### **DOROTHY HOOD**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

**1918** Born in Bryan, Texas

1941–61 Lived in Mexico City and Puebla, Mexico

2000 Died in Houston, Texas

### **EDUCATION**

**1940** Art Students League, New York

1937-40 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

c.1976 Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

1962–76 Instructor, Museum School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

**2025** Dorothy Hood: Remembering Something Out of Time, Hollis Taggart, New York

2024 Dorothy Hood, Heather James Fine Art, Palm Desert, California

Dorothy Hood: The Huntress, Carlye Packer, Los Angeles

**2021** Dorothy Hood: The Edge of Being, Public Art Program, University of Houston System,

Houston, Texas

**2020** *Dorothy Hood: Collage,* McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas

2019 Dorothy Hood: Illuminated Earth, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas

2017 Dorothy Hood: Select Paintings, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas

2016 Color of Being/El Color del Ser: Dorothy Hood (1918-2000), Art Museum of South

Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas

**2003** Dorothy Hood: A Pioneer Modernist, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi,

Texas

1998 Simultaneous Solos in Houston, Texas: Lawndale Art Center, MD Modern, Transco

Tower

1997 Lynne Goode Gallery, Houston, Texas

**1993** Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, Texas

1990 Dorothy Hood New Paintings and Collages, Meredith Long & Company, Houston,

Texas

1988 Dorothy Hood's Collages: Connecting Change, Wallace Wentworth Gallery,

Washington, DC

1986 Dorothy Hood, Paintings and Drawings, Wallace Wentworth Gallery, Washington,

DC (catalogue)

	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1985	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1984	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1982	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
	Meredith Long Contemporary, New York
1979	Dorothy Hood, Recent Works University of Houston, Clear Lake City, Texas
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1978-79	Dorothy Hood, Meredith Long Contemporary, New York
1978	Paintings, Drawings by Dorothy Hood, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1976	Marianne Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Canada
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1975	Michener Galleries, University of Texas at Austin, Texas
	Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas, United States
1974-75	Drawings of Dorothy Hood, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York; State
	University of New York, College at Potsdam, New York; Museum of Fine Arts,
	Houston; Corpus Christi Museum, Corpus Christi, Texas (catalogue)
1974	Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York
	New York University, Potsdam, New York
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1972	Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1971	Rice University, Houston, Texas
1970	Dorothy Hood: Recent Paintings, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas
	(catalogue)
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1968	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1966	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1965	Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas
	Drawings, Paintings, and Gouaches by Dorothy Hood, Meredith Long Gallery,
	Houston, Texas
1964	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1963	Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
1962	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
1961	Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	Atelier Chapman Kelley Gallery, Dallas, Texas
1960	Genova Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico

1957 Duveen-Graham Gallery, New York
 Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

 1956 Emmerich Gallery, New York
 1955 Proteo Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico
 1950 Willard Gallery, New York, New York
 1943 Galería de Arte María Asúnsolo (GAMA), Mexico City, Mexico

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2017

2015-16

Houston, Texas

Modern Art, New York

2023 Women and Abstraction: 1741-Now, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts 2022 Cosmic Eye of the Little Bird, McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas Texas Artists: Women of Abstraction, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX 2021 how lovely the ruins, how ruined the lovely, Sargent's Daughters, New York 2020 A Legacy of Firsts: The Everson Collects, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York Off the Walls: Gifts from Professor John A. Robertson, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, Texas Expanding Abstraction: Pushing the Boundaries of Painting in the Americas, 1958-1980, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, Texas Texas Women: A New History of Abstract Art, San Antonio Museum of Modern Art, San Antonio, Texas 2019 The Art of Texas: 250 Years, Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas Classic Cars and Postwar Paintings, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas 2018 Kindred Spirits: Louise Nevelson & Dorothy Hood, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas Cosmic Attraction: Dorothy Hood & Don Redman, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas Contemporary Artists in Houston from the Collections of William J. Hill and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Glassell School - Museum of Fine Arts: Houston, **Texas** The Whole Drum Will Sound: Women in the Southern Abstraction, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, Louisiana DCG: Looking Back and Beyond, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas

Focus on the 70s and 80s: Houston Foundations Part II, Deborah Colton Gallery,

Soldier, Spectre, Shaman: The Figure and the Second World War, The Museum of

2015 Bayou City Chic: Progressive Streams of Modern Art in Houston, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas (catalogue) 2014 Houston Founders at City Hall Art Exhibition, City Hall, Houston, Texas A New Visual Vocabulary: Developments in Texas Modernism 1935-1965, One Allen Center, Lobby Gallery, Houston, Texas Lone Star Masters of Modernism, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2013 Rhythms of Modernism, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas Summer Encore Exhibition, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2012 Texas Expressionism, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2011 Lone Star Modernism: A Celebration of Mid-Century Texas Art, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas Portrait of Houston: 1900–2011, Alliance Gallery, Houston Arts Alliance, Houston, Texas (catalogue) Breakthrough: Sixty Years of Texas Abstraction, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2010 Pioneering Women: Three Modernists in Houston—Dorothy Hood, Leila McConnell, Stella Sullivan, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas Third Anniversary Show: A Tribute to Houston Artists, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas Texas Collages: A Tribute to Kurt Schwitters, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2009-10 Texas Art Seen, Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas 2009 Back to the Future: Elements of "Modern" in Mid-Century Texas Art, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas A Texas Sampler: Vintage Paintings by Thirty Texas Artists, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas Texas Paper: Watercolors, Pastels and Drawings from the Lone Star State, 1938-2008, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2008 Founders of Houston Art: Thirty Artists Who Led the Way, William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2007 Texas Modern: The Rediscovery of Early Texas Abstraction (1935-1965), Martin Museum of Art, Baylor University, Waco, Texas (catalogue) Timeless: A Retrospective of Selected Women Artists of Texas, 1940 to Present, David Dike Fine Art, Dallas, Texas; William Reaves Fine Art, Houston, Texas; Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas 2006-07 Of This Vast State: Women Artists of Texas, 1900-1960, Women's Museum, Dallas, Texas

2006 Houston Art in Houston Collections: Works from 1900 to 1965, Heritage Society Museum, Houston, Texas 2004 A Selection of Art Made in Houston 1950-1965, Brazos Projects, Brazos Bookstore, Houston, Texas 1998-99 Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry in American Art, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas, traveled to: Museum of the Southwest, Midland; El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso; Austin Museum of Art, Austin; Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, Wichita Falls (catalogue) 1995 Images from Space, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas Texas Myths and Realities, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas (catalogue) 1993 Artists' Progress: Seven Houston Artists 1943-1993, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas (catalogue) 1991 The Power of Enduring Presence, Women & Their Work, Austin, Texas 1990 Tradition and Innovation: A Museum Celebration of Texas Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas 1989 Texas Women, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC and Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, Texas 1987 20 Centuries of Work on Stone: Lithographs, Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Texas The Anatomy of Drawing, Hooks-Epstein Galleries, Houston, Texas 1985 Message 1985, The Light Gallery, New York The Comet Show, Light Gallery, New York and Bard College, Annandale, New York American Women in Art: Works on Paper, U.N. Focus International Conference on Women, Nairobi, Kenya Fresh Paint: The Houston School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, traveled to: Institute for Art and Urban Resources, Inc. (MoMA PS1), Queens, New York; Oklahoma Contemporary Art Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (catalogue) Works on Paper: Eleven Houston Artists, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas (catalogue: same as 1983 New Art from a New City: Houston, traveled in Austria and Germany)

*Invitational: Salon des Nations a Paris,* Centre International D'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

Private Collections, Public Treasures, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio,

Focus International Exhibition, United Nations, Kenya

Texas

1983	New Art From a New City: Houston, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, Austria,
	traveled to: Galerie an der Stadtmauer, Villach, Austria; Museum of Modern Art,
	Vienna; Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, West Germany (catalogue)
	Images of Texas, Huntington Art Gallery, College of Fine Arts, University of Texas at
	Austin, Texas, traveled to: Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi; Amarillo Art
	Center, Amarillo, Texas (catalogue)
1982	Modern Masters: Women of the First Generation, Rutgers University, New
	Brunswick, New Jersey Art from Houston in Norway, Stavanger Kunstforening,
	Norway; Tromso Kunstforening, Norway; Christians and Kunstforening, Norway;
	Oslo Kunstforening, Norway (catalogue)
	The Americans: The Collage, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas
	(catalogue)
	In Our Time: Houston's Contemporary Arts Museum, 1948-1982, Contemporary Arts
	Museum, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
1981-82	A Sense of Spirit, Paolo Soleri's Arcosanti, New Mexico and Lawndale Annex,
	University of Houston, Houston, Texas
1979	Women from Nostalgia to Now, Rosenberg Gallery, New York
	FIRE! Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
	21st Annual Invitational Exhibition *Operation Update 1979, Longview Museum and
	Arts Center, Longview, Texas (pamphlet)
1978	Work selected for hanging in the official residence of the Vice-President of the
	United States at the Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.
1977	Der Sammler Theodor Ahrenberg und Atelier, Chexbres Marz, Kunst Museum
	Dusseldorf, West Germany (catalogue)
1976	American Artists '76: A Celebration, McNay Art Institute, San Antonio, Texas
	New Works in Clay by Painters and Sculptors, Everson Museum of Art and Syracuse
	University, Syracuse, New York; traveled to Edmonton Museum, Alberta, Canada
	(catalogue)
1975	Women in Art, New York University, Potsdam, New York
	Modern Painting: 1900 to the Present, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
1974	Abstract Painting and Sculpture in Houston, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
	12/Texas, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
	IBM Invitational, Lincoln Center, New York, New York
	IBM Invitational, Lincoln Center, New York, New York Represented at the International Kunstmesse in Basel, Switzerland
1973	

1971–72	Texas Painting and Sculpture: The 20th Century, Pollack Galleries, Owen Arts Center,
	Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, traveled to: Witte Confluence
	Museum, HemisFair Plaza, San Antonio; University Art Museum, University of Texas
	at Austin; Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth; The Museum, Texas Tech University,
	Lubbock, Texas (catalogue)
1971	Other Coasts Exhibition '71, California State College, Long Beach, California
	(catalogue)
1970	The Drawing Society National Exhibition: Drawings from Nine States, Museum of
	Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, traveled by the National Drawing Society
1968	The Sphere of Art in Texas, Texas Fine Arts Commission, Texas Pavilion, Hemisfair
	'68, San Antonio, Texas
1966	Texas Painting and Sculpture Exhibition 1966, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas
1965	Drawings from Seventeen States, Drawing Society Regional Exhibition, Museum of
	Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
	An Exhibition of 24 Watercolors, Drawings, and Prints from the Museum of Fine Arts,
	Capitol National Bank, Houston, Texas
1963	Exhibition by Faculty of the Museum School, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
	13th Southwestern Exhibition of Prints and Drawings, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas,
	Texas
1962	U.S. Artists in Latin America, Pan American Union, Washington, DC
	Meredith Long & Company, Houston, Texas
	Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1961	Fifty Prints and Drawings from the Permanent Collection, Museum of Fine Arts,
	Houston, Texas
	Young Collections 1961, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas
1959	Four Young American (with Joseph Easter, Robert Goudnough and David von
	Schlegel), Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design
1958	Four Younger Americans, Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design,
	Providence, Rhode Island Young American Printmakers, Museum of the Rhode
	Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island
1956	Golden Years of American Drawing: 1905–1956, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New
	York (catalogue)
	Artists of the United States in Latin America, Pan American Union, Washington, DC
1955	First Salon of International Experimental Art, Proteo Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico
1954	Faces and Figures: Drawings from the Collection of The Museum of Modern Art, The
	Museum of Modern Art, New York
1953–54	Young American Printmakers, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

1947	Drawings in the Collection of the Museum of Modern Art, The Museum of Modern

Art, New York, New York

1945 Recent Acquisitions, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

1940 16th Annual Exhibition of Works by Houston Artists, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston,

Texas (honorable mention)

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Keane, Tim. "Dorothy Hood's Landscapes of the Pyshce." Hyperallergic (March 20, 2025), hyperallergic.com/997493/dorothy-hood-landscapes-of-the-psyche.

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Moore, Sylvia. "Dorothy Hood." Woman's Art Journal (Autumn 1980/Winter 1981): 2, 23-24.

"Opera Cues." Houston Grand Opera Guild 13, no. 1 (1972): 1.

Or, Valerie. "Review: 'Dorothy Hood: Remember Something Out of Time." *Glasstire* (April 8, 2025), glasstire.com/2025/04/08/review-dorothy-hood-remember-something-out-of-time-at-hollis-taggart.

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### **FILMS**

1985 Dorothy Hood: The Color of Life, a documentary film (PRP Productions) Carl Colby,

Director; Carolyn Farb, Producer.

1982 From the Heart, a documentary film of thirteen women artists represented in the

Gihon Foundation Collection, including Dorothy Hood, Janet Fish, Georgia O'Keefe,

and Mary Cassatt. Citation award American Film Festival, 1983.

Executive Producer, Gihon Foundation, 1982.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

1990	Honorary Doctorate, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island
1988	Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts, Honor Award, Women's National Caucus
	for Art
1984	Texas Artist of the Year, Art League of Houston, Texas
1983	Mayor's Award, Outstanding Contribution to the Visual Arts, Houston, Texas
1978	Elected member of the Italian Academy of Arts & Labor
1976	Settings for the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, for the Toronto Truck Theater's
	"Gold for the Gods" celebration and play "Royal Hunt of the Sun"
1975	Settings for "Allen's Landing" for the Bicentennial Celebration of the Houston Ballet
1974	Worked at the Ahrenberg Atelier in Chexbres, Switzerland (and on three subsequent
	periods)
1973	Childe Hassam Purchase Prize, American Academy of Arts and Letters
	George Brown Traveling Fellowship
1957	Named "One of the Year's New Talents" by Art in America
1940	Honorable Mention, Catherine George, Houston Annual

### **COLLECTIONS**

Addison Gallery of American Art at Philips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts

Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas

Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas at Austin, Texas

Brooklyn Museum, New York, New York

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas

Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York

Maier Museum of Art, Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia

McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas

Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas

Museo Moderne Arte, Mexico City, Mexico

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas

Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

Neuberger Museum of Art; Purchase College East, Purchase, New York

Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Louisiana

Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, Rhode Island

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Rice University, Fondren Library, Houston, Texas
San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, Texas
San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, California
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California
Texas A&M University Art Galleries, College Station, Texas
University of Houston, Houston, Texas
University of Mary Washington Galleries, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts