



## STEPHEN IRWIN

1959 - 2010

Lived and worked in Louisville, Kentucky

## EDUCATION

Murray State University, Murray KY

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Check to see if still dead inside, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York
- 2016 this, this is for you, Zephyr Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2014 You Already Know How This Will End, r/e Projects, Madrid, Spain
- 2011 Skin Diary, Speed Museum of Art, Louisville, KY
- 2009 You Already Know How This Will End, Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
Sometimes When We Touch, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York, NY  
Solo, Objects of Desire, Louisville KY
- 2008 Zephyr Gallery, Louisville KY  
New Center of Contemporary Art, Louisville KY
- 2006 Zephyr Gallery, Louisville KY
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- 2004 Zephyr Gallery, Louisville KY
- 2001 Zephyr Gallery, Louisville KY

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Intimacy, curated by Stephen Truax, Yossi Milo, New York  
Please Touch: Body Boundaries, curated by Ysabel Pinyol and Dana Ben-Ari, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City NJ
- 2015 After the Moment: Reflections on Robert Mapplethorpe, CAC, Cincinnati, OH  
Soft Core, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York, NY
- 2014 Great Expectations, Gallery Diet, Miami, FL  
"GROUP" Show, Galerie Stefan Roepke, Cologne, Germany  
Head, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2013 We'll Wear A Jolly Crown, Speed Museum of Art, Louisville, KY  
Skin Trade, curated by Martha Wilson and Larry List, PPOW, New York
- 2012 Paper, MAMAC Museum, Nice, France
- 2011 Kick in The Eye, Vox Populi, Philadelphia, PA  
Skin, Galerie Stefan Ropke, Cologne, Germany  
Pornucopia, Allegra LaViola Gallery, New York, NY  
Art of Attraction, F.L.O.A.T. Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 Male, curated by Vince Aletti, Maureen Paley, London  
Summer Camp II, Lost Horizons, curated by Billy Miller, Exile, Berlin  
Zipor, Ziporim, Zippora, Galerie Lichtpunkt, Munich  
Shapeshifter, Country Club, Cincinnati OH  
Jack H. Skirball Series: The Best of Ottawa 2009, Curated by Steve Anker and Susan Pitt, Redcat, Los Angeles, CA  
Lost Horizon/Head Shop, Summer Camp 2010, Curated by Billy Miller, Exile, Germany

- 2009 Paperwork II, Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans LA  
 BAM Auction  
 Gallatin Gallery at NYU, New York City  
 White Noise, The Galleries at Peeler, Depauw University, Greencastle IN
- 2008 Scope Miami  
 It's Not Over Yet, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York, NY
- 2007 DePauw Biennial, The Galleries at Peeler, DePauw University, Greencastle IN
- 2006 Traces with Alfredo Jaar, Speed Museum, Louisville KY
- 2003 Other Bodies, Speed Museum, Louisville KY

## PUBLICATIONS

Stephen Irwin, Monograph, Published by r/e Projects, Madrid (2015)

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- Small, Zachary, "How Contemporary Artists Are Evolving the Queer Aesthetic," Artsy, June 15, 2017.
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- Small, Zachary, "Hints of Queer Desire in Erased Pornographic Images, Hyperallergic, April 20, 2017.
- Jones, Darren, "Critics' Picks: Stephen Irwin," Artforum, April 14, 2017.
- Jo Anne Triplett, "Visually Speaking: This week's art news and events," LeoWeekly.com, February 5, 2016
- "Stephen Irwin Art Exhibit VIP Opening," The Voice-Tribune, February 4, 2016.
- "Daily Archive: Stephen Irwin," Daily Ardebella, February 10, 2016.
- Elizabeth Kramer, "Zephyr Gallery celebrates life of Stephen Irwin," Asbury Park Press, Jan 27, 2016.
- Elizabeth Kramer, "Zephyr Gallery celebrates life of Stephen Irwin," Courier Journal, Jan 27, 2016.
- "Opening: Project 12: Blind Contours @ Zephyr Gallery, Louisville," Burnaway, 2016.
- Elizabeth Ann Smith, "When Less is More," under-main.com, March 2016.
- Maeshelle West-Davies, "Stephen Irwin: Sometimes When We Touch," Art-Rated.com, November 22, 2014.
- Katherine Brooks, "Artist 'Erases' Vintage Pornography In Stunning (N)SFW Series," The Huffington Post, May 9, 2014.
- Fabio Rojas, "Stephen Irwin, Kentucky Artist," Orgtheory.net, Jan. 16, 2011.
- Benjamin Sutton, "Porn-Erasing Artist Stephen Irwin Dead at 51," The L Magazine, December 31, 2010.
- "Stephen Irwin (1959 - 2010)" Artforum.com, December 30, 2010.
- Gabriel Wrye, "Remembering artist Stephen Irwin," The Courier-Journal, December 29, 2010.
- "In Memoriam: Ky. Artist Stephen Irwin, 51, found dead in gallery," Live Auctioneers, December 30, 2010.
- John King, "Remembering Steve Ann Irwin," 37 Flood, December 29, 2010.
- Terry Boyd, "Acclaimed Louisville artist Stephen Irwin dies at Zephyr Gallery," Insider Louisville, December 27, 2010.
- Jane Durrell, "Shapeshifter (review): Local and regional shapeshifters artfully manipulate local resources," CityBeat, March 31, 2010.

Kathy Stockman, "Shapeshifter at Country Club," AEQAI Magazine, March 2010.  
Stephanie Buhmann, "Post-minimalism humor, vintage porn and subtle sculpture," The Villager, Nov 11, 2009.  
Martha Kirszenbaum, "Stephen Irwin: Sometimes When We Touch," City Arts, Nov 3, 2009.  
"Sometimes When We Touch Tonight," Vice, Oct 23, 2009.  
Cesar Padilla, "Stephen Irwin," Butt Magazine, October 22, 2009.  
Profile, Butt Magazine, Fall 2008.  
Review, Art Papers, March/April 2008.  
"Kentucky Country Night School" Interview, Pitch, Fall 2007.  
"EROS and THANATOS: Reading Stephen Irwin's Skin Diary" Pitch, Fall 2006.

### **Other Media**

"2.11.16" PUBLIC, Public Radio Louisville Visual Art, March 19, 2016, Radio

### **Collections**

Speed Museum, Louisville KY  
21c Museum, Louisville KY  
Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson  
Dr. and Mrs. Norman Radtke  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ormsby  
Julian Robson  
Mr and Mrs. Frederick Kleisner  
Rev. Al Shands