



CONTEMPORARY ARTIST · ENCAUSTIC

San Diego, California · shimashanti.com

ARTIST PRACTICE

Shima Shanti is a contemporary encaustic artist whose practice explores the Elemental Still Point—the meeting place of energy and stillness, where boundaries dissolve and presence emerges. Working with beeswax, fire, earth pigments, and layered surfaces, Shima builds, excavates, and refines each painting through material transformation, allowing time, memory, gesture, and elemental forces to become visible within the work.

Her work is presented through galleries, art fairs, and contemporary art platforms in the United States. She is a designated Luxury Partner with Big Sky Sotheby's International Realty and is presented on Artsy and Artnet. Her writing is published on Substack.

ARTIST TIMELINE

- 2016–Present — Contemporary Encaustic Artist
- 2010–Present — Writer, Author & Publisher

SOLO & FEATURED EXHIBITIONS

2026–2027

- Vaunt Gallery — Solo Exhibition, The Elemental Still Point: Thresholds | Woodinville, Washington
December 4, 2026 – January 6, 2027

2025

- SAV / Medium Gallery — Genesis of Light | Bozeman, Montana | November 2025
- SAV / Medium Gallery — Fields of Becoming | Bozeman, Montana | May 2025
- HAVEN Palm Beach | Palm Beach, Florida | January–February 2025

2023

- Nepenthe Gallery — Artist Showcase | Alexandria, Virginia
- The Byrne Gallery | Middleburg, Virginia

2019

- Lincoln Center | Newport Beach, California

2018

- Escondido Arts Partnership | Escondido, California

2016

- IKAT & Pearls Gallery | Ventura, California
- Emerald C Gallery | Coronado, California
- ArtBeat on Main Street — Masters of Men & Spirit | Vista, California
- La Jolla Art Association | La Jolla, California

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

- MAJU Gallery — Group Exhibition | Shelter Island, New York | July 3 – August 7, 2026

2025

- MAJU Gallery — Group Exhibition | Shelter Island Heights, New York | July 3 – August 7, 2025
- 11:11 Group Exhibition | Adelman Fine Art, San Diego, California | April 19 – July 6, 2025
- HAVEN Palm Beach | Palm Beach, Florida | January–February 2025

2022

- Techne Southern California Arts Center | San Diego, California

2020–2021

- ACA Art Comes Alive | Cincinnati, Ohio

2020

- Ashton Gallery / Art on 30th — Quarantine Aquamarine | San Diego, California

2019

- Chaffey Museum — Survey of Contemporary Encaustic | Ontario, California

2018

- Summation | Escondido Municipal Gallery, Escondido, California
- Papered | Ashton Gallery, San Diego, California
- Bees and Wax | Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, Arizona
- Endless Possibilities | Las Lagunas Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
- The Beverly Hills Art Show | Beverly Hills, California
- Contemporary Crafts Market | Pasadena, California

2016

- Making Your Mark | International Encaustic Artists / Encaustic Art Institute, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 34th Annual Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts

SELECTED ART FAIRS

2026

- Art Palm Beach + Contemporary | West Palm Beach, Florida | January 28 – February 1
- Intersect Palm Springs | Palm Springs, California | February 12 – February 16
- Scottsdale Art Week | Scottsdale, Arizona | March 19 – March 22
- Salt Lake Art Show | Sandy, Utah | May 14 – May 17
- Intersect Aspen Art + Design Fair | Aspen, Colorado | July 28 – August 1
- Western Design Conference | Bozeman, Montana | August 6 – August 9

2025

- LA Art Modern + Contemporary • Art Palm Beach • Intersect Palm Springs • Intersect Aspen Art + Design Fair
- Scottsdale Ferrari Art Week • Reno Tahoe International Art Fair • Hamptons Fine Art Fair | Southampton, New York | July 10 – July 13

SELECTED ART FAIRS *Continued*

2024

- Palm Beach Art Fair | January 2024
- LA Art Modern + Contemporary | February 2024
- San Francisco Art Fair | April 2024
- Hamptons Fine Art Fair | July 2024
- Seattle Art Fair | July 2024
- Scottsdale Ferrari Art Week | October 2024

2023

- Art Palm Beach • The Palm Beach Show • Art Market San Francisco • Hamptons Fine Art Fair
- Seattle Art Fair • Reno Tahoe International Art Fair • WestEdge Design Fair | Los Angeles

2022

- LA Modern + Contemporary • Palm Beach Art, Antiques & Jewelry Show • Art Market San Francisco
- Hamptons Fine Art Fair • Art Market Hamptons • Art San Diego • Art Expo Dallas • Aqua Art Miami

Selected Earlier Art Fairs

- LA Art Show Modern + Contemporary • Red Dot Miami • SOFA Chicago • Art San Diego
- Art Aspen • Art Santa Fe • Jackson Hole Fine Art Fair • Vail Fine Art Fair • Art Expo New York
- Naples Art, Antiques & Jewelry Show • Art Biennial Basel, Switzerland • Cannes Biennale, France • Monaco Yacht Show

Selected Earlier Home & Design Trade Markets | 2020–2023

- World Trade Center Dallas • America's Mart — Atlanta • Las Vegas Market — Las Vegas • Dallas Market Center / Total Home & Gift Market • High Point Salon Design Market

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Current Representation

- Vaunt Gallery — Woodinville, Washington
- Park City Frame & Gallery — Park City, Utah
- Paul Scott Gallery — Scottsdale, Arizona
- International Art Acquisitions — Rochester, New York
- Nepenthe Gallery — Alexandria, Virginia
- Peri G Gallery — Palm Desert, California
- MAJU Gallery — Shelter Island, New York

Selected Past Representation

- Medium Gallery / SAV — Bozeman, Montana
- HAVEN Palm Beach — Palm Beach, Florida

DESIGN SHOWROOM PRESENTATIONS

Designer Showrooms | 2025–2026

- Alder & Tweed — Big Sky, Montana
- Domaine Interiors — Bozeman, Montana
- Design Associates — Bozeman, Montana
- Vantage Design — Bozeman, Montana

SELECTED RETAIL & LUXURY PRESENTATIONS

- Barton Perreira – Thélios / LVMH Luxury Eyewear | Retail Presentation

LONG-TERM ART PRESENTATION

- Big Sky Sotheby's International Realty – Long-Term Art Presentation | Big Sky, Montana | 2026–2028

SPECIAL EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

2026

- A Shima Gathering – Art Take-Out Private Preview Luncheon | Park City Frame & Gallery, Park City, Utah | October 27, 2026
- Western Design Conference – VIP Hospitality Reception in Shima's Showroom A | Bozeman, Montana | August 7, 2026
- A Shima Gathering | Big Sky Sotheby's International Realty, Bozeman, Montana | June 27, 2026

2025

- Art Take-Out for Designers – Medium Gallery | Bozeman, Montana
- A Shima Gathering – Big Sky Sotheby's International Realty | Bozeman, Montana

2024

- Dancing with the Stars – Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund Featured Artist and Presenter, Special Fundraising Event | Hilton La Jolla, San Diego

2023

- Nepenthe Gallery – The Alchemy of Encaustic | Alexandria, Virginia | Featured Artist / Presentation

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES & PANELS

2025

- HAVEN Artist Talk Series | Palm Beach, Florida | January 21
- Art Take-Out for Designers – Medium Gallery | Bozeman, Montana

2023

- The Alchemy of Encaustic – Guest Speaker | Nepenthe Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia

2019

- Topics and Trends – Panel Member | Art Santa Fe
- Spotlight Program Curatorial Committee – Featured Artist | Art Expo New York
- Art Talks – Panel Member | Art Expo New York
- Topics and Trends – Panel Member | Art San Diego

WRITING & PUBLICATIONS

- Writer, Author & Publisher – contemporary writing exploring art, artistic practice, creativity, perception, and The Elemental Still Point
- Substack – Writer / Publisher
- Artnet – Artist profile / professional presence; presented on Artnet

Books by Shima Shanti

- Shima Shanti – Artist Book

WRITING & PUBLICATIONS *Continued*

- Tears of Jupiter: The Cosmos and the Camino — 2022
- Shima Shanti: Encaustic Fine Artist — 2022
- Hats I Am — 2014
- The Soul Journeyer's Companion — 2011
- Journey OM: A Soul Journeyer's Adventure — 2010
- Ascension KIs: Opening the Doorways to Light — 2008 / 2014

SELECTED PRESS & MEDIA

Shima Shanti's work and artistic practice have been featured in Western Home Journal, Western Art & Architecture, Big Sky Journal, InCollect Magazine, Charleston Style & Design, Dallas Style & Design, American Art Collector, American Fine Art Magazine, and NBC 7 San Diego. Her work is presented on Artsy and Artnet. Her work is also featured in the award-winning film The History of Joy. Her writing is published on Substack, exploring contemporary art, artistic practice, creativity, perception, and The Elemental Still Point.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- The History of Joy — Official selections / awards including Cannes World Film Festival and Paris Film Awards | 2021
- Important World Artists — World Wide Art Books | 2020
- San Diego Selects Award | 2019
- Spotlight Program Curatorial Committee Featured Artist — Art Expo New York | 2019
- Winner, Above the Clouds — Art San Diego
- Second Place — Escondido Arts Partnership, Novel Ideas | 2018
- Honorable Mention — Escondido Arts Partnership, Refresh: Past, Present, and Future | 2018
- Honorable Mention — Escondido Arts Partnership Municipal Gallery, Tokens of Affection | 2017
- Second Place, Fiber & Book Arts | 2016

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Designated Luxury Partner — Big Sky Sotheby's International Realty
- Presented on Artsy and Artnet

CURRENT PRACTICE & COLLECTIONS

- The Elemental Still Point
- Fields of Becoming
- Thresholds
- Fluid Field / Fluid Presence
- Genesis of Light

PROFESSIONAL CONTACT

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