

# Ben Olson

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B.F.A., 1998, University of Minnesota Duluth, Graphic Design and Painting.  
Lives and works in New York City.

## Exhibitions

### 2009

Untitled Group Show  
First Amendment Gallery,  
Minneapolis

BQE Open Studio  
Brooklyn, NY

Buy/Collect:  
Arts Patronage in  
Minnesota  
Placement Gallery,  
Minneapolis

### 2008

Minneapolis 55408  
Intermedia Arts,  
Minneapolis

### 2007

Art Basel  
Art Now Art Fair,  
Miami

Feature in Place  
Placement Gallery,  
Minneapolis

Paintings in Place  
Placement Gallery,  
Minneapolis

Spring: The color of the  
Sun Through the Pink of  
My Eyelids  
mplsart pop-up space,  
Minneapolis

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Gallery Co.,  
Minneapolis

Will Work for Food  
Minneapolis

Minneapolis 55408  
Intermedia Arts,  
Minneapolis

Solo Show  
Rogue Buddha Gallery,  
Minneapolis

### 2006

Group show  
Arnolfini Gallery and  
Dartington Gallery,  
England

Pilot Project  
Calhoun Square,  
Minneapolis

Have You Seen Me?  
mplsart and A Pretty  
Mind Studio,  
Minneapolis

Pilot Project  
Carmichael Lynch,  
Minneapolis

Portrait Show:  
Only Human  
Minnesota Museum of  
American Art, St. Paul

Get Lucky  
Soo Vac, Minneapolis

Art Here Retrospective  
Minnesota Museum of  
American Art, St. Paul

Heteroclite  
Density Studios, Minneapolis

### 2006

Minneapolis 55408  
Intermedia Arts,  
Minneapolis

No Introduction Needed  
Miami Art Lab, Miami

Untitled 4  
Soo Vac, Minneapolis

Minneapolis 55408  
Intermedia Arts,  
Minneapolis

Charged  
Offbeat Gallery,  
Minneapolis

Open Door  
Rosalux, Minneapolis

Art Binge  
Outsiders and Others,  
Minneapolis

Graphic Designers  
Who Paint  
Outsiders and Others,  
Minneapolis

Art Here  
Minnesota Museum of  
American Art, St. Paul

### 2004

Emerging Artists  
Richard Nielson Gallery,  
Houston

Minneapolis 55408  
Intermedia Art,  
Minneapolis

Solo Show  
Black Dog Café,  
St. Paul

### 2003

Visible Fringe  
AZ Gallery,  
Minneapolis

Minneapolis 55408  
Intermedia Art,  
Minneapolis

Paintings of ME  
Loring Playhouse,  
Minneapolis

### 2002

Paintings of Me  
and Emma  
Solo exhibition, AFG,  
St. Paul

Red Hot Art  
Stevens Square Center  
for the Arts, Minneapolis

## Press, Collections and Awards

### 2008

Citypages  
Artist of the Year

### 2007

A5 Magazine  
Featured artist

Mpls/St. Paul Magazine  
Feature article

Mplsart  
"Ben Olson: Solo Exhibit"

### 2005

The Rake  
Folio Cover image

### 2004

New American Paintings  
Issue #53

Best of Show  
Red Hot Art, Minneapolis

Delve Magazine  
Issue #8

### 2002-Present

Numerous private  
collections, including:  
Kevin Haley, Richard  
Tullman, Robyne  
Robinson and Yuri Arajs

### 2004

Best of Show  
Red Hot Art,  
Minneapolis

### 1998

Body of Work  
Tweed Museum of Art,  
Duluth

Chancellor's Purchase  
Award  
Chancellor Martin,  
University of Minnesota  
Duluth

Kirby Student Center  
Purchase Award