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VIRGIL GROTFELDT

1948-2009 Born in Decatur, IL and died in Houston, TX

Education

1974 M.F.A., Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1971 B.S., Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

Awards and Grants

2003 Artist of the Year, The Art League of Houston, Houston, Texas
2002 Second Place, 42nd Annual Invitational, Longview Museum of Art, Texas
1999 Grant in the Visual Arts, Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc.
1996 Honorable Mention, Assistance League of Houston Annual Juried Exhibit
1993 First Place, Assistance League of Houston Annual Juried Exhibit
1991 The Engelhard Award
1976 Illinois Arts Council, Mural for Lakeland College

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2010 274296, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
 Memories and Transformations, Holly Johnson Gallery, Dallas, TX
2009 274296, UAC Gallery, Houston, TX
2008 Shadow of the Hand, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR
 Wade Wilson Art, Houston, TX
2007 National Museum of Peru, Lima, Peru
2006 Constant Rhythm, Holly Johnson Gallery, Dallas, TX
 Amsterdam Artfair, Galerie Luca, Zaltbommel, Netherlands.
2005 Lewallen Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico
 Sicardi Gallery, Houston, Texas
2003 Texas Artist of the Year, Art League of Houston, Houston, Texas
 Jason McCoy, Inc., New York, New York
 Pillsbury and Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas
2002 Sicardi Gallery, Houston, Texas
 Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Longview, Texas
2001 Pillsbury and Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas
1998 Heriard-Cimino Gallery, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana
 Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
1997 Jason McCoy Inc., New York, New York
 Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
1995 Davis/McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
1994 Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, Texas
1991 Lamar University Museum, Beaumont, Texas
1990 Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, Texas
 Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
1988 Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, Texas
1987 Gallery D'Theeboom, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
1974 Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The George School, Newtown, Pennsylvania
1971 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2012 "Paper Band" Jason McCoy Gallery, New York, NY
2010 Conversations, LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
2008 2008 Survey, Naü-Haus Gallery, Houston, TX
2007 CADD ArtFair 2007, Holly Johnson Gallery, Dallas, TX
20th Anniversary Gala, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX (Auction)
2006 Texas 100: Selections from the El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX (Catalogue)
XXL, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, Texas
Contemporary Art Houston, Shanghai Art Museum, Houston, TX (Catalogue)
Virgil Grotfeldt and Meredith Jack, Ellen Noel, Art Museum of the Permian Basin,
Odessa, TX
Amsterdam Artfair, Galeria Lucca, Zaltbommel, Netherlands
2005 Inaugural Exhibition, Holly Johnson Gallery, Dallas, Texas
Lewallen Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2003 Miriam Hoekman and Virgil Grotfeldt, Galerie Luca, Zaltbommel, Netherlands.
2002 Virgil Grotfeldt, Billy Hassell and Joe Mancuso, Longview Museum of Art, Longview,
Texas
42nd Annual Invitational, Longview Museum of Art, Longview, Texas.
Texas meet Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
2001 Michael Collins and Virgil Grotfeldt, Donna Rogers Fine Art, Houston, Texas
Virgil Grotfeldt and Jack Meredith, Galerie Luca, Zaltbommel, The Netherlands
2000 Group Exhibition, Pillsbury and Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas
Group Exhibition, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, New York
Waldo Bein: including the series with Virgil Grotfeldt, Kunstaussstellung der
Ruhrfestspiele Recklinghausen, The Netherlands
1999 Three Artists from Texas USA, Upriver Gallery, Chengdu, China
Free International University World Art Collection, Triodos Bank, Zeiss, The
Netherlands
1998 Bound: Books by Artists, Brazos Bookstore, Houston, Texas, curated by William Steen
Works on Paper by Contemporary and Modern Masters, Barbara Davis Gallery,
Houston, Texas
1997 Establishment and Revelation, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, Texas
Virgil Grotfeldt & Mirjam Hoekman, Galerie Luca, Zaltbommel, The Netherlands
Convergence, Barbara Davis Gallery, Pennzoil Place, Houston, Texas
1996 Contemplating Translucence: A Selection of Works of Contemporary Texas
Watercolorists, Two Allen Center, Houston, Texas
New Work: Gallery Artists, Barbara Davis Gallery, Pennzoil Place, Houston, Texas
NOG Insurance Company Collection, Van Reekum Museum, Appeldoorn, The
Netherlands
Delphi, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, Traveling to Blue Star, San
Antonio, Texas
Works on Paper, A Selection of Contemporary and Master Works, Jason McCoy Gallery,
New York, New York
Material and Spirit, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
1995 Genesis in Fire, Works from the Green Mountain Foundry, Glassell School of Art,
Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Texas, curated by Alison de Lima Greene and Joe
Harvel.
Texas Myth & Reality, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, curated by Alison de Lima
Greene
Watercolor, "All Ways," College of the Mainland, Houston, Texas
Drawing from Strength: 26 Artists Make Their Mark, Transco Tower, Houston, Texas
curated by Sally Sprout
Group Exhibit, Lanning Gallery, Houston, Texas
1994 Group Exhibit, RAM Gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Texas Landscapes, Hooks Epstein Gallery, Houston, Texas, curated by David Brauer

- Out of This World, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas, curated by Lynn Herbert
- 1993 Virgil Grotfeldt, Joseph Havel & James Surls, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1992 Selections from the 20th Century Collection, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 1990 Texas Art Celebration, juried exhibition of the Assistance League of Houston, Texas
- 1989 Texas Realism, Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas
- 1988 The Contour Line, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1987 The Fictional Figure, Caroline Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1986 Texas Annual, Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, Texas
- 1985 Synergy, Juried Exhibition of the Arts Symposium of Houston, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
Plastica Huesped, Guadalajara, Mexico
Four Artists, Diverseworks, Houston, Texas
- 1984 The First Annual East End Show, Lawndale Center, The University of Houston, Texas
- 1983 Group Show, Boulevard Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1982 Juried Exhibition, Art League of Houston, Texas
- 1981 Juried Exhibition, Art League of Houston, Texas
- 1979 Dimension II, Juried Exhibition of the Assistance League of Houston, Texas
Dimension I, Juried Exhibition of the Assistance League of Houston, Texas
- 1977 Annual Juried Show, School of The Ozarks, Branson, MO
- 1975 Graphic Biennial, Miami Museum of Art, Miami, Florida

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- Edwards, Jim. "Scans of the Sublime" Catalogue Essay for 274296.
- 2008 Johnson, Patricia Covo. "Critic's Pick: Virgil Grotfeldt", ARTNews, December.
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- "Contemporary Art Houston", Shanghai Art Museum, (Catalogue), July 23.
- "Guide", The Dallas Morning News, March 10.
- 2005 Healy, Patrick. "Virgil Grotfeldt: including the series with Waldo Bien, with an instruction by Walter Hopps", FIUWAC, 208 pages with 429 color illustrations.
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- 2001 Kutner, Janet. "Wallpower," *The Dallas Morning News*, April 1.
- Daniel, Mike. "Virgil Grotfeldt," *The Dallas Morning News*, Guidelive, Quick Sketch, March 23.
- "Virgil Grotfeldt: Memories and Transformations", Pillsbury and Peters Fine Art, Exhibition Catalogue, Introduction by Walter Hopps and Essay by Holly Johnson.
- "Expositie Galerie Luca," *De Toren*, The Netherlands, January 11.
- "Texanen tonen Werk in Luca in Zaltbommel," *Brabants Dagblad*, The Netherlands, January 5.
- "Spiraalvormige Woekeringen in de Tijd," *Brabants Dagblad*, The Netherlands, January 10.
- 2000 Greene, Alison de Lima. *Texas: 150 Works from the Museum of Fine Arts*, Houston, Harry N. Abrams, 2000.
- Healy, Patrick. *Waldo Bien including the Series with Virgil Grotfeldt*, Druck & Verlagshaus, Wein, Austria and Cologne, Germany.
- "Bank-en Effectenbedrijf," *Nibesuu*, The Netherlands, November.
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- Strecker, Manfred. "Im Sterbezimmer," *Neue Westfälische Zeitung*, June 10.
- Willems, Sophia. "Im Versteinerten Zwischenreich," *Westdeutsche Zeitung*, May 25.
- Posca, Claudia. "Biens Labor als Rhurfestspiel," *Nord Rheinische Zeitung*, May 9.
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- Schmidt, Konrad. "Toter Bergmann in Wal-öl," *Recklinghäuser Zeitung*, May 6.
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Selected Collections

El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, Texas
 The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York
 Houston Lighting & Power, Houston, Texas
 The Engelhard Foundation, Boston, Massachusetts
 NOG Insurance Company, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 FIUWAC, Free International University World Art Collection, Zeist, The Netherlands
 Southwestern Bell Telephone Collection, San Antonio, Texas
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
 Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas
 University of Oklahoma Museum, Norman, Oklahoma
 Fritz Becht Collection, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 Upriver Gallery Collection, Chengdu, China
 Chengdu Museum, Sichuan, China