

## Celeste Rapone

Born 1985 in New Jersey  
Lives and works in Chicago

### Education

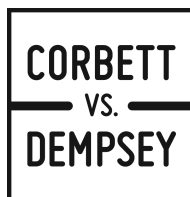
2013 MFA, School of The Art Institute of Chicago  
2007 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design

### Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2023 *House Sounds*, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, UK  
2022 *Nightshade*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY  
*Celeste Rapone + Ryan Mosley*, Josh Lilley Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2021 *Celeste Rapone: Controlled Burn*, Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL  
*The Big Dig* (virtual), Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL  
*Retreat*, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, UK  
2019 *Future Amateur*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
2018 *Everlast: Celeste Rapone and Betsy Odom*, Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL  
*Celeste Rapone and Justin O'Brien*, Monya Rowe Gallery, New York, NY  
2017 *Celeste Rapone and Jenn Smith*, Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL

### Group Exhibitions

2024 *Nocturne*, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2023 *Women on the Verge*, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Flesh & Flowers – Made in America*, No Name Projects, Paris, FR  
*Loving Forms*, Julius Caesar at Color Club Arts, Chicago, IL  
*Framing the Female Gaze*, Lehman College, NY  
*Presence in the Pause: Interiority and Its Radical Immanence*, Bemis Center, Omaha, NE  
2022 *A Place for Me: Figurative Painting Now*, ICA Boston, Boston, MA  
2021 *Wild Frontiers*, The Pit, Los Angeles, CA  
*In Situ*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY and Aspen, CO  
*Time Takes a Cigarette*, Josh Lilley, London, UK  
2019 *Small Painting*, Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL  
*Stains on a Decade*, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, England  
2018 *Five Propositions*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
*On Anxiety*, Cleve Carney Gallery, Glen Ellyn, IL  
*Stretching out the Cramp: A Drawing Survey from 2017*, Green Door Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Women Painting Men*, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL 2017  
2017 8, Elizabeth Houston Gallery, New York, NY  
*Not Knowing*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Minds Eye I*, Ed Paschke Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Layer Cake*, Zolla Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Close to Me*, Roots and Culture, Chicago, IL  
2016 *Figure It Out*, Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Storytelling*, Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA  
2015 *Seven*, Elizabeth Houston Gallery New York, NY  
2014 *Ground Floor: A Biennial Exhibition of New Art For Chicago*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Luminarts Cultural Foundation Visual Arts Exhibition*, Union League Club of Chicago, IL



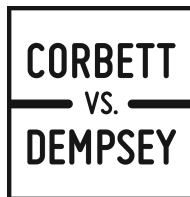
- 2013 *Hoarding, Amassing, and Excess*, Northern Illinois Art Museum, DeKalb, IL  
*Should have gave you my number*, Art Amalgamated, New York, NY  
*American Painting Today: Physical and Visceral*, Krasl Art Center, St Joseph, MI  
Union Civic and Arts Foundation Visual Arts Competition, Chicago, IL  
*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Severe Style*, LeRoy Neiman Center Gallery, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *I Speak American*, The Gallery at Delaware County Community College, Media, PA
- 2009 *Emerging Artists 2009*, Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY  
*INPLACE*, SOHO20 Chelsea, New York, NY  
*ATOA (Artists Talk on Art) Winners Exhibition*, Jim Kempner Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2008 *Rockers and Posers*, Brooklyn Artists Gym, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 *The Last Word*, Pierro Gallery of South Orange, South Orange, NJ  
*RISD Alumni Exhibition*, Caelum Gallery, New York, NY  
*RISD Senior Invitational Exhibition*, Woods Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI  
*RISD Illustration Departmental Exhibition*, Woods Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI

#### Fellowships / Awards / Residencies

- 2018 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant Recipient
- 2017 Working Artist Grant Recipient
- 2013 Teaching Fellowship, Department of Painting and Drawing, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2009 First Place, Emerging Artists 2009, Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2008 Artist Fellowship, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY  
Winner, Curator's Choice, ATOA (Artists Talk on Art)
- 2007 School of Visual Arts Summer Residency Program, Painting and Mixed Media, New York, NY  
Winner, Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Exhibition, Caelum Gallery, New York, NY  
Illustration Departmental Award for Excellence in Figure Painting, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

#### Selected Bibliography

- 2023 Nancy Zastudil, "The Art of Being Alone, Together," *Hyperallergic*, August 24, 2023  
Tom Morton, "Adulging According to Celeste Rapone," *Frieze*, March 30, 2023  
"7 Questions for Chicago Painter Celeste Rapone on Painting the Sounds and Textures of Her Home," *Artnet News*, March 23, 2023
- 2022 Brienne Walsh, "Celeste Rapone Crosses the River to the Jersey Side in a New Body of Work," *Forbes*, May 11, 2022  
Murray Whyte, "At the ICA, 'A Place for Me' breathes new life into an old art form," *Boston Globe*, May 12, 2022
- 2021 Jurnie Nikala Kirdain, "Celeste Rapone 'Controlled Burn' at Corbett vs. Dempsey," *Chicago Artist Writers*, November 2, 2021
- 2020 Elaine Tam, "the Figure Does Not Win Every Time: In Discussion with Celeste Rapone," *Femme Art Review*, July 30, 2020  
Emily Steer, "The Essential Artists You Need to Know Right Now," *Elephant*, February 7, 2020
- 2019 Yannis Kostarias, "Playful Interplay of Volumes and Colours Command Celeste Rapone's Paintings," *Art Verge*, March 8, 2019  
New American Paintings Midwest Issue No. 143  
Michelle Grabner, "Celeste Rapone and Betsey Odom: *Everlast*," *Fabrik Magazine*, February 18, 2019
- 2018 Paddy Johnson, "The Best NYC December Events, According to These Culture Vultures," *What Should We Do?*, Expert Picks, December 1, 2018  
GAYLETTER, Letter 471, "Art: Rose-tinted - Justin Liam O'Brien & Celeste Rapone," Editors, November/December 2018  
KT Hawbaker, "Curator Gwendolyn Zabicki talks Kierkegaard, FOMO and the relationship between art



- and anxiety," *Chicago Tribune*, August 29, 2018  
KT Hawbaker, "Crushing the patriarchy with one look," *Chicago Tribune*, May 25, 2018
- 2017 Kelly Reaves, "Celeste Rapone and Jenn Smith at Julius Caesar," *Chicago Artist Writers*, June 2017  
Alan Pocaro, "Fun and Fresh Directions in Painting," March 2017
- 2016 New American Paintings Midwest Issue No. 125
- 2015 Nick Gazin, "All the Beautiful, Expensive, and Corny Art I Saw at Art Basel This Year," *Vice Media*, December 2015
- 2012 The Georgia Review, Featured Artist, "Material Memories," Jenny Gropp Hess, Fall 2012  
New American Paintings MFA Annual, Juror: Dominic Molon, Chief Curator, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis
- 2009 Nancy Clare Caponi, "Profile: The Art of Celeste Rapone," *Makeshift Magazine*, Issue #5
- 2008 *CMYK Magazine*, Issue #39
- 2007 ArtInfo, Discover New Talent, May 15, 2007