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Sarah Yuster is a painter known for her urban landscapes and insightful portraits.

Notable clientele, distinguished collections include:

- **Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery** - Nobel laureate Saul Bellow
- **National Air & Space Museum** - Neil deGrasse Tyson – astrophysicist
- **Harvard University** (now at Alabama State) - Edward O. Wilson, Pulitzer prize winning biologist
- **Yale University** - Skull and Bones Society
- **Bangkok Royal Family Compound**, Thailand
- **New Balance Armory Track** - Ted Corbitt, Olympian
- **Tegla Loroupe Peace Academy** – Tegla Loroupe, Olympic runner Kenya

She's been commissioned by the **Wall Street Journal**, **NY State Legislature**, **City University of NY** and the **NYC Department of Education** among others. **Native Soil** was the artist's major retrospective. Installed at the **Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art** for six months in 2018, eighty works were presented, spanning thirty years. A book of the same name was published simultaneously providing background on the artist and information on the 115 paintings reproduced.

Biophiles, A New Generation is her series currently on exhibit at Staten Island Museum's large scale environmental show, **Vulnerable Landscapes**. She co-curated and participated in **Arc of Twenty Years**, a multimedia exhibit about the emotional impact and socio-political changes after the 9/11 attacks. It was installed for five months at the **Noble Maritime Museum**.

Yuster's work has been exhibited at the **Museum of American Art**, **Nat'l Academy of Design**, **Biggs Museum of American Art**, NYC galleries, and hangs in institutions and corporate headquarters throughout the metropolitan area. Her artwork is displayed beyond the US border in the UK, Continental Europe, Kenya, Japan and Thailand. She's also produced documentary films focusing on social and environmental issues.

Commitment to painting began at the HS of Art & Design. Yuster earned her fine arts degree at SVA, attended the Greek Language Center for five years and the Italian Cultural Institute for two years. Her home and studio is on Staten Island, NYC's quiet borough, where she lives with her husband, musician Robert Mosci. They have a son and daughter.

EDUCATION • EXHIBITIONS • AWARDS • REVIEWS • COLLECTIONS

EDUCATION:

Greek Language Center, New York, NY (1985-1990) (1999 - 2002)

Italian Cultural Institute, New York, NY (1985-1986)

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY (BFA 1980)

High School of Art and Design, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

Peripheral Vision - November 2024 - December 2024 Art Lab Gallery at Snug Harbor Cultural Center NYC

Biophiles - A New Generation, Oct. 2022 - Jan. 2023 Biddle House Museum Conference House Park

Close to Home/Staying Home - gallery show canceled due to pandemic 2021

hosted online at SarahYuster.com and ARTLab SI's website.

Native Soil – (6 month major retrospective) – Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art 2018

External Forces – Lenape Gallery, NYC Parks NYC (2015-2016)

25 Year Mini-Retrospective – Murray Berman Gallery at The Bernikow JCC, NYC 2013/14

Streetscapes and Land Surveys Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, 2008

Habitats, Biophiles and Beasts, Staten Island Museum 2006 -2007

Firefighters Commemorative, Civil Courthouse SI, NY 2002

RH Tugs, SI,NY An Unmistakable Staten Island Accent 2000 - 2001

Distance Runners Hall of Fame, Utica, NY 1999 - 2001

On the Road New York Road Runners Club, NYC, NY One Woman Show 1999

Incidence - Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art 1998

Roads Taken, One Woman Show, Kade Gallery [Wagner College], NY 1997

After The Leni Lenape - Portraits of An Island and Its People, Borough Hall, 1989

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

Vulnerable Landscapes Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor Cultural Center, April - December 2023

Arc of Twenty Years (co-curator) Noble Maritime Museum

Native Ensemble: Artists Chronicle Staten Island's Natural Spaces • Lenape Gallery, NYC Parks Department
2015 *curator

Juried Landscape Exhibition/ Video Installation "Twenty-Nine Years" - Biggs Museum of American Art, Dover DE
2014

High Art - selection from a Decade of New Acquisitions - Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum, Washington DC
2013

New York Marathon Exhibit; Waitz and Corbitt honored • National Track Hall of Fame. NY Armory Track 2012

Artists Respond to September 11 • National Lighthouse Museum, NYC 2011 *curator

Islandscapes, From the Ferry to the Fairyland Wagner Gallery SI,NY 2000

National Academy of Design, NY,NY 2000

Sarah Rentschler Gallery, Hudson, NY 1999

SOHO 20, "Salon show", NY, NY 1998

New Acquisitions, (portrait of Saul Bellow) Nat'l Portrait Gallery-Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C 1997

Aspects of Reality - Five Artists, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, SI, NY 1993)

National Academy of Design, NY, NY 1992

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Helio Gallery, group show, NY, NY 1989

NY State Legislative Recognition as Woman in History [Painting] 1989

Main Hall Gallery, Snug Harbor SI, NY 1989 **Best Portrait - Figure Painting, "Contrapusto, Chiaroscuro, Tropicana"**

Tony Moore - Guggenheim Museum, juror

Borough Hall, SI, NY, Portrait of Borough President Ralph Lamberti installed 1987

SI Federation Show, Newhouse Gallery, Snug Harbor SI, NY 1986 **Best in Show "East From the Kill Van Kull"**, NY

Times art critic William Zimmer, juror

SELECTED AWARDS:

2024 DCA Grant for Peripheral Vision

2022 NYSCA Grant for Biophiles - A New Generation

2021: selected as one of 15 New Yorkers by Pepsi's "It's a New York Thing", a \$10,000 award based on "creative spirit and community connection"

2020 DCA Grant for Close to Home series

2020 NYSCA ABC Regrant (Small Truths, my arts & literacy program for public school students @ PS20

2018 DCA Grant for Native Soil

2018 NYSCA ABC Regrant

Between 2009 - 2017 four awards for the NYSCA ABC Regrant (Small Truths, my arts and literacy program for public school students

2015 NYSCA External Forces – paintings of non visual artists in situ outdoors (musicians, dancers poets, writers)

2014 NYC DCA Small Truths – a documentary film based on writings and artwork

2014 NYSCA Original Work Grant - Serendipity Chronicled, with Footnotes

2004 NYC Council on the Arts Encore Award for Biophiles, pt 1

2002 NYFA Encore Award for the Firefighter's Commemorative

1999 NYSCA Original Work Grant - Incidence and Homescapes

1989 NYC Council on the Arts – After the Leni Lenape – portraits of an island and its' people

SELECTED REVIEWS:

["You wont believe the everyday moments captured..."](#)

["Pepsi. It's a New York Thing"](#)

["Digging Into Native Soil"](#)

"Painting A Fuller Picture" NYC Track Publications

"Staten Island Painter Speaks About Commemorating 9/11" Epoch Times (International)

"Top 10 reasons to visit NYC in October, November 2006 Travelocity Guide (Habitats, Biophiles and Beasts)

"The Biophiles" Brooklyn Bay News (10/06)

"Eco-DoGooders" Staten Island Advance, (10/8/07)

"Painting Post 9/11"., Staten Island Advance, (9/1/02)

"Exhibition Off and Running", New York Daily News (3/12/99)

"Framed (S. Bellow) Before His Time", Boston Globe (6/13/97)

"For He's A Jolly Good Bellow", Washington Post (10/29/95)

"National Gallery Buys Island Artist's Portrait", SI Advance (1/24/97)

"Yuster Paints Runners and Runs", SI Advance (10/29/95)

"Artist Captures Ordinary Life", Brooklyn Bay News (4/18/88)

"Outposts of the Art Galleries",{Cover Photo} Artspeak Gallery Guide,NY(9/1/87)

"Sarah Yuster in One Woman Show", SI Advance (8/1/86)

"Snug Harbor Features Women's Art", NY Daily News (3/21/82)

PUBLISHED - BOOK/ARTICLES:

[Native Soil – Staten Island Homescapes](#) 120 page hardcover art book | Zographia Press 2018

[Painting Bellow, The Forward](#) 5 /28/2015

Camera in Hand – Staten Island Advance 5/2012

MUSEUM AND INSTITUTION COLLECTIONS:

National Air and Space Museum, Washington DC

National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

Yale University- Russell Trust Foundation (Skull and Bones society)

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Bangkok Royal Compound, Thailand

New York Armory Track , NYC

NYC Dept. of Parks

International Center For the Disabled, NY

Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation, Kenya

City University of NY

Hospital for Special Surgery HSS, NYC

New York Road Runners Club, NY

St. Vincents Medical Center, SI, NY

University of NJ Medical Center, NJ

Noel Ryan, County Cork Manager, Ireland

County Wexford Borough Hall, Ireland

Michael Petrides Educational Complex, NY

DOE, NYC Public Schools - multiple locations (6)

Staten Island Museum, NYC

Staten Island Children's Museum, NYC