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## **MICHELE RUSSO**

Born: 1909, Waterbury, Connecticut Died: 2004, Portland, Oregon

### **EDUCATION**

Yale University, New Haven, CT, B.F.A.	1934
ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS	
Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR	2018, 2022
"Multifarious," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR	2016
The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	
1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007	7, 2010, 2013, 2015
"Michele Russo: A Tribute," Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR (catalogue)	2005
"Michele Russo: A Fifty Year Retrospective," Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR	1988
Fountain Gallery of Art, Portland, OR	
1963, 1965, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983	3, 1984, 1985, 1986
Galerie Akmak, Berlin, West Germany	1985
"Michele Russo: Paintings of the 1940's and 1950's," Wentz Gallery,	
Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR	1985
"Michele Russo at Marylhurst: Paintings and Drawings 1940-1984," The Art Gym, Marylhurs	-
Marylhurst, OR	1984
"Documents Northwest," Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA (catalog)	1984
Fountain Fine Arts, Seattle, WA	1982
Portland Center for the Visual Arts, Portland, OR	1978
"Russo," The Fountain Gallery, Portland, OR	1975
"A New Series of Paintings by Michele Russo," The Fountain Gallery, Portland, OR	1973
William Sawyer Gallery, San Francisco, CA	1970
"Michele Russo," The Fountain Gallery, Portland, OR	1968
"Michele Russo," Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach, OR	1967
"Michele Russo: Paintings 1956-1966," Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR	1966
"The Paintings of Michele Russo," Salem Art Museum, Bush House, Salem, OR	1963
Reed College, Portland, OR	1951, 1952, 1959
"Paintings by Michele Russo," Oregon Artists Gallery, Portland Art Museum, Portland, Or	1953
Mattatuck Historical Society, Waterbury, CT	1947
GROUP EXHIBITIONS	
"Northwest Masters: A Survey," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR	2024
"Early Northwest Masters," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR	2023
"Early Northwest Artists: Works from Estates and Private Collections," Russo Lee Gallery,	
Portland, OR	2019
"Mid-Century Viewpoints," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR	2018
	2010

 "Looking Back: Northwest Icons," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR
 "In Passionate Pursuit: The Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection and Legacy," Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
 "Art Exhibit Featuring The Saward Art Collection," Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research,

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Portland, OR	2014
"Creating Impressions: Printmaking in the Northwest," High Desert Museum, Bend, OR	2013
"Living Legacies: JSMA at 80," Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR "Creating the New Northwest: Selections from the Herb & Lucy Pruzan Collection," Tacoma Art	2013
Museum, WA	2013
"Early Northwest Artists: Works from Estates and Private Collections," The Laura Russo Gallery,	2015
Portland, OR	2013
The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR annually 1986 - 2004, 2	
"On the Edge: Pacific Northwest Art from the Permanent Collection," Hallie Ford Museum of Art,	,
Salem, OR	2012
"Provenance: In Honor of Arlene Schnitzer," Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Univ of Oregon, Eugen	e, OR2012
"Early Northwest Artists: Works from Private Collections," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	2011
"Arlington Club Contemporary Art Presentation," Arlington Club, Portland, OR (brochure)	2010
"PNCA at 100," Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR	2009
"Lasting Legacies: The First 75 Years," Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene	OR 2009
"20th Anniversary Group Show," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	2006
"Early Northwest Artists," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	2006
"The Saward Collection, Premier Northwest Artists of the Mid-20th Century," Kaiser Permanente	
Center for Health Research, Portland, OR	2004
"Building Tradition: Gifts in Honor of the Northwest Art Collection," Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, W	
"Northwest Views, Selections from the SAFECO Collection, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA	2001
"15th Anniversary Group Show," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	2001
"Early Works by Oregon Artists," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	2000
"Prints and Drawings," The Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR	1998
"Still Working," National Traveling Exhibition organized by Parsons School of Design, New York;	004 1000
opening at The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. 1 Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay, OR	.994-1996 1995
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"let Dreams, Art of the Littles in the Dacitic Northwest" Lacoma Art Museum M/A, and Cooley Galler	74
"Jet Dreams: Art of the Fifties in the Pacific Northwest," Tacoma Art Museum, WA, and Cooley Galler Reed College, Portland, OR	-
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"Pacific Coast Invitational," Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA; circulated to San Die	go,
Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Portland	1962-1963
"The Realist Image," Seattle World's Fair Exhibition, Seattle Center, WA	1962
"Northwest Painters 1961," Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR	1961
"Sixth Annual West Coast Oil Painting Exhibition," Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA; award	1960
"Paintings and Sculptures of the Pacific Northwest," Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR	1959
"The Oregon Scene," Oregon Centennial Commission Painting Exhibition, Portland, OR	1959
"Fifth Annual West Coast Oil Painting Exhibition," Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA; award	1959
"Young Collectors," Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX	1954
Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR	1953
"Eight Oregon Artists," Kraushaar Gallery, New York, NY	1952-1953
"Thirty-Sixth Annual Exhibition," The Society of American Graphic Artists, Inc., Kennedy and Company	
Gallery, New York, NY	1952
"Sixth National Print Annual Exhibition," The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY	1952
"Tenth National Exhibition of Prints Made During the Current Year," Library of Congress, Washington, DC 1952	
"Texas Wildcat," Fort Worth Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX	1951
A.C.A. Gallery, New York, NY	1940-1941
"Artists West of the Mississippi," Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs, CO	1936
Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, CT	1936

#### AWARDS and COMMISSIONS

Safeco Art Leadership Award, ArtFair Seattle, WA	1996
Portland Art Museum Commission for Centennial Celebration poster and limited edition serigraph, OR	1992
Metropolitan Arts Commission Award, Portland, OR	1983
Aubrey R. Watzek Award, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR	1982
State of Oregon Arts Commission Award, Salem, OR	1981
Governor's Award for the Arts, State of Oregon, Salem, OR	1979
First Award, "Living with Art," Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR	1966
Purchase Award, "Fifth Pacific Northwest Art Annual," University of Oregon, Eugene, OR	1965
Award, "Sixth Annual West Coast Oil Painting Exhibition," Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA	1960
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Fellowship to study with Boardman Robinson and George Biddle in Colorado Springs, CO	1937
WPA Murals, Nathan Hale School, Hamden, CT and Columbus School, New Haven, CT 193	4-1936

## **COLLECTIONS**

Anderson Properties, Portland, OR Claremont Resort Hotel, Oakland, CA Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH Emanuel Hospital, Portland, OR Equitable Center, Portland, OR Federal Reserve Bank, Portland, OR Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Portland, OR Galerie Akmak, Berlin, West Germany Halllie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University, Salem, OR Harsch Investment Corp., Portland, OR Hilton Hotel, Portland, OR Hotel Lucia, Portland, OR Instromedix, Portland, OR Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR Kaiser Permanente's Saward Art Collection, Portland, OR Lattice Semiconductor, Hillsboro, OR

McGuire Co., San Francisco, CA Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, OR Oregon Arts Commission, State Office Building, Salem, OR Oregon Health & Sciences University, Portland, OR Oregon State Capitol Art Collection, Salem, OR Oregon State University Valley Library, Corvallis, OR Pacific First Bank, Portland, OR Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR Patrick Lumber Co., Portland, OR Pepsi Cola, Portland, OR Pihas Schmidt Westerdahl Advertising, Portland, OR Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR Portland/Westin Hotel, Portland, OR Ranier National Bank, Seattle, WA Reed College, Portland, OR Regional Arts and Culture Council, Portland, OR Safeco Corporation, Seattle, WA Schnitzer Industries, Portland, OR Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA Security Pacific Bank (Bank of America), Seattle, WA State of Oregon, State Office Building, Portland, OR Stoel Rives LLP, Seattle, WA Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA Tonkon Torp, Portland, OR University of Oregon Art Museum, Eugene, OR University of Oregon, Science Building, Eugene, OR Vista Travel Service, Portland, OR The Westin Hotel, Portland, OR Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA

#### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Appointed to Oregon Art Institute, Centennial Steering Committee, Portland, OR	1989-1992
Appointed to Metropolitan Arts Commission, Portland, OR	1977
Instructor, Museum Art School, Portland, OR	1947 until retirement in 1974
Co-founder, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, Portland, OR	1973
Co-founder, Artists Equity of Oregon, Portland, OR	1952
Artist Technician, U.S. Rubber, Bucks Hill, CT	1946
Teacher, Art and History, Federal Education Program, Waterbury, CT	1939

#### PUBLICATIONS

Maison Inc. advertisement, *Luxe. interiors + design*, November/December 2018
Cantor, Allyn, Variations: "30 Years/ Mary Josephson: Why I Kept a Light Burning," *Preview*, November-January 2016-17, p. 72
Catalogue review for *30 Years*; "Exhibition Catalogues of Interest," *Preview*, November-January 2016-17, p. 79
"30 Years," Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR, 2016, color catalog, pp. 86
Frochtzwajg, Jonathan, "First Thursday: 5 Must-See Art Shows in Portland This Month," *The Oregonian*, January 1, 2016, A&E, online
Guenther, Bruce; In *Passionate Pursuit, The Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection and Legacy*; (Portland, OR:

Guenther, Bruce; In Passionate Pursuit, The Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection and Legacy; (Portland, OR: Portland Art Museum) 2014, 192 pages with color reproductions

"In Passionate Pursuit: The Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection and Legacy," Portal: Portland Art Museum

Magazine, Vol. 3 Issue 3, October/November/December 2014, pp. 3-5

Motley, John, "Fall Arts Guide: Visual Arts," The Oregonian, August 29, 2014, A&E p. 12

Antonini, Antonella and Sarah Clark-Langager. The Leese Legacy (Bellingham, WA:

Western Washington University) 2013, 168 pp.

"Creating Impressions: Printmaking in the Northwest at the High Desert Museum," Cascade A&E: Art & Culture

in

Central Oregon, September 2013, p. 24

Hushka, Rock, and Matthew Kangas, essays. *Creating the New Northwest: Selections from the Herb and Lucy Pruzan Collection*, (Tacoma, WA: Tacoma Art Museum) 2013, 95 pages with color reproductions

"Extreme Homes," HGTV, Scripps Networks, Episode HEXHS-311H; first broadcast April 14, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. featuring the home and art collection of John Hoke, Portland, OR

Hushka, Rock, and Margaret Bullock, essays. *Best of the Northwest: Selected Works from Tacoma Art Museum*,

(Tacoma, WA: Tacoma Art Museum) 2013, 240 pages with color reproductions Motley, John, "Exhibition Highlights Fruits of Fellowships," *The Oregonian*, January 4, 2013, A&E p. 29 Fong, Lawrence, and Danielle Knapp, Ed. *Provenance: In Honor of Arlene Schnitzer* 

(Jordan Schnitzer Museumof Art, Eugene, OR) 2012

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Keefer, Bob, "Getting Personal with Arlene Schnitzer," The Register-Guard, Eugene, OR, May 10, 2012, pp. D1,

D3

"A Collection Transformed," *Inside Whatcom Museum*, Vol 8 No 1, Winter 2011, pp. 4-5, 8
Row, D.K. "YU: Ambition and Mystery Surround a New Arts Center," *The Oregonian*, November 6, 2010
Row, D.K. "First Thursday: George Johanson Retrospective Opens at Pacific Northwest College of Art," *The Oregonian*, October 6, 2010, p. C1

Libby, Brian, "Playful Geometry," *Luxe Interiors + Design*, Vol. 8 Issue 2, Spring 2010, p. 189 Johnson, Barry, "'PNCA at 100': Don't be so surprised that it's so juicy," *The Oregonian*, June 16, 2009, online Row, D.K. "PNCA at 100 celebrates arts, scene's affinities," *The Sunday Oregonian*, June 14, 2009, pp. 01, 03 "PNCA at 100," *Portland Art Museum Members' Magazine*, Summer 2009, pp. 2-3

Speer, Richard, "100 Years of PNCA: Portland, Oregon celebrates an art school whose DNA is interwoven with its own," art ltd, May/June 2009, pp. 32-35

Pacific Northwest College of Art Benefit Art Auction, 2009, catalog, p. 18

Hartz, Jill, Lasting Legacies: The First 75 Years – Selections from the Collection of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, Oregon: University of Oregon Press, 2009, p. 75

Row, D.K., "Portland art scene needs a contemporary showcase," *The Sunday Oregonian*, Aug. 31, 2008, pp. 01, 06

"Oregon Experience: The Art Makers," Oregon Public Broadcasting TV, May 22, 2008

Cain, Eric, "Oregon Experience: The Art Makers," OPB Member Guide, May 2008, p. 3

Chiaroscuro, Cascade AIDS Project's Art Evening and Auction Catalog, Portland, Oregon, Spring 2007, p. 28

Row, D.K. "Movers and Shapers: The top 10 players on Portland's visual arts scene," *The Oregonian,*" January 26, 2007, A & E, pp. 8-15

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