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Leslie Adams is a nationally recognized artist who specializes in figurative art and portraiture. Her patrons include many distinguished members of private society as well as the corporate, academic, religious, cultural, and civic leaders of our day.

Education

- 1992 The Graduate School of Figurative Art of The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York
Master of Fine Arts Degree (Painting, Drawing)
- 1990 Froebel Institute, Roehampton College, London, England
- 1989 The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (Drawing, Printmaking)
Atelier Neo-Medici, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

Exhibition History

- 2012 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Ohio; *Leslie Adams: A Solo Exhibition*
- 2011 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 93rd Annual Exhibition*
Art Renewal Center, *International 2010-2011 Salon Exhibition*
Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery, Columbus, Ohio; *Here's Looking at You: Portraits in Ohio*
- 2010 *ArtPrize*; Grand Rapids, Michigan
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; *Inspiring Figures: An Exhibit Celebrating American Women in Figurative Art*
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; *74th Annual Midyear Exhibition*
- 2009 Sotheby's, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, Michigan; *Leslie Adams, Focus on the Figure*
- 2008 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 90th Annual Exhibition*
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, Michigan, *A View from Toledo*
Phillips de Pury & Company, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
- 2007 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *25th Anniversary Summer Exhibition*
Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History, Jackson, Michigan; *Leslie Adams, The Power of Portraiture*
- 2006 Phillips de Pury & Company, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
Thompson Hine, New York, New York; *Selected Works from the New York Academy of Art*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 88th Annual Exhibition*
Monroe County Community College, Monroe, Michigan; Solo Exhibition
- 2005 Paint Creek, Rochester, Michigan; *Selected Works from the Toledo Federation of Art Societies*
- 2004 The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; *68th Annual Midyear Exhibition*
The National Arts Club, New York, New York; *Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, 108th Annual Open Exhibition*
- 2003 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 85th Annual Exhibition*
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; *67th Annual Midyear Exhibition*
20 North Gallery, Toledo, Ohio; *20 North Gallery 10 Year Anniversary Exhibition*
- 2002 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Convergence*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 84th Annual Exhibition*
- 2001 The Art Student's League of New York, New York, New York; *International Portrait Exhibition*
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; *65th Annual Midyear Exhibition*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 83rd Annual Exhibition*
Kreft Center Gallery, Ann Arbor, Michigan; *Kreft: Red*
- 2000 Tomsk Museum of Art, Tomsk, Russia; *International Touring Art Exhibition*
Novosibirsk Museum of Art; Novosibirsk, Russia; *International Touring Art Exhibition*
The Center for Visual Arts at the Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *The University of Toledo Alumnae Exhibition*

Exhibition History (continued)

- 2000 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 82nd Annual Exhibition*
- 1999 Csongrad Town Hall, Csongrad Town, Hungary; *International Touring Art Exhibition*
Mora Ferenc Museum of Art, Szeged, Hungary; *International Touring Art Exhibition*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 81st Annual Exhibition*
Owens-Illinois, 1 Seagate, Toledo, Ohio; *Roots of Diversity Multicultural Art Exhibition*
- 1998 20 North Gallery, Toledo, Ohio; *International Drawing and Sculpture Invitational Exhibition*
- 1998 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 80th Annual Exhibition*
Owens-Illinois, 1 Seagate, Toledo, Ohio; *Roots of Diversity Multicultural Art Exhibition*
- 1997 *New American Paintings*, Open Studios' Midwest Competition, Juried Exhibitions in Print
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 79th Annual Exhibition*
- 1997 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Inaugural Alumni Exhibition*
- 1996 20 North Gallery, Toledo, Ohio; *A Woman's View*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 78th Annual Exhibition*
- 1995 The Park Avenue Armory, New York, New York; *New York International Art Fair*
Virtuosity, An Eternal Exhibition, (juried competition), Art Communication International
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 77th Annual Exhibition*
Owens-Illinois, 1 Seagate, Toledo, Ohio; *Ohio Women's Caucus for Art Juried Exhibition*
The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
- 1994 The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 76th Annual Exhibition*
- 1994 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
- 1993 Kanagawa Prefectural Gallery, Yokohama-shi, Japan; *The 17th Annual International Independent Exhibition of Prints*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Toledo Area Artists, 75th Annual Exhibition*
The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
- 1992 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Master of Fine Arts Exhibition*
The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Take Home a Nude*
The National Arts Club, New York, New York; *16th Annual Student Exhibition*
- 1991 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Picturing Ourselves; Self Portraits from New York*
The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *Recent Work*
- 1990 The New York Academy of Art, New York, New York; *National Collegiate Exhibition in Figurative Drawing*
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio; *Bachelor of Fine Arts, 10th Annual Exhibition*

Murals

- 1998 St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo, Ohio
- 1995 Oliver House Development Corporation/Maumee Bay Brewing Co., Toledo, Ohio
The Catholic Club, Toledo, Ohio
- 1994 An American Success Story/Harley-Davidson, Toledo, Ohio
Pfitz Studios, Toledo, Ohio

Selected Awards

- 2012 Honorable Mention, *Member's Only Competition*, Portrait Society of America
- 2011 Solo-Exhibition, First Award, & National League of American Pen Women Award, *Toledo Area Artists, 93rd Annual Exhibition*, Toledo Museum of Art
First Award & Finalist, *International 2010-2011 Salon Exhibition*, Art Renewal Center
Best Portfolio Award, Art of the Portrait Conference, Portrait Society of America
Honorable Mention, *Member's Only Competition*, Portrait Society of America
- 2010 Third Award, *Inspiring Figures: An Exhibit Celebrating American Women in Figurative Art*, Portrait Society of America
Best Portfolio Award, Art of the Portrait Conference, Portrait Society of America
Honorable Mention, *Member's Only Competition*, Portrait Society of America
- 2009 Semifinalist, Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2009, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution
Best Portfolio Award, Art of the Portrait Conference, Portrait Society of America
- 2007 Certificate of Excellence Award, *Ninth Annual Portrait Competition*, Portrait Society of America

Selected Awards (continued)

- 2006 First Award, *Toledo Area Artists, 88th Annual Exhibition*, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
- 2005 Receives commission to paint the official Gubernatorial Portrait for the State of Ohio
- 2003 First Award, *Toledo Area Artists, 85th Annual Exhibition*, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
- 2002 Canaday Award for Outstanding Painting, *Toledo Area Artists, 84th Annual Exhibition*, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
- 2001 Finalist, *International Portrait Competition*, American Society of Portrait Artists Foundation Individual Artist Grant, Arts Commission of Greater Toledo
- 2000 Finalist, *The Artist Magazine's 2000 Annual Art Competition*
- 1999 Special Award, *1999 Ohio State Fine Arts Exhibition*
- 1997 Athena Art Society Award, *Toledo Area Artists, 79th Annual Exhibition*, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
- 1996 Individual Artist Grant, Arts Commission of Greater Toledo
- 1996 Sixth Place, *1996 Dream Studio Competition*, The Artist's Magazine
- 1995 First Award, *Toledo Area Artists, 77th Annual Exhibition*, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
- 1992 James Amster Memorial Award, The National Arts Club
- 1990 Warhol Scholarship, Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts
Grand Prize, *National Collegiate Competition in Figurative Drawing*, The New York Academy of Art
Award of Distinction (First Place), *American Association of Museums Publication Competition*, American Association of Museums
- 1989 W. Sinclair Walbridge Scholarship, The Toledo Museum of Art

Selected Public & Private Collections

The Supreme Court of Ohio, Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center, Columbus, Ohio

The State of Ohio, Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio

The University of Michigan, W. K. Kellogg Eye Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan

The Ohio Senate, Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio

Ella Sharp Museum of Art & History, Jackson, Michigan

Owens Corning Corporation, Toledo, Ohio

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, Ohio

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

Owens Community College, Northwood, Ohio

The University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio

United Bank & Trust, Tecumseh, Michigan

Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures, Perrysburg, Ohio

The Henry J. Knott Family, Baltimore, Maryland

Eileen Guggenheim & Russell Wilkinson, New York

Dr. and Mrs. David Steadman, Berkley, California

Ms. Deborah Z. Read, Cleveland, Ohio

Professional Affiliations & Honors

Gubernatorial Artist for the State of Ohio / Ohio Historical Society, 2006/2010

Outstanding Alumna in the College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Toledo, 2003

20 Under 40 Leadership Award, 2003

Special Recognition as an Outstanding Citizen, the Senate of the 123rd and 125th General Assemblies of the State of Ohio

Art Renewal Center

Portrait Society of America

Special Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, The Toledo Museum of Art, 2003

Civitas Award, 2001

Athena Art Society (member, 1994-2003)

Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club

Board of Trustees, Toledo Federation of Art Societies (President 1996-2001)

Art in Public Places Committee, Arts Commission of Greater Toledo (1996-2003)

National League of American Pen Women

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