

## LOUISA MATTHÍASDÓTTIR

**Born:** 1917 in Reykjavik, Iceland

**Died:** 2000 in New Delhi, NY

### Education:

As a young woman Matthiasdottir studied art in Copenhagen and spent a year studying with Marcel Gromaire in Paris. In 1942 she moved to New York to continue her studies under the tutelage of Hans Hoffman.

### Solo Exhibitions:

- 2012 "Pastels", Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York
- 2011 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York; also 2010, 2008
- 2004-06 "Louisa Matthiasdottir: A Retrospective" Scandinavia House: Nordic Center in America, New York, Traveled in 2005 to Nordic Embassy Complex, Berlin, Germany; North Atlantic House, Copenhagen, Denmark; Akureryi Art Museum, Akureryi, Iceland.
- 2004 Brick Walk Books and Fine Art, West Harford, CT
- 2003 Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland; also 1998
- Salander – O'Reilly Galleries, New York; also, 2000, 1994
- 2002 Flanders Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA; also, 1998
- 1998 Wright State University Art Gallery, Dayton, OH
- 1997 The Minot Art Center, Norsk Hostfest, ND
- The Studio School, New York
- The Maier Museum of Art in Lynchburg, VA
- The Minot Art Center, Norsk Hostfest, ND
- 1996 "Seeing and Painting: the Art of Louisa Matthiasdottir", Kendall Campus Art Gallery of Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL. Traveled to The American University, Washington DC; Sordoni Art Gallery, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA; New York Studio School, New York; Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle, WA; The Maier Museum of Art in Lynchburg, VA; Wright State University Art Gallery, Dayton, OH, Watkins Gallery, American University, Washington D.C
- 1994 Donald Morris Gallery, Inc., Birmingham, MI; also 1988
- 1993 The Reykjavik Municipal Art Museum, Iceland
- 1991 Robert Schoelkopf Gallery, New York: also, 1989, 1987, 1984, 1982, 1980, 1978, 1976, 1974, 1972, 1969, 1968, 1966, 1964
- 1988 Meredith Long & Company, New York
- 1987 Gross McLeaf Gallery, Philadelphia, PA; also, 1983
- Bryggens Museum, Norway
- Reynolds/Minor Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 1982 Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, South Hadley, MA
- 1978 University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- 1972 Litchfield Art Center, Litchfield, CT
- Windham College, Putney, VT
- 1970 Albrecht Art Museum, Saint Joseph, MO
- Framehouse Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 1960 University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- 1958 Tanager Gallery, New York
- 1948 Jane Street Gallery, New York

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## Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2009 "Table," Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects & Gallery Schlesinger, New York  
"Home," Westport Arts Center, Westport, CT  
"Fra Unuhusi til Attunda straetis (From Unuhus to Eighth Street)". Reykjavik Art Museum , Iceland.
- 2007 "Portraits," Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
"Louisa Matthiasdottir & Leland Bell: Still Lifes – from a Shared Life," Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
- 2006 "Gallery Selections", Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
"Modern and Contemporary Masters", Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
"Modernism and the Hofmann School", Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR.
- 2005 "Leland Bell, Louisa Matthiasdottir: Works on Paper," Salander-O'Reilly Galleries  
"Modern and Contemporary Masters: Modernism and the Hofmann School," Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
"On the Road Again," Marymount College of Fordham University, New York  
"Lives/Still Lives," Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
"Scapes/Landscapes," Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York  
"Helion and American Art," National Academy Museum, New York
- 2004 Memorial Art Center, Auburn, New York
- 2003 Watercolor Kouros Gallery, New York  
Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center Auburn, New York  
"The Jane Street Gallery: Celebrating NY's First Artists Cooperative", Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York
- 2001 "Reconfiguring the New York School", Center for Figurative Painting, New York
- 2000 "Women's View: Two Generations of Women Artists from New York", The Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford College, PA  
"A Family of Artists", Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjodur  
"Iceland Contemporary Portraits", Alpha Gallery, Boston, MA  
"Zeuxis Still Life: The Human Presence", The Washington Studio School Washington, DC, Erector Square Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut, The Painting Center, New York  
"Contemporary Portraits", Alpha Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1999 "Distilled Life: A Still Exhibition by Zeuxis", Prince Street Gallery, New York. Traveled to University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La-Crosse, WI; Marywood University, Scranton, PA; Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA; Courtyard Gallery, The Washington Studio School, Washington, DC; Erector Square Gallery, New Haven, CT; The Painting Center, New York  
Zeuxis "Still Life: The Human Presence," University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La-Grosse, WI; Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA  
"Zeuxis at Marywood", Marywood University, Scranton, PA
- 1998 "Art & Friendship II: Selections from the Nell Blaine Collection", Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York  
"One Thing on Top of Another: An Exhibition of Still Life Paintings by Zeuxis and Guests", Kerygma Gallery, Ridgewood, NJ.
- 1996 Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York  
"Jane Freilicher/Louisa Matthiasdottir", Walker Kornbluth Art Gallery, Fair Lawn, NJ  
"Women in the Visual Arts", Hollins College Art Gallery, Roanoke, VA  
Cornucopia, Champion Intl. Corp. Headquarters, Stamford, CT  
"Icelandic Portaiture in the 20th century", Hafnaborg Institute of Fine art Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
- 1994-96 "Relatively Speaking", Sweet Briar College Art Gallery, Sweet Briar, VA. Traveled to Newhouse Gallery of Contemporary Art, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, New York; Rockford Museum of Art, Rockford, IL

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### **Selected Group Exhibitions (continued):**

- 1994 Transport, Maier Museum of Art at Randolph-Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, VA  
Songs of the Earth: twenty-two, American painters of the landscape" AHI Gallery, New York
- 1993 "Unstill Still Life", University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
- 1992 "Color as a Subject", The Artists' Museum, The Police Building, New York  
association with the Tibor de Nagy Gallery and Staempfli Gallery, The Police Building, New York
- 1991 "Twentieth Century and Contemporary American Art", Callen McJunkin, Charleston, WV
- 1987 Stoppenbach and Delestre, London, England
- 1984 "New Vistas—Contemporary American Landscapes", Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, New York  
"American Art Today: Still Life", Visual Arts Gallery, Florida International University, Miami, FL  
"Nine Realists Revisited", 1963-1984, Robert Schoelkopf Gallery, New York  
10 Gestir Listahatidar 84, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 1983 "American Still Life Painting, 1945-1963", Contemporary Arts Museum, Yonkers, New York
- 1982 "Perspectives on Contemporary Realism: Works on Paper from the Collection of Jalane and Richard Davidson", Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1981-82 Contemporary American Realism, Since 1960, Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia Pennsylvania: Traveled to Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA; Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
"Contemporary American Vistas: Contemporary American Landscapes", The Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY; traveled to the Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AR: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA: Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA
- 1978 "Drawing and Painting on Paper", Kemper Gallery, Kansas City Art Institute, Missouri
- 1975 "Painterly Representation", Ingber Gallery, New York
- 1974 Haustsyning F.I.M., Reykjavik, Iceland
- 1973 "A Family of Painters", Canton Art Institute, Canton, OH (with Leland and Temma Bell)  
Biennial Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1972 Swain School of Art, New Bedford, Massachusetts(with Leland Bell)  
"Leland Bell, Louisa Matthiasdottir", Stoppenbach and Delestre, London, England
- 1967 Austin Art Center, Trinity College, Hartford, CT (with Leland Bell)  
"Painting and Sculpture Today", John Herron Art Museum, Indianapolis, IN
- 1966 Kansas City Art Institute, MO (with Leland Bell)  
Procter Art Gallery, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York (with Leland Bell)
- 1964 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (with Leland Bell)
- 1963 Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York (with Leland Bell)  
"Five American Realists", Knoedler Gallery, New York

### **Public Collections:**

Albrecht Art Museum, Saint Joseph, Missouri  
Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, University of Texas, Austin, Texas  
Bayly Art Museum, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho Art Institute, Idaho  
Gerdarsafn, Kopavogur Art Museum, Kopavogur, Iceland  
Hafnarborg Institute of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnarfjordur, Iceland  
Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.  
Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington, Indiana  
The National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

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### Public Collections (continued):

The National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.  
Reykjavik Municipal Art Museum, Kjarvalstaðir, Iceland  
New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, New Jersey  
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, Maine  
Museum Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico  
Tate Gallery, London, England  
Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, New York  
Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina

### Awards:

1998 Inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters  
1996 The American-Scandinavian Foundation's Cultural Award  
1988 Knight's Cross of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon

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1994 Riccuito, Daniel, "Louisa Matthiasdottir," Modern Painters (September).

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