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Recently the artist has been drawn to explore the ubiquity of photography in contemporary culture and the changing role this has played on the individual experience. The work speaks about how we interact with images today, referencing features found in our snapshots and video clips. Paint becomes pixel, blur or distortion mirroring the digitally manipulated portraits and albums that populate our social media profiles. Through psychological mood and fragmented depictions he asks us What is Real?



## EDUCATION

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY, San Francisco, CA (2002-05)

M.F.A. in Studio Painting

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO, La Jolla, CA (1997-2001)

B.A. in Psychology; Minor in Chemistry

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CONTINUING STUDIES, Stanford, CA (2011)

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Vancouver, Canada (2000)

## ACHEIVEMENTS

- 2011 Invited to exhibit at Symbiose Art Festival, Breda, The Netherlands
- 2010 Featured Artist on artistaday.com, June 3
- 2009 Selected to be a 'Heart Artist' in the Hearts in San Francisco benefit for SF General Hospital
- 2009 Awarded the Kenneth Washburn Award for 'Instructor of the Year', Pacific Art League, Palo Alto, CA  
Invited to exhibit in the 6th Biennale Internazionale dell'Arte Contemporanea, Florence, Italy
- 2007 Awarded 'Best in Show', Artwork SF Gallery, Mixed Messages, San Francisco, CA (2007)
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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2014 Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England
- 2013 Robert Green Fine Arts, Mill Valley, CA
- 2012 Christian Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2011 Art Museum of Los Gatos, Los Gatos, CA
- 2009 William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA  
Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
College of Marin, Emeritus Center, Kentfield, CA
- 2008 William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2007 Sharp Gallery, San Diego, CA  
Lucid Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 Academy of Art University, M.F.A. Final Show, San Francisco, CA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Morris Graves Museum of Art, Five by Seven Fundraiser, Eureka, CA  
Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA (numerous, 2010-16)  
Bluestone Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA (numerous, 2014-16)
- 2015 Art Silicon Valley Art Fair, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Springs, CA  
Allison McCrady Fine Art, Orinda, CA (numerous, 2013-15)  
J GO Gallery, Park City, UT (numerous, 2011-15)
- 2014 Highline Loft Gallery, Juried Show: International Art Festival, Chelsea, New York City, NY  
Cambridge Contemporary Art Gallery, Juried Show: Ride to Cambridge, Curated by Cambridge International Arts, Represented by Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England  
Than Mór Art Museum, Malom Gallery, Nyíracád, Hungary  
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Springs, CA  
The Grafton Centre, Changing Spaces, Represented by Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England
- 2013 Linus Gallery, Juried Show: Men, Pasadena, CA  
Cambridge City Art Fair, Represented by Blue Contemporary, Cambridge, England  
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Springs, CA  
Divan Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 Masur Museum of Art, Juried Show: 49th Annual Juried Exhibition, Awarded 3rd Place, Monroe, LA  
Los Angeles Art Show, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 John Natsoulas Gallery, Juried Show: Lyrical Vision: The Figure, Davis, CA  
William Merrill Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA (numerous, 2008-12)  
McNabb Martin Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA (numerous, 2010-12)  
Art Market San Francisco, Represented by Hohmann Fine Art, San Francisco, CA







- 2011 Prince Street Gallery, Juried Show: Fourth National Juried Exhibition, New York City, NY  
 Art Market San Francisco, Represented by K. Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
 Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, CA  
 Palm Springs Art Museum, Artist Council Fundraiser, Palm Springs, CA  
 K. Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 Farmington Museum, Juried Show: Gateway to Imagination: National Competition, Farmington, NM  
 Pacific Art League, Juried Show: Painting Only, Juror: Charles Hesper (Hesper Gallery), Palo Alto, CA
- 2009 Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Union Square, Hearts in San Francisco Exhibition & Gala Event, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 B.J. Spoke Gallery, Juried Show: Expo 27, Juror: Marjorie Weinstein (Whitney Museum), Huntington, NY  
 20th Street Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 2006 20th Street Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA (2006, 07, 08)
- 2007 Artwork SF Gallery, Juried Show: Mixed Messages, Awarded 'Best in Show', San Francisco, CA
- 2007 Jan & Gary Dario Gallery, Palm Beach Community College, Juried Show: Third Annual Painting, Drawing & Printmaking Competition, Lake Worth, FL

## PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Hotel Union Square, San Francisco, CA  
 Langendorf Foundation, benefitting the San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco, CA  
 Lyon's Gate Entertainment Corporation, Los Angeles, CA  
 Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University, Stanford, CA (in progress)  
 Scripps Memorial Hospital, Encinitas, CA (in progress)  
 Than Mór Art Museum, Nyíracsad, Hungary  
 UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA  
 Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

## DISTINCTIONS (SELECTED)

Awarded 3rd Place, Masur Museum of Art, 49th Annual Juried Exhibition, Monroe, LA (2012)  
 Awarded 'Instructor of the Year' at Pacific Art League, Palo Alto, CA (2009)  
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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Fresh Paint Magazine, "Michael Azgour", June Edition, London, England (2016)
- 2015 Hohmann Fine Art, Michael Azgour (catalogue), Palm Desert, CA
- 2014 Residence Magazine, "Into the Blue", London, England (2014)  
Stanford University Continuing Studies Catalogue, Stanford, CA  
Cambridge Magazine, Arts & Culture, Feb, Cambridge, England
- 2013 Studio Visit Magazine, "Michael Azgour", vol. 21, p12-13, Boston, MA
- 2012 Hohmann Fine Art, Michael Azgour (catalogue), Palm Desert, CA  
San Mateo Daily Journal, Weekend Journal, vol. 12, ed. 218, p23, San Mateo, CA (2012)  
Palm Springs Life, "Unveiled in the Desert", March, Palm Springs, CA
- 2011 Stanford University Continuing Studies Catalog, Stanford, CA
- 2011 Hohmann Fine Art, Gallery Collection: International Contemporary Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2010 San Francisco Weekly, The Art of the Best of San Francisco, vol. 29, no 17, p22, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 San Francisco Chronicle, Feb 8, pR-35, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 ARTnews Magazine, Summer, p219, New York, NY

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Part-time Faculty Member and Lecturer: Architectural Design Program (2010-Present)

Lecturer: Continuing Studies Program (2010-Present)

Assistant Lecturer: Symbolic Systems Program (2010-11)

### SAN FRANCISCO ART INSTITUTE

Lecturer: Public Education Program (2013-15)

### ART INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA-SILICON VALLEY

Lecturer: Foundations Program (2010-14)

Lecturer: Graphic & Web Design Program (2010-14)

### COLLEGE OF MARIN

Lecturer: Continuing Education Program (2009-15)

### ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY

Directed Studies Advisor: Graduate School of Fine Arts (2007-09)

Review Committee Member: Graduate School of Fine Arts (2007-09)

