



## Barbara Earl Thomas

### Awards and Honors:

- Grace Hopper Outstanding Achievement Award, 2018
- Seattle Magazine's Hall of Fame, Arts and Culture, Seattle, WA, 2016
- Governor's Arts and Heritage Award, Individual Artist Award, Washington State, 2016
- Stranger Genius Award in Art, Seattle, WA, 2016
- The Irving and Yvonne Twining Humber Award, Artist Trust, Seattle, WA, 2016
- Women's University Club, Brava Award—for exceptional achievements, 2016
- Artist in Residence, Pilchuck School, Stanwood, WA, 2015
- Artist in Residence, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA, 2014
- Artist in Residence, Goathead Press, Tieton, WA, 2014
- Mayor's Arts Award, Office of Arts and Culture, Seattle, WA, 2013
- Hauberg Fellowship, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA, 2009
- Neddy Award Nominee, The Behnke Foundation, Seattle, WA, 2006
- Poster Design Award, Bumbershoot, A Seattle Arts Festival, Seattle, WA, 2003
- Visual Arts Honors Program, Seattle Collects, Award, Seattle Arts Commission, Seattle WA, 2002
- Jack Straw Writer's Award, Seattle, WA, 2002
- Seattle Artist Writer's Award, Seattle Arts Commission, Seattle WA, 2001
- Hedgebrook Writer's Residency Retreat, Whidbey, WA, 1999
- Seattle Artist Writer's Award, Seattle Arts Commission, Seattle WA, 1998
- Neddy Award Nominee, The Behnke Foundation, Seattle, WA, 1998
- Artist Trust Tenth Anniversary Presidents' Award, Seattle, WA, 1997

### Collections:

- 21c Museum, Louisville, KY
- Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- Sound Transit Authority, Seattle, WA



- 4 Culture percent art collection – Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA
- Sound Transit Authority, Seattle, WA
- City of Seattle 1% Collection, Seattle, WA
- Junior League of Seattle, Seattle, WA
- King County Arts Commission 1% Collection, Seattle, WA
- Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA
- Seattle First National Bank, Seattle, WA
- Safeco Corporate Collection, Seattle, WA
- Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA
- University Medical Center, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Walker Richer & Quinn Inc, Seattle, WA
- Washington State Arts Commission, Cedar Heights Junior High, Kent School District, Kent, WA
- Western Washington State University, Bellingham, WA

#### **Public Art Installations:**

2020	King County Metro Transit 1-90 Judkins Link Light Rail Station, Seattle WA
2018	Multnomah County Central Courthouse, Portland, OR Boulevard Park Library, Burien, WA
2015	Sound Transit, I-90 Portal
2011	Story Stones, Portage Bay Park, Seattle, WA
2009	The Story House, Evergreen State College, Washington State Arts Commission, Olympia, WA
2008	Electric Raven, Walden Triangle, Sound Transit, Seattle, WA
2007	Art in Public Places – Raven Shouts Water, Seattle, WA

#### **Selected Solo Exhibitions:**



- 2020 Barbara Earl Thomas New Works, Seattle Art Museum
- 2017 The Blood Catcher and Other Stories, Claire Oliver Gallery, NY
- 2016 Heaven on Fire, Bainbridge Island Art Museum, Bainbridge Island, WA
- 2013 Story Line, Prints 2006-2013, Paper Hammer, Seattle, WA
- 2005 Big Fish, The Meadows Museum, Shreveport, Louisiana  
Elements, Evansville Museum of Arts and Science, Evansville, IN  
Last Seen: Altar of Memory, an installation, Edmonds Community College  
Gallery, Edmonds, WA
- 2003 A Fire in the Landscape, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA  
Northwest Traditions, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA
- 1998 In Fire and Water, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1997 Barbara Earl Thomas: An Exhibition, Olympic College Art Gallery,  
Bremerton, WA
- 1995 The Book of Telling, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1994 The Fallen House, Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham, WA
- 1990 Requiem for a Tilted World, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA  
  
Talking Back to the Storm: New Figurative Work by Barbara Thomas,  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, IL
- 1989 Art Gym: Gallery 2, Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, OR
- 1985 Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA
- 1984 Recent Work, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA  
  
Executive Office Gallery, King County Courthouse, Seattle
- 1983 Art Center Gallery, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

**Selected Two-Person Exhibitions:**



- 2020 With Derrick Adams, The Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle WA
- 2018 Expo Chicago with Bisa Butler, Claire Oliver Gallery, Chicago IL
- 2017 Expo Chicago with Gabi Trinkaus, Claire Oliver Gallery, Chicago IL

**Selected Group Exhibitions:**

- 2018 PULSE Miami with Bisa Butler and Leonardo Benzant, Claire Oliver Gallery
- 2017 Jacob Lawrence: Lines of Influence, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah GA
- 2015 Out of Sight, A survey of contemporary art in the Pacific Northwest, Seattle WA  
Stereotype, Northwest African American Museum, Seattle  
Good Neighbor, Seattle University, Seattle WA
- 2014 Ink This, Contemporary Prints in the Northwest, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma WA  
Inner Portraits, Bainbridge Island Art Museum, Bainbridge Is., WA
- 2010 Best of the Northwest, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
Safeco Collection, The Wright Space, Seattle, WA, 2010  
Northwest Women Artists 1880-2010, Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham, WA
- 2009 A Concise History of Northwest Art, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
What is Black? , Seattle Art Museum
- 2000 Building Community: Truth & Reconciliation, A Work-in-Progress Part II, Patricia Wismer Women's Center, Seattle University
- 1999 Drawing Revisited, Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA  
Memory & Mourning: American Expressions of Grief, Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, WA  
Civil Progress: Life in Black America, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA



- 1996 The Narrative Impulse: Visual Storytelling, Rental Sales Gallery, Seattle Art Museum
- 1995 Wings, Rental Sales Gallery, Seattle Art Museum  
Washington: 100 Years, 100 Paintings, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA  
Art Works for AIDS, Seattle Center Pavilion, (also 1990)
- 1994 A Matter of Colors III, The African Connection, Pacific Arts Center, Seattle Center  
The Northwest Art Collection of the Junior League of Seattle, Kinsey Gallery, Seattle University
- 1993 The Art of Microsoft, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle  
XX: An Exhibition on the Occasion of the Women's Caucus for Art National Conference, Francine Seders Gallery II, Seattle, WA
- 1992 Documents Northwest, The PONCHO Series: 1492/1992, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 1991 Please and Thank Yous: 100 True Stories/Collaborators, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
25th Anniversary Exhibitions: The Middle Years II 1981-1983, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle
- 1989 Washington to Washington: Women in Art Today, Washington State Museum of Art, Pullman, WA; the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.; and The Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle, WA  
Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR, 1989
- 1988 School of Art 1975-1988, Safeco Corporation, Seattle, WA
- 1987 Northwest '87, Seattle Art Museum  
Aesthetics of the American Northwest, The Evans-Tibbs Collection, Washington, D.C.  
Masks: A Contemporary Perspective, Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham, WA



- 1986 Poetry in Art, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA  
Figure: Narrative, Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham, WA
- 1985 Seattle Painting 1925-1985, Bumberbiennale, Seattle, WA