

## **Michael Falzone**

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### **Short Bio:**

Michael Falzone, is an artist whose career spans four decades and has crossed many boundaries. He began his professional activity after graduating from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, Newark NJ in 1963. In 1972 he completed his formal studies receiving an MFA degree from Claremont Graduate University. Michael has supported his creative work and fine art over the years through parallel activity in Illustration, graphic design, and teaching. He has exhibited regionally and nationally in group and solo shows, and has been awarded public and private commissions and grants. His art has been referred to, by LA Times art critic, Colin Gardner, as a "hybrid sensual expressionism" with roots and influences in Fauvism and Cubism. The principal of Falzones art involves recycled ideas, concepts and materials that are informed by an interest in art history, literature, pop culture, and the human condition. These deliberations are often manifested in two and three dimensional, painted mixed media constructions or collages that utilize a variety of materials including, wood, metal, paper, fabric, and painting and drawing media. Ultimately Falzone confronts the formal issues of color, scale and composition through implied interaction between figure and environment, the serious and the playful in anticipation of the the poetic.

### **Education**

**MFA**, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, 1972  
**BFA** Printmaking, Brooks Institute School of Fine Art, Santa Barbara, CA, 1970

### **Solo Exhibitions**

**Mt San Antonio College Art Gallery**, "michael falzone: Examined" retrospective exhibition, Walnut, CA  
**Pasadena Art Space**, "Salvaged Imagery", Pasadena, CA, 1998  
**Parkway Grill Restaurant**, Pasadena, CA, 1990  
**Newspace Gallery**, Los Angeles, CA, 1986,81,80,78  
**College of Creative Studies**, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, 1982  
**Santa Barbara Art Institute**, Santa Barbara, CA, 1974

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

**Art Auction XV**, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, 2013  
**"ECCE ARTIST"** International Small Size Exhibition, Fabbricaimagine Lab, Rome, Italy, 2012  
**Highlights From The Permanent Collection**, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, 2012  
**Chain Letter Show**, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, 2011  
**Art Auction XIV**, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, 2011  
**For Roland**, Bunny Gunner Gallery, Pomona, CA 2010  
**Faculty Exhibitions**, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA, 2011, 09 06, 03  
**Group Show**, Founders Hall, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA, 2009  
**Artists' Hang Themselves**, Mt. Saint Mary's College Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 2008  
**Hausguests**, The Brewery Project, Los Angeles, CA, 2007  
**Good To Go**, Newspace, Los Angeles, CA, 2006  
**Urban Forest Project**, Times Square Art Alliance, AIGA, New York City, 2006  
**Catch 22**, Annual Art Auction, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, 2004  
**Open Haus**, HAUS gallery, Pasadena, CA, 2003  
**Art Auction Twenty**, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, 2002  
**An Art Odyssey Auction**, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA, 2001  
**The Cake Show**, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA, 2000  
**Landscape and Beyond**, Works From The Permanent Collection, Long Beach Art Museum, Long Beach, CA, 1999  
**Faculty Exhibitions**, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA, 1998, 95, 93  
**Group Exhibition**, Hale Building collection, Pasadena, CA, 1995  
**Art on the Square**, Aids benefit auction, Pasadena, CA, 1994  
**Group Show**, Riviera Fine Arts Center, Santa Barbara, CA, 1994  
**Annual**, Pasadena Society of Artists, Pasadena, CA, 1993  
**Pasadena Society of Artists**, Fall Exhibit 92, Cal Poly Pomona, Walnut, CA, 1992  
**Crossing Borders**, Int. Mail Art Exhibition, Irvine Fine Arts Center, Irvine, CA, 1992  
**Freedom**, Int. Mail Art Exhibition, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA, 1992  
**Annual**, Pasadena Society of Artists, Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA, 1990  
**Presence**, The Art Store Gallery, Pasadena, CA 1990  
**Small Works 1989**, California Museum of Art, Santa Rosa, CA, 1989

**Faculty Exhibition**, Woodbury University, Burbank, CA, 1989  
**Aids Project LA Auction**, Municipal Art Gallery, LA, CA, 1987  
**Centric 28, Press Art**, California State University, Long Beach, CA, 1987  
**New Now**, Westwood Place, Westwood, CA, 1987  
**10th Anniversary Thank You Show**, Newspace Gallery, LA, CA, 1985  
**There is No Finish Line**, Newspace Gallery, LA, CA, 1984  
**Italian-Americans in Los Angeles**, Newspace Gallery, LA, CA, 1983  
**Painted Sculpture**, Municipal Art Gallery, LA, CA, 1982  
**Two Person Show**, Libra Gallery, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, 1980  
**The Mask as Metaphor: Contemporary Artists' Invitational**, Craft and Folk Art Museum, LA, CA, 1980  
**Newspace in San Diego**, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 1979  
**Art Words and Bookworks**, Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, LA, CA, 1978  
**Ten**, Libra Gallery, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, 1976  
**Collage and Assemblage in Southern California**, Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, LA, CA, 1976  
**Invitational**, Ruth Schaffner Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA, 1974  
**Painting and Sculpture Annual**, Riverside Art Center, Riverside, CA, 1973  
**Annual**, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, 1972  
**National Small Sculpture and Drawing Show**, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, WA 1971  
**San Francisco Art Institute Centennial Exhibition**, San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA, 1971

## **Awards**

**Community of Angels Project**, Commission sponsored by Alhambra Business District, Alhambra CA, 2001  
**Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines**, Bus mural for the Tide Shuttle, Santa Monica, CA, 1996  
**Pasadena ARTS**, Bus Mural, City of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA, 1994  
**Harriet Wallcott Award for Contemporary Art**, Pasadena Society of Artists' Annual, Pasadena, CA, 1989  
**Long Beach Public Corporation for the Arts**, Commissioned Print, Press Art Program, Long Beach, CA, 1987  
**CETA Grant**, Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, 1978  
**Claremont Graduate School**, Research Grant Painting, Claremont, CA 1972  
**Long Beach Museum of Art**, Purchase Award, Painting, Annual, Long Beach, CA, 1972

## **Reviews/Articles/Publications**

**Peter Frank**, *The Huffington Post*, Haiku Reviews, Sept. 23, 2011  
**michael falzone: EXAMINED**, monograph, Zero+ Publishing, Claremont, CA 2011  
**International Survey of Contemporary Art**, Crussell Fine Arts Publications, Orange County CA, 2011  
**For Roland**, Claremont Graduate University Alumni Exhibition, Catalogue, Office of Alumni Relations, Claremont, CA 2010  
**Local Artist Wins Bus Mural**, Micro Publishing News, 1997  
**The Diverse Works of 6 Artists**, Michael Darling, Santa Barbara News Press, April, 1994  
**Colin Gardner**, *Los Angeles Times*, Galleries, Nov. 14, 1986  
**Robert L. Pincus**, *Los Angeles Times*, Galleries, June, 1983  
**Painted Sculpture, Fresh Variations of the Familiar**, William Wilson, Los Angeles Times Art Review, May 30, 1982  
**Suzanne Muchnic**, *Los Angeles Times*, Galleries, Dec.11, 1981  
**After Image, Vol. 8 #6**, Review of "Inside Straight" artist's book, Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester NY, Jan. 1981  
**The Los Angeles Art Review, An Explorer's Guide**, Hank Baum, under Newspace, 1981  
**Suzanne Muchnic**, *Los Angeles Times*, Galleries, Oct., 1980  
**Newspace in San Diego**, Catalogue, San Diego State University publications, 1979  
**Richard Ames**, *Santa Barbara News Press*, Art Review, June, 1979  
**William Wilson**, *Los Angeles Times*, Galleries, Sept., 1978  
**William Wilson**, *Los Angeles Times*, Galleries, April, 1978  
**Painted Shapes in Space**, Hunter Drohojowska, LA Weekly pick of the week, April, 1978

## **Teaching Experience**

**Mount San Antonio College**, Walnut, CA, Professor Emeritus, 2013  
**Woodbury University**, Burbank, CA, 1998-2000  
**Pasadena City College**, Pasadena, CA, 1994-2000  
**California State Polytechnic University**, Pomona, CA, 1998  
**American InterContinental University**, Los Angeles, CA, 1997-98  
**American College of Applied Art**, Westwood, CA 1994-97  
**Watterson College**, W. Covina, CA, 1987-92  
**Idyllwild School of Art and Music**, Idyllwild, CA, 1973