

Wes Mills

BORN July 1960, Tucson, AZ

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Drawings*, Studio Light Space, Tucson, AZ
5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Drift Fence, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2025 *To Make a Living*, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Larry Bell/Wes Mills, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM (two-person exhibition)
Winter Exhibition 2025, 203 Fine Art, Taos, NM
- 2024 *My Hometown*, 203 Fine Art, Taos, NM (solo)
Trees, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Summer Ritual, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
Summer Interim: New Acquisitions, 203 Fine Arts, Taos, NM
Influential Taos, 203 fine art, Taos, NM
They will bring you home again, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 2023 *Drawings: Wes Mills & Marc Baseman*, 203 fine art, Taos, NM (two-person exhibition)
Nothing is Hidden, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
the silent twig, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR (solo)
Wes Mills/drawings, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 2022 *Easy Breezy*, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2021 *Walking*, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
The Color of Breathlessness, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2020 *Friendship and what we find in the commonality of our differences*, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Bringing Together: Recent Acquisitions, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe NM
Visual limits, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 2019 *drawings*, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
drawing and a history, 5. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
DRAWING NOW Art Fair, Paris, France
- 2017 *Continuum: Light, Space and Time*, The Harwood Museum of Art, Taos, NM
Dislocation, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2016 *The Last Picture Show*, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
A Stand of Pine in a Tilled Field: 21 Years at PDX, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2015 *Let's Get Lost*, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2014 *Highlights from the Gus Foster Collection*, The Harwood Museum of Art, Taos, NM
Hamilton Drawings, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2013 *Range*, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
Print and Soil Drawings, Wes Mills and Neha Vedpathak, The Nevica Project, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *to tease a hummingbird*, solo show, James Kelly Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 2011 *to tease a hummingbird*, solo show, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
The Literal Line: Minimalism Then and Now, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Sun Valley, ID
20 in 2011, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2009 *Graphite on Paper*, Wes Mills & Susan York, James Kelly Contemporary Santa Fe, NM
Mondrian's Forest, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
Master Drawings New York: Sol LeWitt, Agnes Martin, Wes Mills, Dickinson, New York, NY

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- 2007 *Apex: Wes Mills*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
Drawings, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
Small is Beautiful, Gasser & Grunert, Inc. New York, NY
Jane Highstein, David Ireland, Toshi Miki, Wes Mills, Dwight Hackett projects, Santa Fe, NM
Unspeakable: James Castle, Andrea Merrel, Wes Mills, J. Crist Gallery, Boise, ID
New acquisitions, Art Museum of Missoula, MT
- 2006 *Block Party*, Daniel Weinberg Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Line and Surface, works on Paper, Peter Blum, New York, NY
Strange, The Cartin Collection, G fox building, Hartford, CT
- 2005 *Wes Mills, drawings from the Cartin collection*, Art Basel / Art + Design, Miami, FL
Contemporary drawings, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
Wes Mills, Tom Sather, Dwight Hackett Projects, Santa Fe, NM
Tom Friedman, untitled, Wes Mills, Drawings of Jain, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
Traces, Tracy Williams, Ltd, New York, NY
- 2004 *Contemporary works on paper*, Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM
Wes Mills, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Works on Paper: A 5th Anniversary Exhibition, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
Paper, Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Wes Mills: Drawings from the Second Nature, Gallery Joe, Philadelphia, PA
Wes Mills: The Second Nature, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2003 *At the Edge of Science*, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID
- 2002 *Wes Mills: Bitterroot drawings*, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY
Anne Appleby, Mala Breuer, Cary Smith, Wes Mills, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
Drawings at the Ice House, The Ice House, Mayfield, KY
Survey, Gallery Joe, Philadelphia, PA
- 2001 *Anne Appleby / Wes Mills*, Art Museum of Missoula, MT
Wes Mills: Over the shore line, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
Stuart Arends, Mala Breuer, Wes Mills, Tom Waldron Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Summer (group exhibition), Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY
Survey, Gallery Joe, Philadelphia, PA
Minimal, G. Goldberg, E. Kelly, S. LeWitt, B. Marden, W.Mills, R.Tuttle. Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY
Wes Mills: Drawings, Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Gallery Artist, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2000 *Wes Mills: at Aurobora Press*, San Francisco, CA
Microwave, 123 Watts Gallery, New York, NY
Anne Appleby / Wes Mills New Prints, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Wes Mills: Open- Ended, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
Tamarind: Forty Years, University Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM
Mala Breuer, Kate Sheppard, Wes Mills, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
Wes Mills: Memory line, Gallery Joe, Philadelphia, PA
Paperworks: Group exhibition, Contemporary Arts Society of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Wes Mills: Missoula Drawings, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY. January 28-February 24.
Lasting Impressions: Contemporary prints from the Bruce Brown Collection, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

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- 1999 *Minimal / Emotional: Glen Goldberg, Wes Mills, Xiaobai Su*, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
Wes Mills: 8 Drawings, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL
The drawing show, Kohn Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Group exhibition, H. Frankenthaler, D. Smith, D. Sultan, M. di Servio, W. Mills, M. Heizer, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI
Wes Mills: Drawings, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Gallery artists, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York
Blue on White: Wes Mills Drawings, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
Wes Mills: New lithographs, Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
Group drawing show, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL
The Art of Drawing, G. Baselitz, James Lee Byars, B. Hunt, P. Kerkaby, A. Martin, W. Mills, S. Polka, S. Rothenberg, E. Ruscha, D. Smith, C. Twombly, J. Westwater, T. Winters, James Kelly, Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 1998 *Wes Mills / Julie Allen*, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY
Wes Mills: Drawings, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
Wes Mills: Drawings, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, MI
Wes Mills: Drawings, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY
Works on paper: New acquisitions, Harwood Museum, Taos, NM
Drawing the Primary Sense: Wes Mills, Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, MA
Works on paper, Terry Allen, Mala Breuer, Lesley Dill, Wes Mills, Bruce Nauman, Richard Tuttle, Susan Wing, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 1997 *Wes Mills: Drawings*, Galerie Haus Schneider, Karlsruhe, Germany
The Ceramic Project, Howard Yezerski & Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, MA
The Prints of Albuquerque, Richard Levy Gallery & Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
General Consensus, D. Judd, E. King, S. LeWitt, A. Martin, W. Mills, F. Sandback, K. Smith, Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, MA
Art Foundry Editions, L. Benglis, W. Mills, R. Morris, B. Nauman, S. Rothenberg, D. Salle, K. Smith, R. Tuttle, Knoedler & Company, New York, NY
Quasi per gioco, B. Dimitrijevic, A. Di Fabio, B. Michajlov, W. Mills, A. Pagnes, Palazzo Mocenigo, Venezia, Italy (Catalog)
Contemporary New Mexico Artists: Sketches & Schemas, Sheldon Art Center, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NB
Drawings, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
- 1996 *Small Scale: Group Exhibition*, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY
Contemporary New Mexico Artists, SITE Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
Wes Mills: Drawings, Baumgartner Galleries Inc., Washington, DC
Invitational, J. Allen, D. Levinthal, P. Maione, W. Mills, M. Pellegrin, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY
Drawing, Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
In Pursuit of the Invisible: Selections from the Mickey and Janice Cartin Collection, The Richmond Art Center, The Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, CT (Catalog)
Works on Paper, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO
Works on Paper: Group Show, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Gt. Barrington, MA
Wes Mills: New Drawings, Laura Carpenter Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
The International Library (with Helmut Lohr), Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN

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- The Rational World: The Drawing Show*, Kohn Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Works on Paper, Curt Marcus Gallery, New York, NY
Site Santa Fe Award Recipients Exhibition, Santa Fe, NM
Wes Mills: Santa Fe Drawings, Galerie Haus Schneider, Ettlingen, Germany
- 1995 *Wes Mills: My Drawings*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO.
Wes Mills: New Drawings, Kohn Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Black and White: Drawings, Laura Carpenter Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
Ethereal Materialism: Ava Gerber, Jim Hodges, Siobahn Liddell, Wes Mills, Jessica Stockholder, Richard Tuttle, (Susan Harris, curator) Apex Art, New York, NY
Wes Mills: Recent Work, Berman/Daerner Gallery, New York, NY
Wes Mills: Orchard Drawings, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
New Drawings on Paper, Laura Carpenter Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
- 1993 *Win Knowlton, Wes Mills, Sarah Schwartz*, Laura Carpenter Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
- 1992 *Wes Mills, Malcolm Morley, Arnulf Rainer*, Ulysses Gallery, New York, NY
- 1984 *Eighth Annual Small Works Exhibition*, Washington Square Gallery, New York, NY
- 1982 *Invitational Painting Exhibition*, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Wes Mills: Paintings and Constructions, Paris Gibson Square Gallery, Great Falls, MT
American Drawings, Portsmouth Community Arts Center, Portsmouth, VA
Wes Mills: Paintings and Constructions, Cambellsville College, Cambellsville, KY
- 1981 *Fifth National Painting Exhibition*, W.F. Mullaly Galleries, Birmingham, MI
Appalachian National Drawing Exhibition, Boone, NC
Appalachian Drawing Exhibition, Traveling Exhibition
Wes Mills: Paintings, Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray, KY
National Drawing Exhibition, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Wes Mills: Pregnant Space, Mason Art Gallery, Murray, KY
- 1980 *Kentucky Drawing Exhibition*, Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray, KY
Dana Heath & Wes Mills, University Art Center Art Gallery, Murray, KY
- 1979 *Point Dexter Student Show*, Point Dexter Gallery, Helena, MT

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Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME
Harwood Museum of Art, University of New Mexico, Taos, NM
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

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New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM
Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

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Don Bacigalupi
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Laura Carpenter
Mickey Cartin
Ann and Mark Edlen
Charlene Engelhard
JoAnn Gonzalez Hickey
Dennis Hopper
David Ireland
William Ittman and Andrew Kerr
Michael Kohn
Werner Kramarsky
Carol and Sol Lewitt
Susan Lorence
Nancy Lorenz
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