

Artist Biographies



Melissa Miller (born 1951) lives and works in Austin, and is currently teaching at Laguna Gloria Art Museum School. She pushes beyond traditional portrayals of animals, obscuring facile symbolic interpretations with parody, humor, and narrative – consciously anthropomorphic, serving as allegories of human behavior. Miller has held solo exhibitions at the Amarillio Art Center, Amarillo; Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi; Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston; and Texas Gallery, Houston. She received a BFA from the University of New Mexico.



Linda Blackburn (born 1941) lives and works in Fort Worth Texas, where she is currently teaching painting at Mule Alley, a co-operative art center. She has held solo exhibitions at Ralph Carr Gallery, Fort Worth; Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; and Mattingly Baker Gallery, Dallas. She received a BA from The University of Texas, Austin; and an MA from the University of California, Berkeley.



Derek Boshier (born 1937) lives and works in Houston where he is currently teaching in the Department of Art at University of Houston. He has held solo exhibitions throughout Houston at the Graham Gallery, Contemporary Arts Museum, Robin Cronin Gallery, and Texas Gallery; as well as internationally in London, Cardiff, Brussels, Munich, and Paris; in addition to numerous group shows. He received a BA from the Yeovil School of Art, Royal College of Art, London.



While repeating only a small group of emblems and restricting himself to a black-and-white palette, Dallas-based artist Randy Twaddle (born 1957) has been able to heighten contrasts among his subjects by experimenting widely with surfaces, textures ranging from hard-edged to loose and thick. Maintaining a careful balance of form and content, the paintings are consistently ingenious though not naïve, simple but not simplistic, and expressive yet never facile. He received a BFA from Northwest Missouri State University.