

# INMAN GALLERY

## **DOROTHY ANTOINETTE (TONI) LAELLE**

(b. 1901, Beatrice, NE; d. 2002, Denton, TX)

### **EDUCATION**

- 1926 M.A., University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1923 B.A., Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE

### **ADDITIONAL STUDIES**

- 1944, 46, 50-53 The Hans Hofmann School of Fine Arts, New York, NY, and Provincetown, MA (with Hans Hofmann)
- 1942-43 The Chicago Bauhaus, School of Design, Chicago, IL (with Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, Gyorgy Kepes, and Robert Bruce Tague)
- 1931-32 California School of Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA (with Ralph Stackpole and Maurice Sterne)

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2016 *Dorothy Antoinette LaSelle: Shouting Silence*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2011 *Climate of the Heart*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Climate of the Heart: Paintings from 1952-56*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2001 *Dorothy Antoinette LaSelle: Selected Works from 1946 to 1991*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1993 *Greeting 50 Years of Painting in Provincetown*, Berta Walker Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 1991 *Dorothy Antoinette LaSelle: Early & Recent Work*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Early and Recent Work*, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
- 1977 *Chance and Its Train – New Visual Works*, Delahunty Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1974 *Space Paintings and Drawings*, Smither Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1967 Elder Gallery, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE
- 1963 New Arts Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1959 *Paintings by Toni LaSelle*, Fort Worth Art Center, Fort Worth, TX
- 1950 *Toni La Selle*, Rose Fried Gallery, New York, NY
- 1948 *Dorothy LaSelle: Drawings*, Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2020 *Texas Women*, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX

- 2019 *Emily Joyce and Dorothy Antoinette LaSelle: Parallel Visions*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2014 *Parallel Process*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2012 *American Made: 250 Years of American Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
- 2010 *Small Abstract Painting*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Pioneers in Modernism: TWU Women Artists, 1920s – 1970s*, Gough Gallery, Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
- 2009 *Texas Modern: The Rediscovery of Early Texas Abstraction (1935-1965)*, The Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX
- 2005 *20/20: A 20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Project Marfa*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Marfa, TX
- 2000 *Crossing State Lines: Texas Art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
- 1996 Berta Walker Gallery, Provincetown, MA  
*Texas Modern and Post-Modern*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
- 1993 *USA on Paper*, Copenhagen City Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1981 *The Sun Gallery Exhibition*, Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, MA
- 1979 *FIRE!*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 1976 Delahunty Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1968 *Texas Painting and Sculpture*, Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX  
Fort Worth Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX  
Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE  
Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
- 1962 *To Be Continued*, Dallas Museum for Contemporary Art, Dallas, TX
- 1955 *Second 1955 Exhibition*, Provincetown Art Association, Provincetown, MA
- 1949 *First 1949 Exhibition*, Provincetown Art Association, Provincetown, MA
- 1944 *Fourth Annual Texas Print Exhibition*, Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX
- 1937 *Art of the Americas: Pre-Columbian and Contemporary*, Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1928-72 Professor of Art, Texas Woman's University (TWU), Denton, TX
- 1926-27 Acting Head of Art Department, Stephens College, Columbia, MO
- 1925-26 Art Instructor, State College of Indiana, Terre Haute, IN

## AWARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- 1976-77 Artist in Residence, Fine Arts Work Center, Inc., Provincetown, MA
- 1947, 65-69 Lecturer, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX [Lectures: Hofmann (1947), Mondrian (1965), Dubuffet (1966), Picasso (1967), the Mattioli Collection (1968), and the Sidney & Harriet Janis Collection (1969)]
- 1965 Alumni Loyalty Award, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE
- 1964 Designer, Memorial windows of fused and laminated glass, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Denton, TX
- 1938-41 Director, Art Majors' Design Projects for The Little Chapel in the Woods, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
- 1926 Anonymous Study Fund, Chicago, IL

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- 2017 Sutton, Benjamin. "Ladies First at the ADAA Art Show," *Hyperallergic*, March 2.
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Paglia, Michael & Jim Edwards. *Texas Abstract: Modern | Contemporary*, Albuquerque: Fresco Books/SF Design.  
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- 2003 Ennis, Michael. "The Big Picture," *Art Lies* Vol. 41, Winter. Pages 6-8.
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- 2001 Ennis, Michael. "Thoroughly Modern," *Texas Monthly*, August.  
Kutner, Janet. "Full Spectrum," *The Dallas Morning News*, May 16.  
McCabe, Bret. "Her Twentieth Century," *Dallas Observer*, May 24.
- 2000 Greene, Alison de Lima. *Texas: 150 Works from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*, New York: Harry N. Abrams.
- 1999 Tyson, Janet Stiles. "Toni LaSelle," *ArtLies* Vol. 24, Fall.
- 1998 Frost, Daniel. "Artist has key to past," *Denton Record-Chronicle*, November 30. Page 1A/7A.
- 1996 Greene, Alison de Lima. "Texas Modern and Post-Modern: A Texas Collection Looks Beyond Southwestern Borders," *American Art Review* Vol. VII, no. 1.

- 1995 DeLeon, Jessica. "Local artist puts a spiritual flair behind each stroke of the brush," *Denton Record-Chronicle*, September 15.
- 1994 Lloyd, Ann Wilson. "Provincetown: Toni LaSelle at Berta Walker," *Art in America*, March. Page 94.
- 1991 Kutner, Janet. "A feast for the eyes: Two local galleries are showcasing a trio of richly entertaining styles in different media," *Dallas Morning News*, November 16. Page 5C.
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- 1974 Kutner, Janet. "Sounds of Nature Become Geometry," *Dallas Morning News*, March 31.
- 1972 Kutner, Janet. "Discovery Theme Reflected at TWU," *Dallas Morning News*, April 23.
- 1963 "Professor's Work," *Houston Chronicle*, March 24.  
McCorquodale, Ellen. "La Selle," *Houston Chronicle*, March 31.
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Seckler, Dorothy. "Toni La Selle," *Art News*, Summer.  
P.L. "Non-tyro Toni LaSelle," *Art Digest*, July.
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## MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Cape Cod Museum of Art, Dennis, MA  
 Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
 Davis Museum at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA  
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY (Hofmann Archives)  
 Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
 Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX  
 The Menil Collection, Houston, TX  
 Trinity Presbyterian Church, Denton, TX