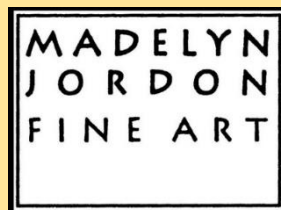


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MJFA IS delighted to present a solo exhibition of recent works by renowned American artist, **HUNT SLONEM**. The exhibition will run from September 23 - November 4, 2017, with an opening reception and book signing on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** It is Slonem's first appearance in Westchester, and the public is welcome to attend and meet the artist.

The exhibition will debut a "fluffle" of Slonem's "Bunnies" alongside a selection of paintings of tropical "Birds" and "Butterflies", subjects for which Slonem is best known. Considered one of the great colorists of his time, Slonem's neo-expressionist paintings feature an exuberant and bold, fauvist palette to emphasize his beloved menagerie of animals. His spiritual practice provides the impetus for his Warholesque repetitive compositions.

Hunt Slonem's paintings of tropical birds and butterflies came into "full flight" in the 1980s. It was his time spent living in Hawaii and Nicaragua in his youth that Slonem credits with most influencing and inspiring his love of exotic birds. Both country's tropical landscape has informed not only Slonem's process, but also his need to be surrounded by the nature he paints. Birds and butterflies serve as his visual metaphor for consciousness, spirit, and soul as well as a source of wonder and coloristic inspiration. His use of loose expressionistic brushwork emphasizes the birds' motion and vigorous activity. Slonem's bird paintings are based on his personal aviary of exotic birds that he rescued and keeps at his Brooklyn-based studio.

In the early 1980s, Slonem began working on a new series of so-called "Rabbit paintings." The idea for this critically acclaimed series came to him after he had discovered that the year of his birth, 1951, was the year of the Rabbit in the Chinese zodiac calendar. The often repeated "Rabbit" imagery in this series is an act similar to citing mantras and spiritual meditation. As he told the Wall Street Journal, "Mantras are holy because you repeat them." This theme continued to inspire Slonem over the years, and the series is as prominent in his work today as it was over thirty years ago.



## ABOUT HUNT SLONEM

Slonem was born in Kittery, Maine in 1951; the eldest of four children. His father was a navy officer, while his mother was a homemaker who spent much of her time doing volunteer work. As a result of his father's military career, Slonem spent much of his childhood on different military bases; living in Hawaii, Virginia, Louisiana, Connecticut, California and Washington.

After completing school, which included living in Nicaragua as an exchange student at the age of 16, Slonem began his undergraduate studies at Vanderbilt University. He then spent six months of his sophomore year at the University of the Americas in San Andres Colula, Puebla, Mexico, eventually graduating with a Bachelors of Art in Painting and Art History from Tulane University in New Orleans.

During his collegiate years, Slonem attended the prestigious Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine, where he was exposed to influential artists from the New York area including Alex Katz, Alice Neel, Richard Estes, Jack Levine, Louise Nevelson and Al Held. This exposure played a pivotal role in Slonem's artistic career, as it aided in his decision to move to New York in 1973. Three years after his arrival, Slonem received a painting grant from the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation in Montreal, Canada and began painting extensively.

Since 1977, Slonem has had over 250 solo exhibitions at prestigious galleries, Museums both domestic and international have collected his work, among them The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. Slonem's work has also been the subject of many books over the course of his career including: *Hunt Slonem: An Art Rich & Strange* (Abrams Books, 2002), *Pleasure Palaces: The Art and Homes of Hunt Slonem* (PowerHouse Books, 2007) and *The Worlds of Hunt Slonem* (Vendome Press, 2011).



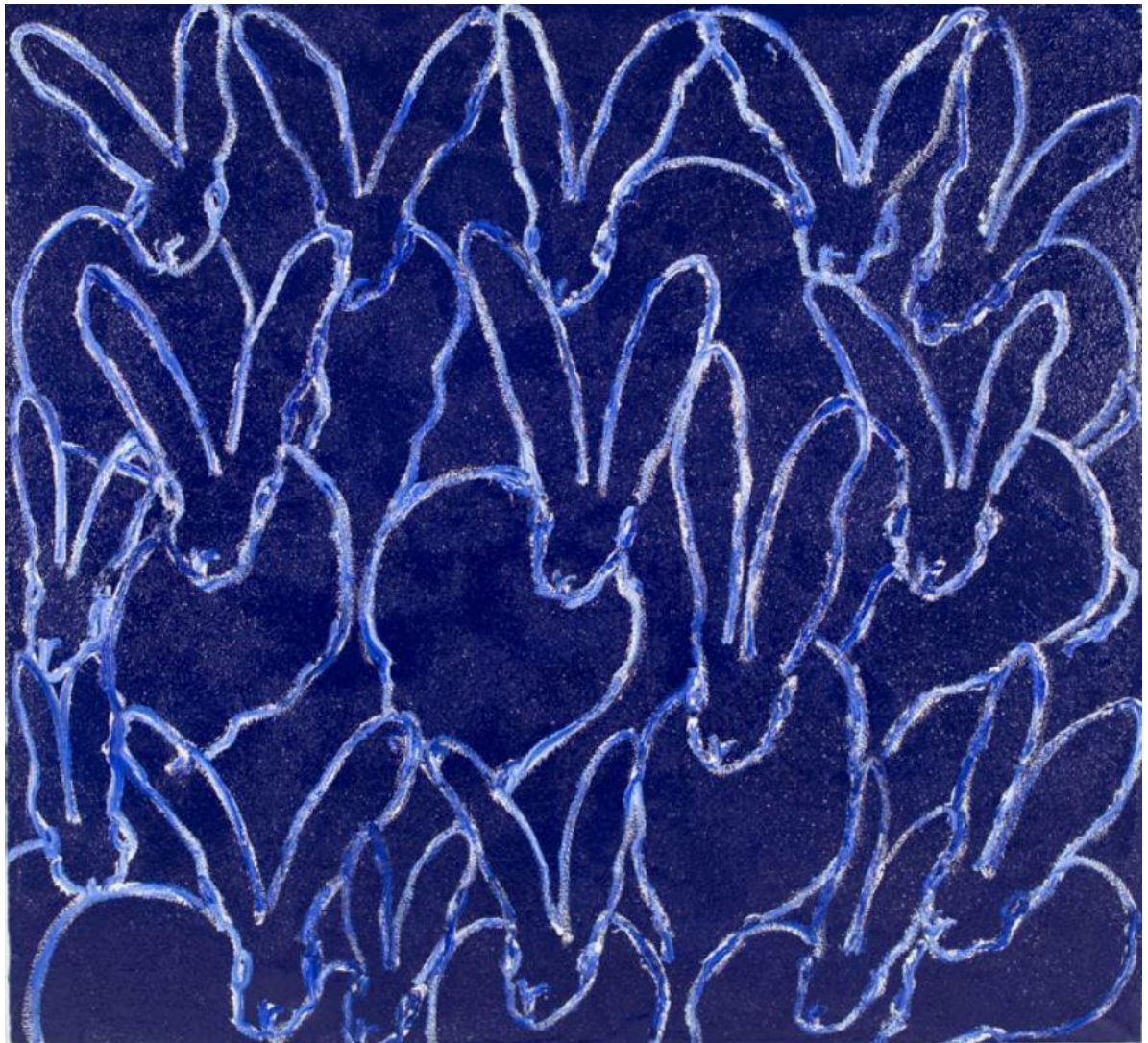
*Untitled, 2017*

Oil on canvas

40 x 60 in.

\$32,000





*Blue Mist*, 2016

Oil, acrylic, and diamond dust on canvas

48 x 52 in.

\$32,000





*Untitled*, 2016  
Oil on wood  
31.25 x 22.5 in.  
\$16,000



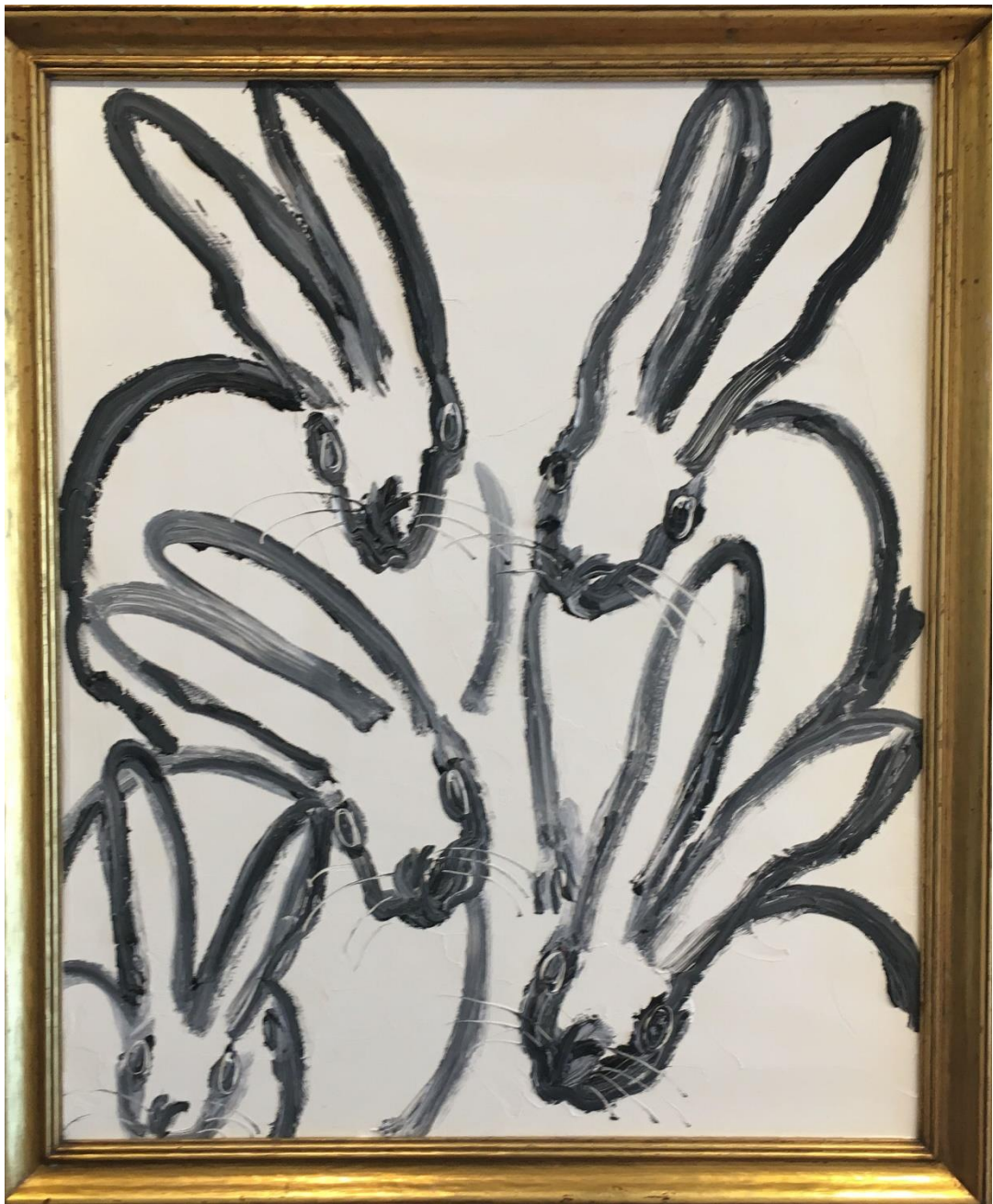


*Red Rover*, 2017

Oil on canvas

36 x 30 in.

\$19,500



*Untitled, 2016*

Oil on wood

23.5 x 28.5 in.

\$15,500





*4 Play*, 2016  
Oil on canvas  
30 x 24 in.  
\$16,000



*Road Show 2, 2016*

Oil on canvas

40 x 30 in.

\$22,000





MINI BUNNIES  
Paintings 10 x 8 in.





*Untitled, 2017*

Oil, acrylic, and diamond dust on wood

10 x 8 in.

\$5,000





*Untitled, 2017*

Oil on wood

10 x 8 in.

\$5,000



*Untitled, 2017*

Oil on wood

10 x 8 in.

\$5,000





*Untitled, 2017*  
Oil on canvas  
10 x 8 in.  
\$5,000



*Untitled, 2017*

Oil and acrylic on wood with diamond dust

11 x 9 in.

\$6,000





*Untitled, 2017*  
Oil on wood  
10 x 8 in.  
\$5,000



*Untitled, 2017*

Oil and acrylic on wood with diamond dust

10 x 8 in.

\$5,000





*Untitled, 2017*

Oil on wood

10 x 8 in.

\$5,000



*Untitled, 2016*

Oil on wood

10 x 8 in.

\$5,000





*Red Butterflies, 2008*

Oil on canvas

64 x 48 in.

\$35,000





*Anthurium and Vandas, 2005*

Oil on canvas,

30 x 40 in.

\$20,000





*Magpie Jay*, 1992

Oil on panel

10 1/8 x 8 1/8 in.

\$5,000





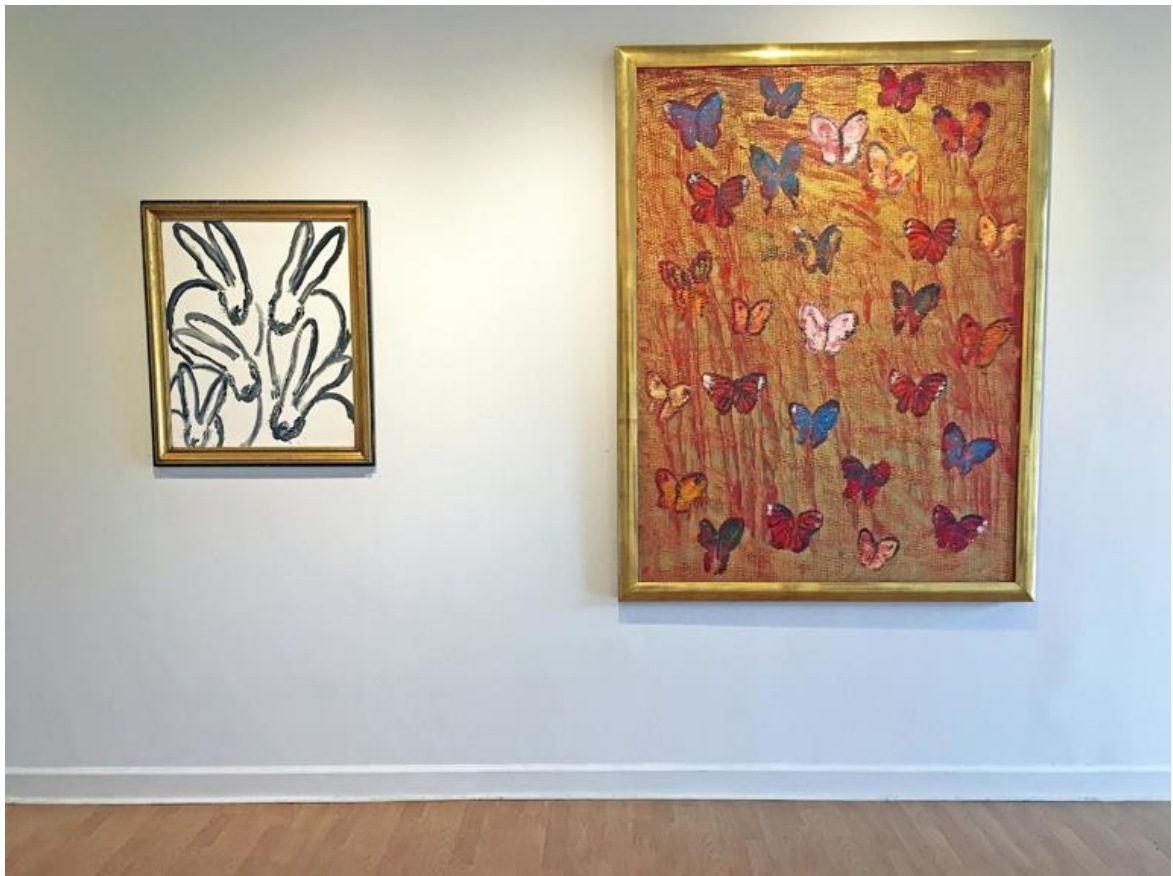
*Untitled*, 1995  
Oil on panel  
12 x 9.5 in.  
\$5,000

















## SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS (2010-2017)

- 2017
- Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, Scarsdale, NY
  - Missouri State University, MO
  - Art Museum of West Virginia University
  - Quidley & Co, Nantucket, MA
  - Contemporary Art Museum, Krasnoyarsk, Russia
  - The State Russian Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia
  - Tew Galleries, Atlanta, GA
  - DTR Modern Gallery, Boston, MA
  - Martine Chaisson Gallery, Opening/ Book Signing
  - Gallery 21, Bahrain
  - Pop-UP Bunny Wall, Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
  - Galerie Sono, Norwalk CT
  - Rosenbaum Contemporary Art, Boca Raton and Miami, FL
  - Galerie Von Stechow - Frankfurt, Germany
  - Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, FL
- 2016
- Space SBH, Carré D'Or, Gustavia, St Barthélemy
  - Hunt Slonem, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
  - The Winter Collective: Works on Paper, Weinberger Fine Art, Kansas City, MO
  - Hunt Slonem, New Gallery of Modern of Art, Charlotte, NC
  - Hunt Slonem, Martine Chaisson Gallery, New Orleans, LA
  - Bayou, Birds and Butterflies, Bayou Teche Museum, New Iberia, LA
  - Fauna, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Dallas, TX
  - Galerie Sono, Norwalk, CT
  - Creatures Great and Small, Jessica Hagen Fine Art & Design, Newport, RI
  - Hunt Slonem, McHugh Gallery, Aspen, CO
  - Art Panelist at Southern Style Now Festival, New Orleans, LA
  - Hunt Slonem in Boston, DTR Modern, Boston, MA
  - Bunnies, Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA
  - Work From The Artists Studio, Weinberger Fine Art, Kansas City, MO
  - Book signing at Memphis Art by Design, Memphis, TN
  - Antebellum Pop!, Shaw Center of the Arts, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA
  - Hunt Slonem, Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
  - Tablescape at Lenox Hill Gala, New York, NY
  - Hunt Slonem, Gremillion Fine Art, Houston, TX
  - The Worlds of Hunt Slonem, Russell Collection of Fine Art, Austin, TX
  - Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT
  - All Things Bright and Beautiful, Space SBH, St. Barthelemy, Guadeloupe
  - DTR Modern, Palm Beach, FL Book signing
  - Contemporary Redux, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA
  - Hunt Slonem: Color and Composition, Harmon - Meek Gallery, Naples, FL
  - 100 Bunnies, Cuadro Fine Art, Dubai, UAE
  - Phases of Faces, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL



2015

Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Russian Academy of the Arts, Moscow, Russia  
 Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada  
 Vogelsang Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
 Turkey International Art Fair, Vogelsang Gallery, Istanbul, TK  
 SOFA Art Fair, Hawk Galley, Chicago, IL  
 TEW Galleries, Atlanta, GA  
 Gremillion Fine Art, Houston, TX  
 Sandra Ainsley Gallery, Toronto, ON  
 Hawk Gallery, Columbus, OH  
 Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 Coats-Wright Gallery, Carmel, IN  
 DTR Modern, Boston, MA  
 Rarity Gallery, Mykonos, Greece  
 Galerie Sono, South Norwalk, CT  
 Serge Sorokko Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, FL  
 The Sultan Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait  
 Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation - Gallery at Center of Creative  
 Education, West Palm Beach, FL  
 Art Miami, Dean Project, Miami FL

2014

Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, QC  
 Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA  
 Deland Museum of Art, Deland, FLA  
 Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN  
 Flint Museum of Art, Flint, MI  
 Louisiana Arts & Sciences Museum, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
 Gremillion Fine Art, Houston, TX  
 Galerie Sono, Norwalk, CT  
 McHugh Gallery, Aspen, CO  
 Quidley & Co., Nantucket, MA  
 Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, FL  
 Weinberger Fine Art, Kansas City, MO  
 Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA  
 Dallas Art Fair: Madison Gallery, Dallas, TX  
 DTR Modern Gallery, Boston, MA  
 DTR Modern Gallery, Palm Beach, FL  
 Galerie Von Stechow, Frankfurt, Germany  
 Serge Sorokko Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Martine Chaisson Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2013 Paul & Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, University of Lafayette, LA  
 Cuadro Fine Art, Dubai, UAE  
 Shaw Center, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Martine Chaisson, New Orleans, LA  
 Childrens Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN  
 McHugh Gallery, Aspen, CO  
 Gremillion & Co., Dallas, TX  
 Serge Sorokko Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal, Quebec  
 Madison Gallery, La Jolla, CA  
 DTR Modern, Boston, MA  
 Weinberger Fine Art, Kansas City, MO  
 Gilman Contemporary, Ketchum, ID  
 ARC Fine Art, Fairfield, CT  
 Vered Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
 DTR Modern Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL  
 DTR Modern Georgetown, Washington, DC  
 New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC  
 Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA  
 Harmon Meek Gallery, Naples FL  
 Bradbury Gallery, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

2012 Weinberger Fine Art, Kansas City, MO  
 Brenau University, Gainesville, GA  
 Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA  
 Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, FL  
 Gremillion & Co., Houston, TX  
 DTR Modern, Palm Beach, FL  
 DTR Modern, Washington, DC  
 McHugh Gallery, Aspen, CO  
 DTR Modern, Boston, MA  
 Galeria Espacio, San Salvador, El Salvador  
 Martine Chaisson Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
 New Gallery of Modern Art Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria  
 Mabeyn Gallery at Chamberlain House, Besiktas, Istanbul

2011 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY  
 Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA  
 New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC  
 Martine Chaisson Gallery New Orleans, LA  
 Couture Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden  
 Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, FL  
 Brenau University, Gainesville, GA  
 DTR Modern Gallery, Palm Beach, FL  
 Weinberger Fine Art, Kansas City, MO  
 DTR Modern Gallery, Boston, MA  
 Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, FL  
 Etra Fine Art, Miami, FL



2010 DTR Modern, Boston, MA  
DTR Modern, Palm Beach, FL  
ARC Fine Art, Fairfield, CT  
Coral Springs Museum, Coral Springs, FL  
Gebert Gallery, Venice, CA & Santa Fe, NM  
Martine Chaisson Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
Meadows Museum of Art, Shreveport, LA  
Thomas Masters Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Gallerie Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada  
Harmon-Meek Gallery, Naples, FL  
Museo de Arte San Salvador, San Salvador, C.A.  
Museum Gallery of Modernism, Sofia, Bulgaria  
San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX  
National Gallery of Foreign Art Sofia, Bulgaria  
Paul & Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette, LA

## SELECT MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Cincinnati Art Museum, OH; Columbus Museum of Art, OH; The Contemporary Museum, HI; Currier Gallery of Art, NH; Delaware Art Museum, DE; Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain; Guilin Art Museum, Guilin Guang Xi P.R. China; Museum of Fine Arts, TX; Metropolitan Museum of Art, Manila, Philippines; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY; Michener Museum of Art, PA; The National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; New Museum of Contemporary Art, NY; New Orleans Museum of Art, LA; Queens Museum of Art, NY; Saint Petersburg Museum of Fine Art, FL; San Antonio Museum of Art, TX; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, NY; Stamford Museum and Nature Center, CT; Tel Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv, Israel; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, VA; Whitney Museum of American Art, NY; Wichita Art Museum, KS; Wurth Museum, Germany.

## BOOK PUBLICATIONS

*Birds* - Glitterati Publishing  
*When Art Meets Design* - Assouline Publishing  
*Bunnies* - Glitterati Publishing  
*Hunt Slonem* - Russian State Museum, St. Petersburg Exhibition Catalogue  
*Hunt Slonem Paintings* - Moscow Museum of Modern Art /Russian Academy of Arts  
*Pleasure Palaces* - Powerhouse Books  
*The Worlds of Hunt Slonem* - Vendome Press  
*Hunt Slonem: On The Bayou* - Paul and Lulu Hillard University Art Museum, LA  
*Hunt Slonem: An Art Rich and Strange* - Harry N. Abrams  
*Exotica* - Endizioni d'Arte Frattelli Pozzo)  
*Channeled: The Essential Hunt Slonem Subject Matter*  
*Hunt's Place* - disegnodiverso Paola Gribaudo  
*Hunt Slonem* - Kunst Editions/Jano Group



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