowers, New York, NY

The Mushroom Show, curated by Dan Gratz and Letha Wilson

Summer Reading, Woskob Gallery, Penn State

Actually Weird, Underdonk, Brooklyn, NY

2017 Weekend, curated by Ezra Johnson, Mindy Solomon gallery,

Miami, FL

*SQUARED x2*, Geoffrey Young gallery, Great Barrington, MA

*Press One for Show*, curated by Robert Otto Epstein,  
Lorimoto gallery, Ridgewood, NY

*The Secret Life of Plants*, curated by Jennifer Coates and  
Nick Lawrence, Freight + Volume, New York.

2016 *The Oasis*, Gitler & \_\_\_\_\_, New York, NY

*Nurture/nature*, curated by Matthew Mahler, 245 Varet,  
Brooklyn, NY

2015 *Your Bad Self*, Arts + Leisure, New York, NY.

*WHO*, Leslie Heller Workspace, New York, NY.

*I Am What I Am Not Yet*, curated by Diana Buckley,  
Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, Scarsdale, NY.

*The Vegas Session*. Three person show with Christopher  
Kane Taylor and Joseph Wardwell. Satellite  
Contemporary, Las Vegas, NV.

*The Ecstasy of Influence*, curated by Progress Report,  
SPRING/BREAK Art Show, New York, NY.

2014 *CONTEXT*, curated by Brian Hack,  
Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY.

*Drawn to Language*, Children's Museum of Art, New York,  
NY.

*Kiki Bouba*, curated by John O'Connor,  
Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

*Genesis Forward Battery*, curated by hkjb, Underdonk,  
Ridgewood, NY

2013 *Dialogic*, curated by Mary Salvante,  
Rowan University Art Gallery, Glassboro, NJ

*Endless Summer*, curated by Gary Petersen,  
Brian Morris Gallery, New York, NY

*Disque Optophonique* (sound piece for Christian Sampson  
installation), Southfirst, Brooklyn, NY

*Thanks*, curated by Adam Parker Smith, Lu Magnus, New  
York, NY

*Chiraroscuro*, curated JJ Manford and Steve Rivera,

Novella gallery, New York, NY

*Word* (two person exhibition with Jim Torok),  
One River gallery, Englewood, New Jersey

2012 *The Double Dirty Dozen (and Friends)*, Freight and Volume,  
New York, NY

*Can't Stop Rock Lobster*, curated by Merckx and Gwynne,  
Shoot the Lobster, New York, NY

*Waivers*, curated by EJ Hauser and Rob Nadeau,  
EJ Hauser studio, Brooklyn, NY

2011 *Temporary Antumbra Zone*, Janet Kurnatowsky, Brooklyn, NY

*Gold Records*, curated by Jon Lutz, Art Blog Art  
Blog, New York, NY

2010 *No Vacancy*, The Butcher's Daughter, Detroit, MI

2009 *Awesome-Blage*, Artjail, New York, NY

*The Space Between*, DNA, Provincetown, MA

*Heartbreak Hotel*, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

*No Soul For Sale*, X Initiative, New York, NY

#### Selected Bibliography

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Freight+Volume," *The James Kalm Report*, Nov. 27,  
2016.

2015 Caldwell, Ellen C. "Vegas Rising,"  
*New American Paintings* blog, June 8, 2015.

2014 Adelaide, Kari. "Erik den Breejen at Freight + Volume,"  
*Huffington Post*, May 27, 2014

Calandra, Maria. Interview for *Whitehot Magazine of  
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2013 McClellmont, Doug. "Endless Summer," *ARTnews*, December, 2013,  
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2011 Borkowski, Mary. "The Color and the Sound: Erik den Breejen's  
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Smith, Nancy. "Erik den Breejen Opens 'Smile' at  
Freight+Volume."  
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Calandra, Maria. "Erik den Breejen." *Pencil In the  
Studio*, April 10, 2011.

2008 Killeen, Michael. "Kapoor's Big Red Battering Ram, Rock Star  
Splatter:  
Chelsea Art." *Bloomberg.com*, June 12, 2008.

#### Residencies

2018 The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH

2015 DNA Artists' Residency, Provincetown, MA

#### Grants and Awards

2015 New York Foundation for the Arts Painting Fellowship

2006 Charles Baskerville Painting Award, Cornell University.

2005 Cornell Council for the Arts project grant.

#### Exhibitions Curated

2015 Let's Go Away for Awhile (co-curated with Maria Calandra),  
1 MileGallery, Kingston, NY.

2010 *Painting Comes Alive!* Artjail, New York, NY.