# Karen Gunderson b. 1943, Wisconsin

# Solo Exhibitions

Solo Exhibition	ns:
2016	"Waterways," Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, Connecticut "Karen Gunderson: Moments Past and Present," Waterhouse & Dodd, New York City
	"Process, Practice and Light," William Siegal Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2015	"Karen Gunderson: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper," Waterhouse & Dodd, London
2013	"Karen Gunderson: Reflective," Racine Art Museum, Wisconsin "Karen Gunderson: Tibet, Rain, Water, and Constellations," Waterhouse & Dodd, New York City
2011	"Constellations, Moons, and Water," ClampArt, New York City
2010	"Bridge Into the Night," Bahrain National Museum, Manama, Bahrain "Karen Gunderson," William Siegal Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2008	"Karen Gunderson," DNA Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts
2007	"Karen Gunderson: Black Paintings," ClampArt, New York City
2006	Artists Space, New York City
	The Park School of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland
2004	Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid
	Crossman Gallery, Whitewater, Wisconsin
2003	Government of the Ministry, Sophia, Bulgaria
	Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Chester, Connecticut
2002	Cornell College Gallery, Mt. Vernon, Iowa
	Brattleborough Museum Art Center, Brattleborough, Vermont
2001	Skirball Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 2000	Holocaust Museum, Houston, Texas College of Staten Island, Staten Island, New York
2000	Hebrew Union College, New York City
1998	Donahue/Sosinski Art, New York City
1995	Michael Lord Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1770	Gunderson/Holt: Collaboration, LaGuardia Gallery, Brooklyn College, New York
1994	E.M. Donahue Gallery, New York, NY
	The Weatherspoon Art Gallery, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
1993	The Pierre, New York, NY, for JFCR Benefit
1991	Saint Peter's Church, New York City
1990	Cherry Stone Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts
1988	Simone Stern Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia Simone Stern Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana Gremillion Gallery, Houston, Texas Fischbach Gallery, Houston, Texas
1987	C. Grimaldis Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
1986	Fischbach Gallery, New York City
1985	Perimeter Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

1984	Charles A. Wustum Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin Armstrong Art Gallery, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa Fischbach Gallery, New York City
1978	Roy Boyd Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
	Gloria Cortella Gallery, New York City
1972	Hopkins Hall Gallery, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
1971	Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, Minnesota
1970	Cedar Rapids Art Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1969	Wustum Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin

# **Awards and Honors:**

2001	Lorenzo Magnifico Second Prize in Painting, Florence Biennale, Florence,
	Italy
2000	Washington Park High School Hall of Fame, Racine, Wisconsin
1994	E.D. Foundation Grant, New York, New York
1984	Distinguished Alumni Award, The University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
1966-68	Graduate School Assistantships. The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Selected group exhibitions:		
2016	"Painting After Postmodernism," Roberto Polo Gallery, Brussels (Curated by	
	Barbara Rose)	
0015	"Black is the New Black," Foley Gallery, New York City	
2015	"Evil: A Matter of Intent," Hebrew Union College, New York City	
	"Summer Group Show," Waterhouse & Dodd, New York City	
2014	"Recent Paintings by Alex Rennie and Karen Gunderson," Waterhouse & Dodd,	
	London	
	"Winter Show 2014," Waterhouse & Dodd, New York City	
2013	"This is Water," Vermont Institute of Contemporary Art, Chester, Vermont	
	"Nauticus," William Siegal Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico	
	"Waterways II," Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, Connecticut	
	"Land & Sea," Waterhouse & Dodd, New York City	
0010	"Still Life," Waterhouse & Dodd, London	
2012	"Particles and Waves," Iliad, New York City	
2011	"Pulse LA," ClampArt booth, Los Angeles	
2010	"Monochrome," McKenzie Fine Arts, New York City	
2009	"PRETHUNDERDOME," White Flag, St. Louis, Missouri	
	"Arcadia," ClampArt, New York	
	"Summer Invitational Exhibition," Frost & Reed, London	
2008	"New Artists New Work," William Siegal Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Curated by Bunny Conlon)	
	"Envisioning Maps," Jewish Institute of Religion Museum, Hebrew Union College,	
	New York	
	Art Hamptons Fair, Frost & Reed Gallery booth, New York	
2007	"Slideluck Potshow IX," Sandbox Studios, New York City	
	"Places," LUXE Project Inc., New York City	
	"Options within Reach," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York City	
2006	"New Old Masters," Palace Museum, Gdansk, Poland (Curated by Donald Kuspit)	
	"Final Show," Cherrystone Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts	
	"Reflections: Water as Metaphor and Muse", Truro Center for the Arts, Truro,	
	Massachusetts	
	"Transcending Everyday Life," Marymount Manhattan College, New York City	
	"Neverland," Luxe Gallery, New York City	
2005	"PAINT IT BLACK," The Shoreline Institute of the Contemporary Arts,	

	Long Branch, New Jersey
2003	"The Art of Aging", Skirball Museum, Hebrew Union College, New York, NY
2001	Cornell College Gallery, Mt. Vernon, Iowa
	Brattleborough Museum Art Center, Brattleborough, Vermont
	Skirball Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001	Holocaust Museum, Houston, Texas
2000	College of Staten Island, Staten Island, New York
	Hebrew Union College, New York City
1998	Donahue/Sosinski Art, New York City
1995	Michael Lord Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	Gunderson/Holt: Collaboration, LaGuardia Gallery, Brooklyn College, New York
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1990	Cherry Stone Gallery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts
1988	Simone Stern Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
	Simone Stern Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana
	Gremillion Gallery, Houston, Texas
	Fischbach Gallery, Houston, Texas
1987	C. Grimaldis Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland

# **Installations and Public Commissions:**

2005	Benefit for Friends of Migdal Ohr at Safra Synagogue
2000	Art in Embassies Program, Ambassador Karl & wife, Barrie Hofmann to the
	American Embassy in Togo, West Africa
1996	"Gunderson-Holt Collaboration" at 50 Broad Street, New York, New York
	"Aren't We All Beautiful Colors" at 25 Broad Street, New York, New York
1995-96	Permanent installation of paintings entitled "Clouds of Witnesses," for chancel
	area of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin

# **Publications:**

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2016	Elizabeth Frank, <u>Karen Gunderson: The Dark World of Light</u> , Monograph (Abbeville
	Press)
2012	Adam Brown, Particles and Waves, Catalogue for exhibition in New York City
2008	"Karen Gunderson," Art in Embassies Exhibition Catalogue, United States Embassy in Manama, Bahrain, Cover art and pages 11-14.
2006	Donald Kuspit, New Old Masters, Catalogue for exhibition in Gdansk, Poland.
2005	John T. Spike, <u>Art &amp; Antiques, Closer Look</u> , "Night Light: Karen Gunderson paints it
	black." p. 104.
2004	Donald Kuspit, <u>The End of Art</u> , mentioned as "New Old Master," p. 183.
	(Cambridge University Press)
	Donald Kuspit, Karen Gunderson's Black Paintings, Catalogue essay for Exhibition
	at the Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain.
	Mark Daniel Cohen, The Heart of Light, Catalogue essay for Exhibition at the
	Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain.
	Alessandro Ryker, <u>Karen Gunderson: The Soft Voice of Black</u> , Catalogue interview
	for the Exhibition at the Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain.
2003	Elizabeth Frank, <u>Karen Gunderson and The Art of Courage</u> , Brochure Essay
	for Exhibition in Sophia, Bulgaria.
2000	James E. Young, <u>Karen Gunderson's Black Portraits of Rescue</u> , Brochure Essay for
	Exhibition at Hebrew Union College, New York City.
1998	Donald Kuspit, Karen Gunderson: KINGS, Catalogue essay for exhibition at

	Donahue/Sosinski Art, New York, NY, November 18-December 19, 1998.
1996	Betsy Sussler, publisher of BOMB Magazine, fall issue 1996 presentation of
	Gunderson/Holt Collaboration, New York City.
1994	Gerrit Henry, Karen Gunderson: Night Garden Sunflowers, Catalogue
	Essay for exhibition at Weatherspoon Art Gallery, The University of North
	Carolina at Greensboro, North Carolina.
1985	Carter Ratcliff, Karen Gunderson, Catalogue essay for traveling one-person
	exhibition, Perimeter Gallery, Chicago, IL; Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts,
	Racine, WI; Armstrong Gallery, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

#### Selected Articles and Reviews:

Zane Fischer, "From Darkness: Light, Gunderson Pulls Visual Tactility from Pure Black," <u>Santa Fe Reporter</u>, November 5, 2008.

Richard McBee, "Envisioning Maps," <u>The Jewish Press</u>, November 5, 2008.

R.C. Baker, The Village Voice, "Art: Best in Show," March 7-13, 2007.

Mark Daniel Cohen, <u>Hyperion</u>, "The Trick of the Light," February 2007.

ZOOZOOM.com, "Paint it Black," March, 2007.

Brian Sherman, "Art Space Talk: Karen Gunderson," March 5, 2007.

Gerard McCarthy, Art in America, "Karen Gunderson at Artists Space," September, 2006.

Christian Rattemeyer, "Mountains and Constellations," January 11, 2006.

Kim Keever, "Transcending Everyday Life," January 17, 2006.

Javier Rubio Nomblot, "Cuadros negros de Karen Gunderson", <u>El Punto de las Artes</u>, Madrid, August 2, 2004 – September 9, 2004.

"Exposiciones Karen Gunderson Pinturas," El Pais Madrid, July 14, 2004 – August 29, 2004.

Pablo Sobisch, "La sala Minerva alberga Pinturas negras," Guia del Ocio, August 27, 2004.

Alberto de las Fuentes, "Nueva luz sobre el negro," Metropoli, August 20, 2004.

Alberto de las Fuentes, "Nueva luz sobre el negro," <u>El Mundo Es Metropoli</u>, August 19, 2004.

"Karen Gunderson", La Clave, August 13, 2004.

"El arte que se despide en agosto, Pinturas Negras," El Mundo, Madrid, August 9, 2004.

"Circulo de Bellas Artes, Karen Gunderson Pintura," Guia del Ocio, August 6, 2004.

"La coleccion 'De pictura' resume 50 anos de arte espanol," <u>Herald Tribune</u>, Thursday, October 7, 2004.

"Madrid," Caballo Verde, July 20, 2004.

"Madrid," La Razon, Madrid, July 16, 2004.

"Gunderson," Cadencialatina, Madrid, July 10, 2004.

"Circulo de Bellas artes de Madrid 'Pinturas Negras' de Karen Gunderson," Liceus, July 10, 2004.

"El verano sucumbre al arte, a la artesania y a la historia", Maliga Madrid, 7/15/2004.

Benjamin Genocchio, "Le Witt the Collector, Filling Up a Warehouse," <u>New York Times</u>, January 1, 2004.

Mara Dresner, "The Importance of 'Moral Courage,'" <u>Jewish Ledger</u>, November 28, 2003.

Maureen Conlan, "Stopping Evil, 'Holocaust Awareness' Salutes," The Post, April 7, 2002.

Pica Kahn, "Museum hosts Holocaust exhibit," Houston Chronicle, April 25, 2001.

Aaron Howard, "Accounts of rescue and moral acts during Nazi occupation," <u>Jewish Herald-</u> Voice, April 11, 2001.

Jordi Cisa, "Between Darkness and Light: en el HMH", El Dia, April 3, 2001.

"Between Darkness and Light," <u>Jewish Herald-Voice</u>, March 21, 2001.

Michael J. Fressola, "Art exhibit is testimony to 'Moral Courage,'" <u>Staten Island Advance</u>, October 20, 2000.

Mike Giuliano, Faculty Exhibition, City Paper, October 18, 2000.

John Mendelsohn, The Jewish Week, May 19, 2000.

"Moral Courage During World War II: Paintings and Drawings by Karen Gunderson," <u>Antiques and Collectibles</u>, May 2000.

"Moral Courage During World War II: Denmark and Bulgaria," <u>Antiques and the Arts Weekly</u>, May 12, 2000.

Ken Johnson, Karen Gunderson at Hebrew Union College, <u>The New York Times: Art Guide</u>, May 12, 2000.

"Recent Openings: Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion," *The Jewish Week, March* 24, 2000.

"Night Passage to Sweden," The Jewish Forward, March 17, 2000.

Jonathan Goodman, Karen Gunderson at Donahue/Sosinski, Art in America, July 1999.

Grace Glueck, Karen Gunderson, <u>The New York Times: Art Guide</u>, Friday, December 11, 1998.

"Karen Gunderson," New York Magazine, December 7, 1998.

Grace Glueck, Karen Gunderson, The New York Times, December 4, 1998.

Mark Daniel Cohen, "Exhibitions-Kings," <u>Donahue/Sosinski Art,</u> December 1, 1998.

James Auer, "Racine Church's 'Cloud' Paintings Keep the Mind on Matters Above," <u>Milwaukee</u> <u>Journal Sentinel</u>, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Wednesday, May 7, 1997.

Nathan Guequierre, "Clouds of Witness," Shepherd Express, May 1, 1997.

Mike Owen, "Isis: New Views of the Myth at Exhibit," West Branch Times, January 30, 1997.

David Lee, "Exhibit Unveils Myth of the Mysterious Isis," <u>lowa City Press Citizen</u>, January 27, 1997.

James Auer, "Eyes on Heavens: Cloud Paintings Lift Church's Spirit," <u>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</u>, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 24, 1995.

Catherine Ann Velasco, "An Artist's Inspired Gift: Bringing Heaven Down to Earth," <u>The Journal</u> Times, Racine, Wisconsin, November 10, 1995.

Catherine Ann Velasco, "Racine Native Can Begin First Phase of Cloud Mural," <u>The Journal</u> Times, Racine, Wisconsin, January 16, 1995.

Catherine Ann Velasco, "Sky's Not A Limit," <u>The Journal Times</u>, Racine, Wisconsin. December 4, 1994.

Camille Howell. "The Danish Rescue: A 'Schindler's List' on Canvas," <u>The News-Leader</u>, Springfield, Missouri, February 11-13, 1994.

Roger Hurlburt. "New Dimensions: An Exhibit Featuring Five Artists Working in Two Different Mediums Produces a Remarkably Cohesive Show," Sun Sentinel, December 12, 1993.

Kay Murphy Nolan. "An Artist's Inspiration: Woman's Paintings Honor Former Town Of Pewaukee Pastor," <u>The Waukesha County Freeman</u>, December, 28, 1991.

John Dorsey. "Individuality Characterizes Exhibit of Five Painters' Works," <u>Baltimore Sun</u>, November 20, 1991.

Michael Brenson. "In Connecticut, A Conceptualist's Nonconceptual Collection," <u>The New York Times</u>, August 9, 1991.

Michael Brenson. "Karen Gunderson," The New York Times, May 3, 1991.

James Auer. "Gunderson in NY Showing," The Milwaukee Journal, April 28, 1991.

Cindy Nickerson. "A Breakthrough in Black-Artist Finds a New Way to Express Herself" <u>Cape Week: The Cape Cod Times Magazine</u>, August 24, 1990.

Gerrit Henry. "Karen Gunderson," ARTnews, April, 1988.

Amy Jinkner-Lloyd. "It's Difficult to Find the Silver Lining Among Paintings of Clouds at Gallery," <u>The Atlanta Journal</u>, 1988.

Lawrence Campbell. "Karen Gunderson at Fischbach," Art in America, May, 1988.

Michael Brenson. "Karen Gunderson," <u>The New York Times</u>, January 8, 1988.

Tom Weisser. "Karen Gunderson, New Paintings," City Paper, March 20-26, 1987.

Linell Smith. "Gunderson's Visions are Heavenly Ones," The Evening Sun, March 12, 1987.

John Dorsey. "C. Grimaldis Gallery," Art Capsules, Maryland, March 6, 1987.

John Dorsey. "Karen Gunderson Sends in the Clouds," Baltimore Sun, March 5, 1987.

Michael Brenson. "Why Asian Culture Answers the Needs of Western Artists," <u>The New York Times</u>, April 20, 1986.

Judith Higgins. "Karen Gunderson," ARTnews, New York City, Summer 1986.

Michael Brenson. "Karen Gunderson," The New York Times, March 14, 1986.

Eliot Nusbaum. "Show: Windows on the Heavens," <u>Des Moines Sunday Register</u>, September 22, 1985.

James Auer. "Sky's No Limit For Her," <u>The Milwaukee Journal</u>, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 19, 1985.

Christopher Lyon. "Landscapes Embody Dramatic Conflicts," <u>The Chicago Sun Times</u>, May 3, 1985.

Tom Strini. "Karen Gunderson's Art Shines Through Her Clouds at Racine," <u>The Milwaukee</u> <u>Journal</u>, July 1985.

Rose Slivka. "Karen Gunderson at Fischbach," Art in America, October 1984.

Gerrit Henry, "Karen Gunderson," ARTnews, September 1984.

Theodore F. Wolff. "She Meets Challenges That Go Back At Least To Kline and Pollock," <u>The Christian Science Monitor</u>, April 26, 1984.

Lawrence Campbell. "Karen Gunderson at Fischbach," Arts, March 1984.

Michael Brenson. "Karen Gunderson," The New York Times, March 16, 1984.

Grace Glueck. "Gallery Artists' Choice," The New York Times, September 24, 1982.

Robert Yoskowitz. "Cloudworks," Arts, March 1982.

Suzanne Slesin. "Safes as Combinations of Art and Security," <u>The New York Times</u>, April 10, 1981.

Margaret Pomfret, "Karen Gunderson," Arts, January 1978

Gerrit Henry, "Karen Gunderson," ARTnews, December 1977.

Karen B Tancill, "Young Artist Utilizes Space", <u>Racine Journal-Times</u>, Racine, Wisconsin, July 17, 1969.

### Television/Radio/Film:

"The New Yorkers," WNYZ-TV interview by James Chladek, October 27, 2005.

"The Black Paintings by Karen Gunderson," a film by Lisa Ades, Orchard Films, 2005.

"Interview at Ambassador Hofmann's Residency with Karen Gunderson in Honor of her Artist in Residency position," Lome, Togo Channel 4, 2002.

"Africa/Tropica," interviewed with PAO, Jeffrey Robertson by Guy Yovo Doh, 2002.

"History's Lost and Found," The History Channel showed "Night Passage to Sweden" June 6, 2000.

"Frank Field interview with Karen Gunderson," Good Day New York, Fox Channel 5, April 7,1996.

#### **Teaching:**

Ohio State University, Columbus, Instructor, 1970-73.

S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, Visiting Artist in Residence, 1968.

Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Instructor, 1968-1970.

Ohio State University, Columbus, Instructor 1970–73.

N.Y.U., New York, School of the Arts, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1973-76.

The Chicago Art Institute, Visiting Artist in Residence, 1977.

University of Wisconsin, Whitewater and Menomenee, Visiting Lecturer, 1977.

S.U.N.Y. at Purchase, New York, Instructor 1978.

College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale, New York, Acting Chairman of Fine Arts, Assistant Professor. 1978-81.

Artist in Residence, Lome, Togo, West Africa on behalf of the State Department and the ART in Embassies Program. Taught workshop for young artists in Togo, West Africa as a pilot 2002. Drew University, 2000-03, 2006.

Maryland Institute College of Art, Visiting Artist. 1985, 1991, 1997, 1999-2003, 2006.

#### **Selected collections:**

Lewitt Collection, Chester, Connecticut

Racine Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin

Charles A. Wustum Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin

Davis, Polk, and Wardell, New York, New York

Dow Jones, New Jersey

Weatherspoon Art Gallery, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, New York

Peek Health Care, Denver, Colorado Northrop Corporation, Los Angeles, California **Hughes Aircraft** Perimeter Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois Stephens, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas The Williams Companies, Tulsa, Oklahoma C.I.T. Financial Corporation, Livingston, New Jersey Philip Morris Incorporated, New York, New York General Electric Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut Becton-Dickenson and Company, Paramus, New Jersey Rubin, Baum, Levin, Constant and Friedman, New York, New York Kemper Insurance Collection, Long Grove, Illinois Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles, California Hospital Corporation of America, Nashville, Tennessee Bellevue Hospital Center-Bellvue's Mental Health art project, New York, New York The University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Wisconsin Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin United Hebrew Congregation, Springfield, Missouri

#### **Education:**

Master of Fine Arts in Intermedia, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
Master of Arts in Painting, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
Bachelor of Science in Education, Wisconsin State University, Whitewater,

Wisconsin