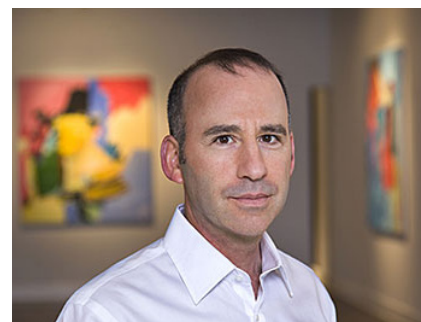


# Brian D. Smith



"The act of painting is a vital experience. I see my art as a record of the subconscious and the painting process. The result is an interaction of imagined forms and spaces. Each work is intuitively developed through a personal method and logic. The reactions I have to the natural world and to the art that inspires me inform their meaning. Unique arrangements of colors, marks and textures are fundamental characteristics of my art. When integrated they convey a dazzling optical effect and a spirited emotional quality. The sensuous characteristics of paint make these aspects arresting, and the images themselves are distinctly abstract." - Artist Statement

"You first notice his remarkable use of color — bright reds and profound blues; Smith applies lighter blues and yellows, pigments that might seem garish in the hands of a lesser painter, in a manner that's equally striking. Marks are scrawled and etched into color fields...Smith's work is not segmented, striated or symmetrical. Yet each color exists as if exactly where it's meant to be...that quite literally move you, infiltrating your feet and hips, while also provoking thought or prompting attention to a captivating counter melody." -Aarik Danielsen



## Education

1989 M.F.A., Painting, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1984 B.F.A., Painting, Boston University, Boston, MA

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2018 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2015 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
Schmidt Art Center, Belleville, IL
- 2014 McKendree University, Lebanon, IL
- 2013 SIBA Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2012 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
Tinnin Art Center, Poplar Bluff, MO
- 2009 SE Missouri State University,  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
Boston Center of the Arts, Boston, MA  
Duane Reed Gallery, St Louis, MO
- 2007 Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA  
Foundry Art Center, St. Charles, MO
- 2006 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
- 2005 Open Space, Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO  
Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
- 2004 Meramec Community College, St. Louis, MO

## Selected Collections

- Wells Fargo Advisors, St. Louis, MO
- Macy's Department Stores: St. Louis, MO;  
Houston, TX; Columbia, MO; Independence, MO;  
Franklin, TN
- Emerson Electric, St. Louis, MO
- Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
- Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO
- Herzog & Crebs LLC, St. Louis, MO
- Polsinelli, St. Louis, MO, Kansas City, MO, Washington D.C.,  
and Dallas, TX
- Husch Blackwell, Denver, CO

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