

## CV | ERIC WESLEY

Born in Los Angeles, California, 1973  
Lives and works in Los Angeles, California

### Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, CA  
Co-founder of MSA (Mountain School of Art), Los Angeles, CA

### Prizes

2016    Artisti Per Frescobaldi

### Biennials

2022    Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA  
2007    Prague Biennial, Prague, Czech Republic  
2004    Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA

### Solo Exhibitions

2019    Reputation, Sprovieri, London, Uk  
Eric Wesley: Martha Rosler/Eric Wesley, Slash, San Francisco, USA  
Eric Wesley, Timbuctoo, Pio Pico, LA, USA  
2018    Reputation, Galleria Fonti, Naples, Italy  
Eric Wesley: BUG (A Proposal 2018), Redling Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
The Bell, Mannahatta, Red Bull Arts New York, NADA New York 2018, New York, NY  
2016    Isosceles Trapezoid Arch, Midway Contemporary Arts, Minneapolis, MN  
Eric Wesley/St. Louis, Bortolami Gallery, Cahokia, IL  
2015    Some Work, 356 Mission, Los Angeles, CA  
2014    Daily Progress Status Reports, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY  
2013    Hybrid Naples: L'Ordine delle Idee Deve Procedere Secondo L'Ordine Delle Cose, solo  
projects by Eric Wesley and Christian Waldvogel, curated by Jörg Heiser, Fondazione  
Morra Greco, Naples, Italy  
2012    The Natural Order of Things, Galleria Fonti, Naples, Italy  
2 new works, Bortolami, Gallery, New York, NY  
2011    The Same 'Ol New Frontier, China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA  
2010    D'Cart's Blanche and New Paintings, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY  
2009    New Realistic Figures, Maureen Paley, London, United Kingdom  
2008    Ship Shape Shit Shelf and the Empfang Box, Feurig59, Berlin, Germany  
2007    Spaference Room, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY  
Spafice, Foundation Morra Greco, Naples, Italy  
2006    Audi, Meyer-Riegger Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany

- You say Tomato, I say Tomato, Galleria Fonti, Naples, Italy
- Eric Wesley, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- MOCA FOCUS: Eric Wesley, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 Bowie–Van Valen Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2004 Pico Youth Center, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- I love WW2, Locust Projects, Miami, FL
- 2002 Metro Pictures, New York, NY
- Enchilada “The Endless Burrito”, Meyer–Reigger Galerie, Karlsruhe, Germany
- Ouchi, Galeria Franco Noero, Torino, Italy
- 2001 Two Story Clocktower, CalTech, Pasadena, CA
- 2000 Kicking Ass, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 Camper, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA

## Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Boros Collection, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Springweather and People, Bortolami Gallery, New York, USA
- 2019 Searching the Sky for Rain, Sculpture Center, New York, USA
- 2018 Naotaka Hiro, Pooneh Maghazehe, Robin Peck, Eric Wesley, Step Sister, New York, NY
- 2017 From DADA to TA–DA!, Fisher Parrish Gallery, New York, NY
- University of Disasters, curated by Matthew Grumbach, Bortolami, New York, NY
- 99 Cents or Less, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
- Living Apart Together: Recent Acquisitions from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 I Beam U Channel, Bortolami, New York, NY
- 2014 A Public Fiction, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 Endless Bummer II / Still Bummin’, curated by Drew Heitzler and Jan Tumlr, Marlborough Chelsea, New York, NY
- 2011 Making Histories – Changing Views of the Collection, Temporary Stedelijk Museum 3, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Greater LA, 483 Broadway, SoHo, New York, NY
- BigMinis: Fetishes of Crisis, Musée d’Art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France
- 2010 The Artist’s Museum, MOCA Geffen Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
- RE–DRESSING, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY
- The Inauguration of China Art Objects in Culver City, Los Angeles, CA
- Les enfants terribles, Fundacion Coleccion Jumex, Mexico
- Video Journeys, Cottage Home, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 Second Nature: Dean Valentine Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 The Light of the Virgo, China Art Objects, Los Angeles, CA
- Los Angeles Confidential, Centre d’Art du Parc Saint Léger, Pougues–les–Eaux, France
- Amateurs, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco, CA
- ITALIA ITALIE ITALIEN ITALY WLOCHY, ARCOS Museo d’Arte, Benevento, Italy
- Globetrotters, 410 Cottage Home, Curated by Katie Brennan, Los Angeles, CA
- Sand– Meaning and Metaphor, Parrish Museum, New York, NY
- 2007 Milieu, Lizabeth Oliveria, Los Angeles, CA

- Angles Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- One Foot High and Rising, Balmoral Gallery, Venice, CA
- Darling, Take Fountain, Kalfayan Gallery, Greece
- Substance & Surface, Bortolami, New York, NY
- 2006 Axis of Praxis, Midway Contemporary Art, Minneapolis, MN
- Design-O-mite, Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
- Alien Nation, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, United Kingdom
- The Gold Standard, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY
- Survivor, Bortolami Dayan, New York, NY
- 2005 Closing Down: Thanks, Bortolami Dayan, New York, NY
- A Walk to Remember, Organized by Jens Hoffmann, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA
- 100 Artists See God, Curated by John Baldessari and Meg Cranston, Organized by ICA, London, United Kingdom
- Installations, I-20 Gallery, New York, NY
- Having Differences. I-20 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 3 Fireplaces and 2 Bathtubs, Museum für Angewandte Kunst (MAK), Vienna, Austria
- 2003 Fade (1990–2003), Curated by Malik Gaines, Craft and Folk Art Museum at the Luckman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Works for Giovanni, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- More Boots = Many Routes, Eric Wesley, Lee O'Connor, Ryan Doolan, Transmission Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland
- New Space! New Show!, Galeria Franco Noero, Turin, Italy
- Adios Pendejos, OPA: Oficina Para Proyectos de Arte, Guadalajara, Mexico Eduardo Sarabia and Eric Wesley, Sutton Lane, London, United Kingdom
- Adios Pendejos, OPA: Oficina Para Proyectos de Arte, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2002 Drive By: Nine Artists from Los Angeles, Reynolds Gallery, VA
- 2001 Freestyle, Studio Museum, Harlem, New York, NY
- Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
- Snapshot: New Art From Los Angeles, UCLA Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, Florida
- Purloined, Artists Space, New York, NY
- Circles 3: Silver Lake Crossings, curated by Christoph Keller, Zentrum Fur Kunst und Mediatechnologie, Karlsruhe, Germany
- Drive: Power, Progress, Desire, curated by Gregory Burke, Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- Group Show, Metro Pictures, New York, NY
- 2000 Young and Dumb, curated by Pentti Monkkonen , ACME, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 L.A. Edge Festival, organized by Simon Watson, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 I-Candy, Rosamund Felsen Gallery, Santa Monica, CA Brent Petersen Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

## Work in Public Collections

Fondazione Morra Greco, Naples, Italy  
 Nomads Foundation, Rome, Italy

MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA  
Colección Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico  
Aishti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

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Moffitt, Evan. "It's A Wrap", Frieze, No. 185, p. 28, print, March 2017  
Kroeber, Gavin. "Eric Wesley Cahokia at Bortolami", Art in America, March 2017  
Voien, Guelda. "In Italy, an Art Contest to Rebrand a Wine Dynasty's Family Name," Observer – May 2016  
Dafoe, Taylor. "Bortolami Pushes Art Beyond NY and LA". Blouin Art Info, July 2016  
Duray, Dan. "Bortolami creates US-wide mini-Marfas". The Art Newspaper, July 2016  
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Thomas Crone, "A Los Angeles Artist Has Transformed an Abandoned Taco Bell in Cahokia, Illinois into a Temporary Gallery," St.Louis, July 2016  
Korman, Sam. "Emma Fernberger on Artist / City". Flash Art, July 2016  
Keh, Pei-Ru. "City Limits: Bortolami Gallery's 'Artist/City' upends the traditional exhibition model," Wallpaper\*, August 2016  
Allen, Michael R., "Intangible Heritage of the American Bottom," Charting the American Bottom 2016  
"Some Work," Published by Ooga Booga, Los Angeles 2015  
Li, Lucy, "Eric Wesley: Daily Progress Status Reports," The Brooklyn Rail, October 2014  
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