

FRAENKEL

NICHOLAS NIXON

Born in 1947, Detroit, Michigan

EDUCATION

1974

MFA, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

1969

BA English, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

AWARDS

2000

George Gund Foundation Fellowship

1988

Friends of Photography Peer Award

1987

National Endowment for the Arts Photography Fellowship

1986

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship

1982

'New Works' Grant, Massachusetts Council of the Arts

1980

National Endowment for the Arts Photography Fellowship

1977

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship

1976

National Endowment for the Arts Photography Fellowship

SELECTED INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

2024

The Brown Sisters, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Nicholas Nixon: Ginko, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA

Nicholas Nixon, Fundación MAPFRE, Madrid, Spain

2022

The Brown Sisters, Hungarian House of Photography, Budapest, Hungary

Une Intime Distance, Galerie le Château d'Eau, Toulouse, France

2021

Nicholas Nixon: The Brown Sisters, KBr Photography Center, Fundación MAPFRE,
Barcelona, Spain 11 June – 5 September 2021

2017-19

Nicholas Nixon, Fundación MAPFRE, Madrid, Spain; traveling to C/O Berlin, Berlin,
Germany; Fondation A, Brussels, Belgium

2017-18

Nicholas Nixon: Persistence of Vision, ICA Boston, Boston, MA

2016

Nicholas Nixon: Old & New, Galerie Eric Dupont, Paris, France

2015

Nicholas Nixon: About Forty Years, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2014-15

Nicholas Nixon: Forty Years of The Brown Sisters, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Nicholas Nixon: The Brown Sisters, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

2013

Nicholas Nixon, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Nicholas Nixon: Here & Now, Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York, NY

2012

Nicholas Nixon, Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York, NY

Nicholas Nixon, Galerie Eric Dupont, Paris, France

2010

Nicholas Nixon: Family Album, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

2009

Nicholas Nixon: City & Self, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Nicholas Nixon: Old Home, New Pictures, Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York, NY
Mapfre Foundation, Madrid, Spain

Nicholas Nixon: The Brown Sisters 1975-2008, The Alhambra, Granada, Spain

2008

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Patients, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY

2007

Patients, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Nicholas Nixon: 30 Years of Photography, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis, MO

The Naked Portrait, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland

2006

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX

2005

Nicholas Nixon: The Brown Sisters, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH

Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY

2004

Nicholas Nixon: Recent Work, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Upright Female, Bernard Toale Gallery, Boston, MA

Close & Far, Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

2003

Family Ties, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Musrara Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

2001

Lovers, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

A City Seen, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH

Couples, Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

Human Experience: Photographs by Nicholas Nixon, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH

1999

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

1998

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

1997

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

1996

Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, MA

1995

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Nicholas Nixon: Pictures of People, Musee de L'Art Moderne, Paris, France

1994

Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany (catalog)

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

1993

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1992

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

1991

San Diego Art Museum, San Diego, CA

1990

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

St. Louis Museum of Art, St. Louis, MO

1989

Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England

Nicholas Nixon: Pictures of People, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art,
San Francisco, CA

Milwaukee Art Institute, Milwaukee, WI

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI

1988

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY (monograph)

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

1986

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York, NY

Edwynn Houk Gallery, Chicago, IL

Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH

1985

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

1984

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

California Museum of Photography, Riverside, CA

Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York, NY

1983

Friends of Photography, Carmel, CA (monograph)

Madison Art Center, Madison, WI

Daniel Wolf, Inc., New York NY

1982

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

Edwynn Houk Gallery, Chicago, IL

1981

Light Gallery, New York, NY

1980

Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Light Gallery, New York, NY

1979

Light Gallery, New York, NY

1978

Light Gallery, New York, NY

Vision Gallery, Boston, MA

1977

Vision Gallery, Boston, MA

1976

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

Portrait of a City: A Century of American Photography, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK

2025

Behind the Bedroom Door, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY

Dynamic Duos, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA

No Longer Not Yet: Katja Mater and the FOMU Collection, FOMU Foto Museum Antwerp,
Germany

Double Portraits, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, FL

2024

*When Images Learned to Speak: Conceptualized Documentary Photography from Astrid
Ullens De Schooten Whetnall's Collection*, The Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France

RAY ECHOES: Triennale of Photographic Art, Deutsche Börse AG, The Cube, Eschborn,
Germany

Saga, The Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France

Grow It, Show It!, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

2023

Dear Mom, Robert Mann Gallery, New York, NY

2022

Sisters & Brothers. 500 Years of Siblings in Art, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany

Look again: 45 Years of Collecting Photography, High Art Museum, Atlanta, GA

2018-19

Look again: 45 Years of Collecting Photography, High Art Museum, Atlanta, GA

Each with the Other, Adrian Rosenfeld Gallery, San Francisco, CA (1 December – 23 February)

2013

CONCRETE – Photography & Architecture, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland
(2 March – 20 May)

I, YOU, WE, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY (25 April – 1 September)

Family Portrait, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA (8 June – 10 November)

2012

Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI (26 January – 3 April)

Silver Curtain, Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA (12 July – 15 September)

2011-12

Photography Calling!, Sprengel Museum, Hanover, Germany (9 October – 15 January)

2009-12

New Topographics: Photographs of the Man-Altered Landscape, George Eastman House, Rochester, NY; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Center for Creative Photography, Tucson, AZ; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, Landesgalerie, Linz, Austria; Photographische Sammlung Stiftung Kultur, Cologne, Germany; Jeu de Paume, Paris, France; Nederlands Fotomuseum Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Bilbao Fine Arts Museum, Bilbao, Spain

Staring, Davidson College of Art, Davidson College, Davidson, NC

2005

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

2003

Family Ties, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA (catalog)

Cruel & Tender, Tate Modern, London, England (catalog)

2001

A City Seen, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH (catalog)

2000

How You Look At It, Sprengel Museum, Hanover, Germany (catalog)

People/Places, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

1999

The Model Wife, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA (catalog)

1998

Newly Acquired Works, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

1997

About Faces: The History of the Portrait in Photography, Fogg Art Museum, Boston, MA

1995

Visions of Childhood, Bard College, New York, NY

Hidden Faces, Paul Kopeikin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1992

Pleasures & Terrors of Domestic Comfort, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY (catalog)

Eadweard Muybridge & Contemporary American Photography, Addison Gallery of American Art, MA (traveling)

Fables of the Visible World, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA (catalog)

1990

Photography Until Now, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY (catalog)

1989

Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, HI

1987

Twelve Photographers Look at U.S., Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

Photographs from the Last Decade, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art,
San Francisco, CA

1986

Variants, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA

1984

Les Ages et les Villes: Frederick Cantor - Nicholas Nixon, The American Center,
Paris, France

1982

The Contact Print, Friends of Photography, Carmel, CA (catalog)
20th Century Photographs from the Museum of Modern Art, Seibu Museum of Art,
Tokyo, Japan (catalog)

1981

American Children, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY (catalog)

1980

Photography & Architecture, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA
American Photography in the 70s, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1979

American Images, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC (catalog)

1978

Mirrors & Windows, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY (catalog)
14 New England Photographers, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Nicholas Nixon/William Eggleston, Cronin Gallery, Houston, TX

1977

Court House, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY (catalog)
Nicholas Nixon & Stephen Shore, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA
New York: The City & Its People, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

1975

New Topographics, International Museum of Photography, George Eastman House,
Rochester, NY (catalog)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2015

Nicholas Nixon: About Forty Years, Fraenkel Gallery

2012

Close Far, Steidl, Fraenkel Gallery, Pace/MacGill Gallery

2009

Live Love Look Last, Steidl, Fraenkel Gallery, Pace/MacGill Gallery

2007

Nicholas Nixon, The Brown Sisters, Thirty-three Years, Museum of Modern Art, New York

2004

Nicholas Nixon: At Home, Lodima Press, Ottsville, PA

2003

Nicholas Nixon, TF Editores, Madrid, Spain

2002

XL Photography 2, Hatje Cantz Collection, Deutsche Borse, Germany

2001

A City Seen, Cleveland Museum of Art

2000

How You Look At It, Thomas Weski, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

1999

The Model Wife, Arthur Ollman, San Diego Museum of Art

The Brown Sisters, Museum of Modern Art, New York

1998

School Photographs From Three Schools by Nicholas Nixon, essay by Robert Coles,
Bullfinch Press/Little, Brown, New York

1994

Familienbilder: Nicholas Nixon, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

1991

People With AIDS Bebe Nixon, David R. Godine, Boston

Family Pictures: Photographs by Nicholas Nixon, Smithsonian Press, Washington, DC

1990

Photography Until Now, John Szarkowski, Museum of Modern Art, New York

1988

Nicholas Nixon: Pictures of People, Peter Galassi, Museum of Modern Art, New York

1984

20th Century Photographs from the Museum of Modern Art, John Szarkowski, Museum of Modern Art, New York

Ars Medica, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia

1983

Nicholas Nixon: Photographs From One Year, Friends of Photography, Carmel, CA

1979

American Images, ed. Renato Danese, McGraw-Hill, New York

1978

Mirrors & Windows, John Szarkowski, Museum of Modern Art, New York

Courthouse, ed. Richard Pare, Horizon, New York

1975

New Topographics, ed. William Jenkins, International Museum of Photography, George Eastman House, Rochester, NY

SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS

Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, TX

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Australian National Gallery, Parkes, Australia

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Md

Bibliothèque National, Paris, France

Bowdoin College Art Museum, Brunswick, ME

Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH

Cleveland Art Museum, Cleveland, OH

Dallas Art Museum, Dallas, TX

Davis Museum, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI

Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI

High Art Museum, Atlanta, GA

Institute of Contemporary Arts, Boston, MA
International Museum of Photography, George Eastman House, Rochester, NY
J. Paul Getty Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Musee de L'Art Moderne, Paris, France
Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Museum of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM
Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco, CA
Pittsburgh Art Museum, Pittsburgh, PA
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, Ca
Seagram Collection, New York, NY
Seattle Art Institute, Seattle, WA
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany
Tokyo Metropolitan Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
Toledo Art Museum, Toledo, OH
UBS Art Collection, Zurich, Switzerland
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England