

CORVI-MORA

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1991 BA, University of California at Berkeley
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Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 "Onwards", Anton Kern, New York
- 2023 "Still", Palazzo Cavanis, Venice
"Crosstalk", Almine Rech, Shanghai
"Still", Almine Rech, Venice
- 2022 "More", Almine Rech, Brussels
"New Year", Corvi-Mora, London
"Something or Other", Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago
- 2021 "More Days", Almine Rech, Paris
- 2020 "Sound", Almine Rech, Shanghai
"Waiting", Anton Kern, New York
- 2019 "Fugue", Almine Rech, Paris
- 2018 "Pressing On", Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago
"Cosi fan tutte", Gallery Met, Met Opera, New York
- 2017 Anton Kern Gallery, New York
"Major Minor", Corvi Mora, London, UK
"Brian Calvin | Wendy White", Cabinet, Milan (two person exhibition)
"States", Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels
- 2016 Early Work, Anton Kern Gallery, New York
"Hours", Almine Rech Gallery, Paris
"The Meditations: Chicago 1991 – 1999", Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago (cat)
- 2015 "End of Messages", Mu.ZEE, Ostend
"End of Messages", Le Consortium, Dijon
- 2014 Anton Kern Gallery, New York (cat)
- 2013 Corvi-Mora, London
"End of Messages", The Finley Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2011 Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago
- 2010 Corvi-Mora, London
- 2009 "Head", Anton Kern Gallery, New York
- 2007 Corvi-Mora, London
"Things", Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
- 2006 Anton Kern Gallery, New York

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- 2005 Corvi-Mora, London
Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
- 2004 Anton Kern Gallery, New York
- 2003 Corvi-Mora, London
"The Conversation", Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
- 2002 "Unreal", Gallery Side 2, Tokyo
Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
- 2001 Corvi-Mora, London
- 2000 "Days", Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
- 1999 "It's Easy to Make Friends", Gallery Side 2, Tokyo
- 1998 "Good News", Gallery Side 2, Tokyo
- 1996 "God's Plot & John Wilkes Booth", Zolla/Lieberman Gallery, Chicago
- 1994 "New Paintings: Brian Calvin", Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 "The Echo of Picasso", Museo Picasso Málaga, Málaga
"Celebrating Picasso Today: Infinite Modernism", Almine Rech, London
"Tondo", organized by Patricia Pericas, Anton Kern Gallery, New York
- 2022 "Something Like a Self. Brian Calvin - William N. Copley - Karl Wirsum", Linn Lühn, Düsseldorf
"Speed to Roam", Tif Sigfrids, Athens
"Romancing Relevance", Woaw Gallery, Central, Hong Kong
"Marriage: From Antiques to Contemporary Art", WHAT MUSEUM, Tokyo,
"BodyLand", Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin
- 2021 "Salon de Peinture", Almine Rech, New York
"Brian Calvin Marcus Jahmal", Anton Kern Gallery, New York
- 2020 "Painting Someone", Almine Rech, Shanghai
"Sympathetic Magnetic", Blum & Poe, Los Angeles
"Summer", Almine Rech, Paris
"Spring", Almine Rech, Paris
- 2018 "Cliché", Almine Rech, New York
"Line and Verse", Andréhn-Schiptjenko, Stockholm
- 2017 "Tomorrow's Man 4", Regen Projects, Los Angeles
"la mère la mer", McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco
"American Genre: Contemporary Painting", Institute of Contemporary Art at Maine College of Art, Portland
"Forest on the Edge of Time", The Pit II, Los Angeles
"Los Angeles: A Fiction", Museum of Contemporary Art, Lyon
- 2016 "Implosion 20", Anton Kern Gallery, New York

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- "Outside", curated by Matthew Higgs, Karma, Amagansett, New York
"Los Angeles - A Fiction", Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo
"Wild Style: Exhibition of Figurative Art", Peres Projects, Berlin (cat)
"What's Up?", Soho Revue, London
- 2015 "About Face", Kanye Griffin Corcoran, Los Angeles
"The Guston Effect", Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston
"Intimate Paintings", Half Gallery, New York
"The Shell (Landscapes, Portraits & Shapes), a show by Eric Troncy" - Almine Rech Gallery, Paris
"Tracing Shadows", PLATEAU, Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul
"SELF: Portraits of Artists in their Absence", National Academy Museum & School, New York
- 2014 "Another Cat Show", 356 Mission, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 "California Landscape Into Abstraction: Works From The Orange County Museum of Art", Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, California (cat)
- 2012 "About Face", ACME, Los Angeles
"We The People", Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Project Space, New York
- 2011 David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles
"Dystopia", CAPC Musée d'art Contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux (cat)
- 2010 "This and That", Corvi-Mora, London
- 2009 "Electric Mud", Blaffer Gallery, The Art Museum of the University of Houston, Houston
- 2008 "Dinner and a Group Show", GBE@passerby, New York
"Pretty Ugly", Gavin Brown's enterprise, Maccarone, New York
"Live Undead", Transmission Gallery, Glasgow
- 2007 "Good Morning, Midnight", Casey Kaplan, New York (curated by Bruce Hainley)
"If Everybody Had an Ocean. Brian Wilson: An Art exhibition", Tate St Ives, St Ives; CAPC Musée d'art Contemporain, Bordeaux
"Very Abstract and Hyper Figurative", Thomas Dane, London (cat)
"After Cezanne", MOCA The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
- 2006 "Red Eye. LA Artists from the Rubell Family Collection", Rubell Family Collection, Miami
- 2004 California Biennial, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach
"Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art", CCA Wattis Institute of Contemporary Arts, San Francisco
"Now and Then Some", Claremont College, Claremont (curated by David Pagel)
- 2003 Prague Biennale 1, Veletržní Palác, Prague
"Giverny", Salon 94, New York
"Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast in Contemporary Art", Seattle Art Museum, Seattle; MCA, San Diego; Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia; CCAC Watts Institute, Oakland (cat)
"Ishtar", Midway Contemporary Art, St. Paul, Minnesota (curated by Bruce Hainley) (cat)
"The Great Drawing Show: 1550-2003 AD", Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles
"The Fourth Sex: Adolescent Extremes", Stazione Leopolda, Florence (curated by Francesco Bonami & Raf Simons) (cat)

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- "Youngstars", Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna
"Painting Pictures", Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg (cat)
"Dear Painter, paint me", Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt am Main (cat)
- 2002 "Paintings", Marc Foxx, Los Angeles, CA
"Grey Gardens", Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA "Painting and Illustration",
Luckman Gallery, California State University, Los Angeles
"Collectors Program: Sammlung Köhn", Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna
"Grey Gardens", Michael Kohn Gallery (curated by Bruce Hainley)
"The Galleries Show: Contemporary Art in London", The Royal Academy of Arts,
London
"Paintings", Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
"Dear Painter, paint me", Centre Pompidou, Paris; Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna (cat)
- 2001 "The Americans. New Art", Barbican Art Gallery, London (cat)
"The Devil Is In The Details", Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston
- 2000 "Collector's Choice", Exit Art, New York
Marc Foxx, Los Angeles
- 1999 "Meanwhile...", Jan Cicero Gallery, Chicago
Gallery Side 2, Tokyo
- 1996 "Brian Calvin, Suzanne Doremus, Edward Henderson & Deborah Orapallo",
Foster Gallery, The University of Wisconsin, Eau-Claire, Wisconsin
- 1995 "X-sightings", Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, New York
- 1994 "Created Here: a Salon d'Ecole", Richard Himmel Gallery, Chicago
"Recent Paintings", Gallery 2, School of The Art Institute of Chicago
"Don Baum's Grab Bag", Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago
"Discontents & Debutantes: Brian Calvin & Mike Cockrill", Center for the Visual
Arts, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
- 1993 "Whose Broad Stripes & Bright Stars: Death, Reverence & the Struggle for Equality
in America", Betty Rymer Gallery, Chicago

Publications

- 2018 Brian Calvin, "Duet (with Chorus)", Flood Editions
- 2016 Brian Calvin, John Corbett, Jim Dempsey, "Brian Calvin: The Meditations: Chicago
1991 - 1999", Corbett Vs. Dempsey (cat)
- 2014 Anton Kern Gallery, "Brian Calvin", Black Dog Publishing
- 2011 Jonathan Griffin, "Vitamin P₂: New Perspectives in Painting", Phaidon Press, pp.70-
71
Mark Von Schlegell, "New Dystopia", Sternberg Press, pp. 153 & 171
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- 2007 Thomas Dane, London "Very Abstract and Hyper Figurative", Valerio Valerio
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