

## Thomas Lyon Mills

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### EMPLOYMENT

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- 1986- present **Rhode Island School of Design** Providence, RI Professor, Division of Foundation Studies
- 1989 – 1991 **Rhode Island School of Design** Rome, Italy Chief Critic, European Honors Program

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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- 2015 **Tarble Arts Center** Charleston IL
- 2011, 2007, 2004 **Luise Ross Gallery** New York NY
- 2011 **Indiana University** Bloomington IN
- 2010 **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** Fort Myers FL
- 2006, 2002, 1999 **Lenore Gray Gallery** Providence RI
- 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002 **Department of Architecture, University of Arkansas** Fayetteville AR
- 2003 **Rivier College** Nashua NH
- 2000 **College of Architecture, Construction and Design, Auburn University** Auburn AL
- 1995 **Tyler School of Art / Temple University Rome** Rome Italy
- 1994 **Space One Eleven Gallery** Birmingham AL
- Asbury College** Wilmore KY
- 1993 **Wheeler Gallery** Providence RI
- 171 Cedar Arts Center** Corning NY
- 1992 **BEB Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design** Providence RI

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- 2015, 2009, 2006, 2005, 2003 **Luise Ross Gallery** New York NY
- 2015 **The University of Wyoming Art Museum**; curated by Harvey Hix Laramie, WY
- 2014 **Front Room Gallery** curated by Linda Griggs Brooklyn NY
- Torrance Art Museum**; curated by James Scarborough Torrance CA
- From RISD in Rome** Rhode Island School of Design Providence RI
- 2013 **Metro Show** (through Luise Ross Gallery) New York NY
- Contemporary Drawing** New Bedford Art Museum New Bedford MA
- Printmaking Exhibition** Benson Hall Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design Providence RI
- 2012, 2009, 2005, 2002 **Collectors' Exhibition** Arkansas Arts Center Little Rock, AR
- Timestamp** The Chazan Gallery at Wheeler Providence RI
- 2011, 1998, 1992 **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Fellowship** (First Prize in Painting)
- The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly Westerly RI
- 2010 **Southern Graphic Council Conference** Philadelphia PA
- Jewett Gallery**, Wellesley College Wellesley MA
- 2009 **American Academy in Rome** Rome Italy
- Treasures from the Boston Athenaeum**, Boston Athenaeum Boston MA

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### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS *continued*

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- 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1999 **Lenore Gray Gallery**, *Providence RI*
- 2008 **Chazan Gallery** *Providence RI*  
**Kansas State University** *Manhattan KS*
- 2005 **Mississippi Museum of Art** *Jackson, MS*
- 2004 **Landscapes Seen and Imagined: Sense of Place**, **DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park** *Lincoln MA*
- 2004 **Paperworks**, **Providence Art Club** *Providence RI*
- 2002, 1987 **The Drawing Center** *New York NY*
- 2001 **Grimshaw-Gudwicz Gallery, Bristol Community College** *Fall River MA*  
**Adirondack Community College** *Glens Falls NY*
- 2000 **Virginia Lynch: A Curatorial Retrospective**, **The Rhode Island Foundation** *Providence RI*
- 1999 **Front Line: Contemporary Draughtsmen in New England**, **The Boston Athenaeum** *Boston MA*
- 1998 **Associated American Artists** *New York NY*  
**Bristol Art Museum** *Bristol RI*
- 1997 **Allan Stone Gallery** *New York NY*  
**Hunt Cavanagh Gallery, Providence College** *Providence RI*
- 1995 **Exhibition and Symposium, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*  
**Studio Aperto, Studio Claudio Carli** *Assisi Italy*  
**Virginia Lynch Gallery** *Tiverton RI*
- 1994 **Yale University Gallery** *New Haven CT*  
**Hera Gallery** *Wakefield RI*
- 1993 **11 Artists /11 Visions**, **DeCordova Museum** *Lincoln MA*  
**Selected Faculty Works, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*  
**171 Cedar Arts Center** *Corning NY*  
**Hydrangea Gallery** *Newport RI*
- 1992 **Cornell University** *Ithaca NY*  
**Drawing: Across the Board**, **Maryland College of Art** *MD* and **Bucks County Community College** *PA*
- 1991, 1990 **European Honors Program Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design** *Rome Italy*
- 1990 **Residence of the United States Ambassador** *Rome Italy*
- 1989 **Urban Institute of Contemporary Art** *Grand Rapids MI*  
**Virginia Lynch Gallery** *Tiverton RI*
- 1987 – 2015 **Biennial Faculty Exhibitions, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*

### LECTURES, VISITING ARTIST

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- 2015 **Eastern Illinois University** *Charleston IL*
- 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007  
**Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** *Cambridge MA*  
Lecturer, Career Discovery Summer Program
- 2012 **Solo Juror** Annual Bristol Art Museum Juried Exhibition *Bristol RI*
- 2011 **The Distinguished Bryant Lecturer, Kansas State University**, *Manhattan KS*

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### LECTURES, VISITING ARTIST

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- 2011 **State University of New York, Purchase** *Purchase NY*  
**Indiana University** *Bloomington IN*  
**Rhode Island School of Design Department of Illustration** *Providence, RI*  
Lecturer, Critic
- 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004 **Parsons School of Design** *New York NY*
- 2010 **University of Arkansas School of Architecture Summer Urban Studio** *Mexico*
- 2008 **Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** *Cambridge MA*  
Lecturer, Pecha Kucha #4  
**The Bauhaus, Architecture Visiting Student Group** *Dessau, Germany* and  
**Rhode Island School of Design Department of Architecture** *Providence, RI*  
Drawing Workshop, Lecturer, Critic
- 2008, 2007, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997 **Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** *Cambridge MA*  
Lecturer, Critic
- 2008, 2002, 2001, 1994, 1991 **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, School of Architecture** *Rome Italy*  
Lecturer, Visiting Critic
- 2008, 2002, 1999, 1995, 1994 **Rhode Island School of Design, European Honors Program** *Rome Italy*  
Lecturer, Critic
- 2008 **Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence, RI*  
Lecturer, Symposium on Teaching and Learning
- 2003 **Cranbrook Academy of Art** *Bloomfield Hills, MI*  
Lecturer, Critic
- 2002, 1994, 1991 **Tyler School of Art/ Temple University Rome** *Rome Italy*
- 2001, 1999, 1997, 1996 **University of Massachusetts** *Dartmouth MA*
- 2000 **Auburn University, College of Architecture, Design & Construction** *Auburn AL*
- 1995 **Aegean Center for the Fine Arts** *Paros Greece*

### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

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Arkansas Arts Center *Little Rock AR*  
Boston Athenaeum *Boston MA*  
Columbia Museum of Art *Columbia SC*  
DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park *Lincoln MA*  
Fitchburg Art Museum *Fitchburg, MA*  
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University *Ithaca NY*  
Keuka College *Keuka Park NY*  
Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design *Providence RI*  
Parrocchia Lateranese di Sant' Agnese fuori le Mura *Rome Italy*  
Saint Leo University, St. Leo, FL  
SGC International Archive, Millsaps College *Jackson MS*  
Tyler School of Art / Temple University Printmaking Permanent Collection *Philadelphia PA*

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### HONORS, AWARDS, PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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- 2013 **Loom** art magazine, inaugural issue *central spread*  
**Foundation Drawing: Seeing Beyond the Superficial**
- 2011, 1998, 1992 **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Fellowship in Painting** (First Prize in Painting)
- 2008 - 2009 **Professional Development Grant** *Rhode Island School of Design* To draw and paint in the Byzantine caves and ancient underground cities of Kapadokya, Turkey, and related sites in Italy
- 2004, 1999, 1998, 1994, 1993  
Additional **Professional Development Grants**, *Rhode Island School of Design*
- 2011, 2009, 2007, 2004 **Division of Foundation Studies Grant** *Rhode Island School of Design*
- 2010 **Catalog and Website Essay**, *The Work of John Udvardy*
- 2008 **Catalog and Website Essay**, *The Work of Jonathan Hynd*
- 2005, 2004 **Who's Who Among America's Teachers**
- 2004 **Juror's Award, "Paperworks", Providence Art Club**, *Providence RI*
- 2001 **Catalog Essay, Hackett-Freedman Gallery** *San Francisco CA*  
"John Evans: the Intimacy of Deep Space"
- 1999 **Essay, RISD Views, December Issue** *Providence RI* "Pathways to the Invisible"
- 1998 **Juror's Award, Bristol Art Museum** *Bristol RI*
- 1996 **John R. Frazier Award for Excellence in Teaching** *RI School of Design*
- 1992 **MacDowell Colony Fellowship** *Peterborough NH*

### EDUCATION

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- 1980 **MFA Cranbrook Academy of Art** *Bloomfield Hills MI*
- 1978 **BFA Cleveland Institute of Art** *Cleveland OH*
- 1977 **Yale Summer School of Music and Art** *Norfolk CT*

Foreign Language Experience: Fluency in Italian

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