

Ryan Oakes Biography

Born in 1982, Boulder, Colorado.
Lives and works in New York.

Education

2004 BFA from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, NYC.

Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Capturing Consciousness*. Ronald Feldman Gallery at The Armory Show, NYC.
2016-17 *SIGHTLINES*. Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, Stony Brook University, NY.
2014 *Compounding Visions*. National Museum of Mathematics, NYC.
2014 *Spherical Behavior*. Davis Gallery, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.
2013 *The Oakes Twins: Line of Sight*. House of the Nobleman, NYC.
2012 *Concave Drawings | Synchronized Field Paintings*. House of Nobleman, London.
2012 *New Work by Ryan and Trevor Oakes*. Worth Ryder Gallery, UC Berkeley, CA.
2012 *The Oakes Twins*. North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND.
2012 *The Periphery of Perception*. EMPAC, Troy, NY.
2011 *The Oakes Twins*. CUE Art Foundation, NYC.
2009 *Have No Narrow Perspectives*. Millennium Park, Chicago.
2009 *Double | Vision*. The Field Museum, Chicago.
2008 *Double | Vision*. Spertus Museum, Chicago.
2004 *Senior Thesis Exhibition*. The Cooper Union, NYC.
2000 *Twin Exhibition*. Monongalia Art Center, Morgantown, WV.

Group Exhibitions

2018 *SEEING: What Are You Looking At?* Espacio Fundación Telefónica, Lima, Peru.
2017-18 *What's New? Recent Acquisitions*. The New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, NYC.
2017-18 *SEEING: What Are You Looking At?* Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Oregon.
2017 *SEEING: What Are You Looking At?* Frost Science Museum, Miami, Florida.
2016 *Technically Beautiful*. Shen Gallery, The Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, NY.
2016 *Art for Hilary Auction*. Gagosian Gallery, NYC.
2016 *SEEING: What Are You Looking At?* Science Gallery, Dublin, Ireland.
2016-17 *Explode Everyday: An Inquiry into the Phenomena of Wonder*.
Mass MoCA, North Adams, MA. Curated by Denise Markonish.
2015 *New Accusations*. North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND.
2014 *Logical Guesses*. Driscoll Babcock Gallery, NYC.
2013 *The Mind's Eye: Sight & Insight*. Hewitt Gallery of Art, Marymount Manhattan College, NYC. Curated by Hallie Cohen.
2013 *Paper Vernacular*. House of the Nobleman, Cut Log Art Fair, NYC.
2013 *The Figure 8*. Artspace, New Haven, CT. Curated by Kwadwo Adae.
2012 *New Re-Visions*. House of the Nobleman, London.
2011 *Rock, Paper, Scissors*. Stephen Heller Gallery, NYC.
2010 *Rites of Passage: 1995-2009*. The Cooper Union, NYC.
2008-09 *Urban Visionaries Benefit*. The Cooper Union, NYC.
2008 *Inspired by Actual Events: Exhibition in Tribute to Don Kunz*.
Wilmer Jennings Gallery at Kenkeleba, NYC.
2007 *Sputimatra*. The Art of Living, NYC.
2005-07 *Art Auction and Casino Night*. The Cooper Union, NYC.
2005 *95 Canal Project: Out of Our Element*. Chamber, NYC.

Residencies

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- 2016-2018 The New York Public Library, Rose Main Reading Room, NYC.
- 2017 Mind Science Foundation, San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 The Drawing Center, NYC.
- 2014-15 Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2013 North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND.
- 2012 Experimental Media Performing Arts Center (EMPAC),
at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, NY.
- 2011 Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2011 Palazzo Strozzi Museum, Florence, Italy.
- 2009 The Field Museum, Chicago, IL.

Public Collections

- 2015 Getty Research Institute (GRI), Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), NYC.
- 2014 New York Public Library (NYPL), NYC.
- 2013 North Dakota Museum of Art (NDMoA), Grand Forks, ND.
- 2012 Parco Arte Vivente (PAV), Torino, Italy.
- 2009 The Field Museum, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 Spertus Museum, Chicago, IL.
- 2005 The Institute For Figuring (IFF), Los Angeles, CA.

Public Art

- 2010-15 O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL. Ongoing sculptural installation.
Have No Narrow Perspectives, 2008-09. Painted stainless steel, 8.5 x 6 x 4 feet.
- 2009 Millennium Park, Chicago, IL. Chicago Humanities Festival.
Have No Narrow Perspectives, 2008-09. Painted stainless steel, 8.5 x 6 x 4 feet.

Published Prints

- 2014 *Cauli-Cosmos*, etching. Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), NY.
- 2014 *Pinecone Rhythm*, etching. Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), NY.
- 2014 *Pinecone Rhythm (color)*, etching. Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), NY.
- 2013 *Skidmore*, lithograph. Published by Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE), NY.

Articles & Reviews

- 2018 "The Oakes Twins: Camera Obscura on the NYPL". *Aperture Magazine*,
The Photobook Review, #14, Spring 2018.
<https://aperture.org/pbr/>
- 2018 Cascone, Sarah. "Twin Artists Are Creating Uncanny Experimental Drawings of The
Armory Show as It Happens." *ArtNet News*, March 9, 2018.
<https://news.artnet.com/market/trevor-ryan-oakes-twins-armory-show-1240550>
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- 2016 Freeman, Nate. "He's With Her: Larry Gagosian to Host Fundraising Auction for
Hillary Clinton at 21st Street Gallery". *Art News*, August 29, 2018.
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- 2015 Weschler, Lawrence. "Pillow of Air: Poolside with David Hockney, Richard Feynman, a pair of Twins and some Bugs." *Glasstire*, March 30, 2015.
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- 2015 Hsiao, Irene. "Ode to Oakes." *Los Angeles Review of Books*, January 8, 2015.
www.lareviewofbooks.org/essay/ode-oakes
- 2014 La Spina, David and Lawrence Weschler. "How a Pair of Twins Redraw an Iconic Photograph With Camera-Like Precision." *The New York Times Magazine*, Sunday, August 15, 2014. www.nytimes.com/2014/08/17/magazine/how-a-pair-of-twins-redrew-an-iconic-photograph-with-camera-like-precision.html
- 2014 Singh, Vijai and Karen Hanley. "Double Vision." *The New York Times Magazine, TimesVideo*, Sunday, August 15, 2014.
www.nytimes.com/video/magazine/100000003056293/double-vision.html
- 2014 Binlot, Ann. "Twin Artists Fuse The Worlds Of Math And Art." *Forbes*, Sept. 5, 2014.
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www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/29/ryan-and-trevor-oakes_n_5398751.html
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- 2013 Taylor-Hochberg, Amelia. "The Geological Matchstick Sculptures of Ryan and Trevor Oakes." *Hi Fructose*, October 17, 2013.
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- 2013 Edwards, Steve. "'It Could Be Worse...' Cartoon". *Grand Forks Herald*, April 28, 2013.
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- 2012 Bucci, Stefano. "Redisegniamo il paesaggio: é curvo." *Corriere della Sera, La Lettura*, p. 27.
- 2012 Oakes, Trevor and Ryan. "Hacking the Brain." *Giorno Per Giorno—From Eternity to Here*, p. 33-39.
- 2012 Sparrow. "Seeing Double." *Chronogram*, March 1, 2012.
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- 2012 Donahue, Joe. Radio Interview, "The Roundtable, 'The Periphery of Perception at EMPAC.'" *WAMC North East Public Radio*, April 17, 2012.
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- 2011 Weschler, Lawrence. "Double Vision: The Perceptual Journey of the Oakes Twins." *Uncanny Valley and Other Adventures in the Narrative*. Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint Press, 2011, p. 219-255.
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- 2008 Storch, Charles. "Twins' singular vision of how humans see the world." *The Chicago Tribune*, August 3, 2008, p.7.
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- 2008 "Spertus Museum Presents Double Vision Exhibition." *Artdaily.org*, Oct. 20, 2008. <http://artdaily.com/news/26735/Spertus-Museum-Presents-Double-Vision-Exhibition#.VTgfHWaaHms>
- 2004 Stillman, Nick. "Power Base: Review of Out of Our Element." *Offoffoff.com*, December 27, 2004.

Public Lectures / Panels / Teaching

- 2017 Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX.
- 2016 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 2015 Panel, "The Studio History of Art." Organized by Benjamin Binstock. CAA, NYC.
- 2014 Lecture, "In-Process Presentation While Making A Drawing at The Getty." Getty Museum Lecture Hall, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 Lecture, "Color In The Concave Drawings." National Museum of Mathematics, NYC.
- 2014 Panel, "Through A Mathematical Lens." With mathematicians Jon Conway (Princeton), Joseph Kohn (Princeton), Chaim Goodman-Strauss (University of Arkansas), and Jade Vincent. Organized by Mark Mitton. National Museum of Mathematics, NYC.
- 2014 Forum, "Technique | The Flatiron Drawing." Conversation with Lawrence Weschler. National Museum of Mathematics, NYC.
- 2013 Symposium, "Wider Vantages are Needed Now, Times 18." Organized by Lawrence Weschler. DeYoung Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Talk, "Art Business 2012-2013: Module 5, The Art World Today." Christie's Education, NYC.
- 2012 TED X talk, "Double Vision." The Cooper Union, NYC.
- 2012 Lecture, "Capturing Visual Consciousness: A Tale of Two Eyes, One Brain, One Hand, and One Pen." Berkeley Center for New Media, UC Berkeley, CA.
- 2012 Symposium, "The Science of Art." North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND.
- 2012 Lecture, "Public Conversation with Matteo Pericoli." *Giorno Per Giorno*, Turin, Italy.
- 2012 Workshop, "Drawing with Split Focus." *Giorno Per Giorno*, Turin, Italy.
- 2011 Lecture, "Public Conversation with Lawrence Weschler." CUE Art Foundation, NYC.

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- 2011 Symposium, "Science and Beauty." Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, Italy.
- 2010 Symposium, "Weschler's Wonder Cabinet." Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2008 Lecture, "Seminal Notions, The Idea and Practice of Perspective."
Chicago Humanities Festival, Spertus Museum, Chicago, IL.
- 2008 Lecture, "Weekly Luncheon Series." New York Institute of the Humanities, NYU.
- 2007 Lecture, "The Canal Chapter." Artist Residency, The Canal Chapter, NYC.
- 2007 Lecture, "Seeing Anew." Machine Project, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2007 Symposium, "CU@Lunch." The Cooper Union School of Art, NYC.
- 2007 Lecture, "Origins." Graduate Art Dept., Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.
- 2005 Workshop, Latin America Community Art Project (LACAP), El Polvo, El Salvador.

Grants & Awards

- 2008 Public art grant. From New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), for installation in Millennium Park, Chicago.
- 2005 Research grant. From The Institute For Figuring (IFF), to investigate hyperbolic geometry in woven sculptures.
- 2004 Drawing award. The Cooper Union School of Art.
- 2000-2004 Full tuition scholarship. The Cooper Union School of Art.