

DAVID LIGARE

BORN:

1945 Oak Park, IL

EDUCATION:

Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA

ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

2026 David Ligare: Unearthing the Ethos of Arête, LewAllen Galleries, Santa Fe, NM

2026 David Ligare Sand Drawings 1973 - 1977, 615 Broadway, Seaside, CA

2025 On Using History, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA

2024 Spheres of Influence, Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey, CA

2024 Forms of Influence, Bakersfield Art Museum, Bakersfield, CA

2023 Thrown Draperies: 1978-2023, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA

2021 Presence of the Past, LewAllen Galleries, Santa Fe, NM

2019 Elements, LewAllen Galleries, Santa Fe, NM

2018 Still Life, Hirschl & Adler Galleries, New York, NY

Magna Fide, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Sonoma, CA

2015 David Ligare: California Classicist, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
(traveling exhibition)

History: Paintings by David Ligare, Hirschl & Adler Galleries, New York, NY

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- 2016 The Median Sea, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA
- 2013 River/Mountain/Sea, Fresno Art Museum, Fresno, CA & Monterey Museum
of Art, Monterey, CA
- 2012 The Big Sur, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA
- David Ligare: New Paintings, Hirschl & Adler Galleries. NY
- 2010 REDUX, Plus One Gallery, London, UK
- 2009 Primary Structures, Hartnell College Gallery, Salinas, CA
- 2008 A Sense of Place: An Homage to Robinson Jeffers, Winfield Gallery, Carmel-
by-the-Sea, CA
- 2007 Hackett Freedman Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 Ritual Offerings, Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 Offerings: A New History, Plus One Gallery, London, UK (catalog)
- 2003 Sea Paintings, Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 Objects of Intention: Still Life Paintings, Hackett-Freedman Gallery, San
Francisco, CA
- Viewpoint: The Pastures of Heaven, The National Steinbeck Center, Salinas,
CA
- 2000 Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 Hackett-Freedman Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1998 The Classical Impulse, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- L'eta dell'Oro, Il Polittico, Rome, Italy

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- Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1997 Hackett-Freedman Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1996 Ponte Vecchio/Torre Nova: A Project by David Ligare, The Prince of Wales' Institute of Architecture, London, UK
- Landscape and Language: Paintings by David Ligare, Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey, CA
- 1995 Still Lifes, Stiebel Modern, New York, NY (also 1993)
- Stages for Contemplation, Fresno Museum, Fresno, CA
- 1994 Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1990 Robert Schoelkopf Gallery, New York, NY
- 1988 Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1985-86 Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1985 Robert Schoelkopf Gallery, New York, NY
- 1984 University Art Museum, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1983 Hall Galleries, Dallas, Texas
- Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1978 Andrew Crispo Gallery, New York, NY
- 1973 Andrew Crispo Gallery, New York, NY
- 1969 Wickersham Gallery, New York, NY

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2024 Artists & Animals, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA
- 2020 Mortality: A Survey of Contemporary Death Art, American University Art Museum, Washington, DC
- 2017 Et In Arcadia Ego, New Museum, Los Gatos, CA
Invented Places, Hirschl & Adler Galleries, New York, NY
Nocturnes: From Dusk To Dawn, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA
- 2015 To Draw is To See, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA
- 2012 New Offerings, Hirschl and Adler Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 Wine and Spirit: Rituals, Remedies and Revelry
Mount Holyoke College Museum of Art, S. Hadley, MA
Tomorrow's Legacies, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
Real & HyperReal, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
Take Five, Hirschl & Adler Modern, New York, NY
- 2009 American Concepts and Global Visions/Selections from the AT&T Collection, McNay Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2008 Per Amore: La Raccolta Caggiano
Palazzo Incontro, Rome, Italy
- 2007 Dreamland: American Explorations into Surrealism, Sullivan Goss Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2006 The Classical Spirit, Plus One Gallery, London, UK
New Old Masters, Curated by Donald Kuspit (catalog)
The National Museum of Gdansk, Poland
Beyond Likeness: Self Portraits by California Artists, The Triton Museum, Santa Clara, CA

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- Intimate landscapes, Winfield Gallery, Carmel & Sesnon Gallery, University of California, Santa Cruz
The 'S' Word: Spirituality in Contemporary Art, The Judson Gallery of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 To Be Or Not To Be: Four Hundred Years of Vanitas Painting, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI (catalog)
Quindici Anni: dalla nascita della Galleria Il Polittico di Roma, Scuderie Aldobrandini per l'arte, Frascati, Italy (catalog)
- 2002 Artists of the Ideal: Nuovo Classicismo, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Verona, Italy (catalog)
- 2000 Drawings V, Koplín Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
A Noble Tradition Revisited: The Contemporary American Still Life, Spanierman Gallery, New York, NY (catalog)
- 1999 Green Woods & Crystal Waters: The American Landscape Tradition, The Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK (traveling exhibition) (catalog)
- 1998 Re-presenting Representation IV, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY
Gold Rush to Pop: 200 Years of California Art, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA (catalog)
A Feast for the Eye: Food in Art, M.H. De Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, CA
Contempo-Italianate: Contemporary Artists Reflect on Italy, Laband Art Gallery, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
- 1997 10th Anniversary Exhibition, Hackett-Freedman Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Re-presenting Representation III, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY
Back into the Future, The Kitchen, New York, NY
Dramatic Realism: The New Baroque, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, PA
- 1996 Classicism in the 20th Century, Lizan-Tops Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Still Lifes, Contemporary Realist Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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- 1995 Landscape: The Continuum, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1994 Parallax Views, Contemporary Realist Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Slice of Life: Contemporary Still Lifes, Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA
- 1993 Still Life, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, NM (catalog)
- 1992 American Realism & Figurative Art 1955 - 1990, Japan (traveling exhibition) (catalog)
- 1991 Drawings, Koplín Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1990 Architecturally Inspired, Long & Ryle Gallery, London, England
Regarding Art: Art Works About Art, Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 1988 Life Stories, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 1987 Modern Myths, Boise Art Gallery, Boise, ID (traveling exhibition) (catalog)
The Artist and the Myth, Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, Monterey, CA
Parola/Italia, Appollodoro, Rome, Italy (catalog)
Contemporary Humanism, Art Gallery, California State University, Fullerton, CA (catalog)
- 1986 Drawing: A Classical Continuum, Los Angeles Municipal Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Uncovering the Past: Tribute & Parody, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
Annual Purchase Exhibition, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
- 1985 The Classical Tradition in Recent Painting and Sculpture, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT (catalog)
Beyond Antiquity: Classical References in Contemporary Art, De Cordova and Dana Museum of Art, Lincoln, MA (catalog)

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- American Realism: Twentieth Century Drawings and Watercolors, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA (catalog)
- 1984 Contemporary Classicism, California State University, Fullerton, CA (catalog)
- 1983 A Heritage Renewed: Representational Drawing Today, University Art Museum, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA (catalog)
West Coast Realism, Laguna Beach Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, (traveling exhibition) (catalog)
- 1982 Modern American Painting, National Pinokothiki, Athens, Greece (organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX) (catalog)

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