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GLADYS NILSSON CV

Born 1940, Chicago, IL, USA
Lives and works in Chicago, IL, USA

Education

1958-1962
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2026
Gleefully Askew: A Gladys Nilsson Retrospective, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, USA

2025
Wall Drawing Series: Gladys Nilsson, Menil Drawing Institute, Houston, TX, USA
Drawing, AIC Wall Project, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA
Gladys Nilsson, Hall Art Foundation, Reading, VT, USA

2022
Gladys Nilsson: New Works in Watercolor, Garth Greenan Gallery New York, NY, USA

2021
Games, Hales Gallery, London, UK

2020
Out of this World, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, WI, USA
Old Lady Drawings, 1990–2020, Parker Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Honk! Fifty Years of Painting, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Honk! Fifty Years of Painting, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2019
Unencumbered, Hales Gallery, London, UK
Gladys Nilsson: New Work, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

2017
Gladys Nilsson, The 1980s, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2014
Gladys Nilsson, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2013
Gladys Nilsson, New Watercolors, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA

2012
Gladys Nilsson, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

2010
Gladys Nilsson, Works from 1966–2010, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL, USA

2009
Gladys Nilsson, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

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2008

Gladys Nilsson, Luise Ross Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2007

Gladys Nilsson, 25 Years of Watercolors, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

2004

Gladys Nilsson, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA

2003

Gladys Nilsson, Adrian College, Adrian, MI, USA

Gladys Nilsson, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

2002

Gladys Nilsson, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, USA

1998

Gladys Nilsson, A Print Survey, Printworks Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

Gladys Nilsson, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA, USA

1997

Gladys Nilsson, Watercolors, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Gladys Nilsson, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA, USA

1996

Gladys Nilsson, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, USA

1994

Gladys Nilsson, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA, USA

Gladys Nilsson, Ovsey Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA

1993

Sum Daze, Hand-Colored Etchings by Gladys Nilsson, Dime Museum, Chicago, IL, USA

Gladys Nilsson, Janet Fleisher Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, USA

1992

Gladys Nilsson, Xochipilli Gallery, Birmingham, MN, USA

Gladys Nilsson, Ovsey Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA

1991

Gladys Nilsson, Janet Fleisher Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Gladys Nilsson, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

1987

Gladys Nilsson, Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Gladys Nilsson, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

1985

Gladys Nilsson, Galerie Bonnier, Geneva, Switzerland

1984

Gladys Nilsson, Greatest Hits from Chicago, Selected Works 1967–1984, Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

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1983

Gladys Nilsson, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

1979-1980

Gladys Nilsson, Survey of Works on Paper, 1967–1979, Fine Arts Gallery, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, USA; Art Gallery, Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, TX, USA; Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, WI, USA

1979

Gladys Nilsson, Portland Center for the Visual Arts, Portland, OR, USA

1973

Gladys Nilsson, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA

1971

Gladys Nilsson, Art Gallery, Chico State College, Chico, CA, USA
Gladys Nilsson, Candy Store Gallery, Folsom, CA, USA

1969

Gladys Nilsson, Clay Street Gallery, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA

1966

Gladys Nilsson, Marjorie Dell Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

Tending and Dreaming: Stories from the Collection, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA, USA

The Body Imagined: Figurative Art in the Bank of America Collection, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, USA

Expanding the 50th: Shared Stories, Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL, USA

Bride of the Far Side, Post Times, New York, NY, USA

2024

Chicago Style, George Adams Gallery, New York, NY, USA

The Way I See It: Selections from the KAWS Collection, The Drawing Center, New York, NY, USA

Alive & Kicking: Fantastic Installations by Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Catalina Schliebener Muñoz, and Gladys Nilsson, Colby Museum of Art, Waterville, ME, USA

Are You Joking? Women & Humor, The Church, Sag Harbor, New York, NY, USA

She Laughs Back: Feminist Wit in 1970s Bay Area Art, University Library Gallery at Sacramento State, Sacramento, CA, USA

Gladys Nilsson & Hend Samir, Parker Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2023

Retinal Hysteria, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY, USA

“Pictures Girls Make,” Portraits, BLUM, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Women on the Verge, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

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The Candy Store: Funk, Nut, and Other Art With a Kick, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, USA

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2021

Ways of Seeing: Three Takes on the Jack Shear Drawing Collection, The Drawing Center, New York, NY, USA

Parallel Phenomena, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Private Eye: The Imagist Impulse in Chicago Art, Newfields, Indianapolis Museum of Art, IN, USA

The Sublime in Nature, 24 Cork Street, London, UK

2020

Empowered, University of Northern Iowa Gallery of Art, Cedar Falls, IA, USA

Drawing 2020, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2019

Picture Gallery in Transformation, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago at MASP, Museum of Art São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand, Brazil

Beyond the Cape! Comics and Contemporary Art, Boca Raton Museum of Art, FL, USA

How Chicago! Imagists 1960s & 70s, Goldsmiths Centre for Contemporary Art, University of London, UK; De La War Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, UK

Landscape Without Boundaries, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, UC Davis, CA, USA

2018-2019

Outliers and American Vanguard Art, National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., WA, USA; High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, USA; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Hairy Who? 1966–1969, Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA

3-D Doing Things: The Imagist Object in Chicago Art, 1964–1930, Frances Young Tang

Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, NY, USA

The Time Is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South Side, 1960–1980, Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, IL, USA

2018

You Are Who I Think You Think You Are, American Medium, New York, NY, USA

Breaking the Mold: Investigating Gender, Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY, USA

2017

Famous Artists from Chicago, 1965–1975, Fondazione Prada, Milan, Italy

Investigating Identity: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Contemporary Art, Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA, USA

Kings and Queens: Pinball, Imagists and Chicago, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL, USA

2016

125 from the Permanent Collection, Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA, USA

Chicago and Vicinity, Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

Shout for Tomorrow, Hirschl & Adler Modern, New York, NY, USA

Gesture Play, Simone Subal Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2014-2015

Head, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL, USA

Hidden Treasures Unveiled: Watercolors, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA, USA

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2013

Gladys Nilsson and Julia Benjamin, National Exemplar Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2012

Someone Else's Dream, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL, USA

Drawings, Russell Bowman Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

2011-2012

Chicago Imagists at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, WI, USA

2009

Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper, Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA

2008

Chicago Imagism: 1965–1985, Russell Bowman Art Advisory, Chicago, IL, USA

Hairy Who? Ha!, Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA

2006

Drawn Into the World: Drawings from the MCA Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, USA

2000

Chicago Loop: Imagist Art, 1949–1979, Whitney Museum of American Art at Champion, Stamford, CT, USA

The Likeness of Being: Contemporary Self Portraits by Sixty Women, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY, USA

1999

Nilsson and Nutt: Et Too Whootus, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI, USA

1998

Gladys Nilsson and Jim Nutt, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, USA

Art in Chicago: 1945–1995, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, USA

1996-1997

Trends in Post-War Chicago Art, David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

1995

Housewives: A Celebration of Domestic Engineering, Xochipilli Gallery, Birmingham, MI, USA

1992-1993

Parallel Visions: Modern Artists and Outsider Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA

1992

Just Plane Screwy: Metaphysical and Metaphorical Tools by Artists, Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, WI, USA

1990

Watercolor Alternatives: Four Chicago Artists: Gaines, Mejer, Nilsson, and Tenuta, South Bend Art Center, IN, USA

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Drawing Acquisitions: 1981–1985, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA

1984

Ten Years of Collecting at the MCA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, USA

1983

Contemporary Chicago Imagists, Art Gallery, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL, USA

1980-1981

Who Chicago? An Exhibition of Chicago Imagists, Camden Arts Centre, London; Ceolfriith Gallery, Sunderland Arts Centre, Sunderland; Third Eye Centre, Glasgow; Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh; Ulster Museum, Belfast, UK

1980

100 Artists, 100 Years: Alumni of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

1979

Chicago Currents: The Koffler Foundation Collection, National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., WA, USA
American Watercolorists, Mitchell Museum, Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mount Vernon, IL, USA

1978

Chicago Collects Chicago, Gallery 200, Visual Arts Building, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA

1977

Contemporary Figurative Painting in the Midwest, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI, USA

1976

Contemporary Images in Watercolor, Akron Art Institute, Akron, OH, USA
Old and New Works by Artists from the Phyllis Kind Gallery, Foster Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI, USA

1973-1974

XII Bienal de São Paulo; Bogotá, Columbia, Museo de Arte Moderno, Bogotá; Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, Chile; Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires; Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico

1971

Boxed Top Art, Art Gallery, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, USA
Phyllis Teens, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA

1970

Surplus Slop from the Windy City, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA
Wake Up Yer Scalp with Chicago, Richard Feigen Gallery, New York, NY, USA

1969-1970

Human Concern/Personal Torment: The Grotesque in American Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA

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Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA

1969

Chicago: Part II, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Don Baum Says: "Chicago Needs Famous Artists," Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, USA

Hairy Who, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., WA, USA

The Spirit of the Comics, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA

1968

The Hairy Who Drawing Show, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, USA

Now! Hairy Who Makes You Smell Good, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL USA; San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA

1967

Hairy Who, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL, USA

1966

The Hairy Who, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL, USA

Selected Collections

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, USA

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, USA

Glenstone, Potomac, MD, USA

Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, USA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI, USA

Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA, USA

Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, IN, USA

Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI, USA

Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN, USA

Morgan Library, New York, NY, USA

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, USA

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA

Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna, Austria

Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS, USA

New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, USA

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ, USA

Roger Brown Study Collection, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, USA

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C., WA, USA

South Bend Museum of Art, IN, USA

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, USA