

# John Burton Harter

Born October 7, 1940 · Jackson, Mississippi  
Died March 13, 2002 · New Orleans, Louisiana

## EDUCATION

- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA — Master of Arts in Painting, 1970
- University of Louisville, Louisville, KY — Bachelor of Arts in Art History, 1963

Harter engaged in post-graduate work at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, in South Asian Studies. He also studied at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, Fine Arts Studio, 1964-1965; Fisher Institute, Philadelphia, PA, life drawing, 1963-1964; Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Field Archaeology, 1963; Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 1961; University of Vienna, Austria, 1960; and Hanover College, Hanover, IN, 1958-1960.

## CAREER

Curator of Collections, Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, LA — 1986-1991

Assistant Curator of Visual Arts, Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, LA — 1974-1986

Assistant Curator of Paintings, The Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA — 1974

Library Assistant, Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, LA — 1967-1974

## EXHIBITIONS — SOLO & GROUP

2022

- *The Messenger: John Burton Harter and R. E. Roberts*, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, Los Angeles, CA

2019

- *Art after Stonewall, 1969-1989*, Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- *Grand Illusions: The History and Artistry of Gay Carnival in New Orleans*, Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, LA

2017

- *Expanded Visions: Fifty Years of Collecting*, Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY

2016

- *Awash with Color: Seldom-Seen Watercolor Paintings by Louisiana Artists, 1789-1989*, The Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans

2015

- *On the Domestic Front: Scenes of Everyday Queer Life*, Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- *Work in Progress: Life Drawing Students and J. B. Harter*, Los Angeles LGBT Center, Los Angeles, CA

2014

- *Classical Nudes and the Making of Queer History*, Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- *Work in Progress: Life Drawing Students and J. B. Harter*, Los Angeles LGBT Center, Los Angeles, CA

2009

- HERE Arts Center, New York, NY

2007

- Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY

2006

- Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY

2005

- *The Culture of Queer*, Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, LA
- Louisville Visual Arts Center, Louisville, KY
- *Classicism Subverted: Gay Art in the XXI Century*. Studios Plat du Jour, Paris, France
- New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA

2004

- Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- University of Southern Mississippi Museum, Hattiesburg, MS
- Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux, LA

2003

- Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY

2002

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2001

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2000

- Painting invitational group show, Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- Louisiana State University Museum, Baton Rouge, LA

1999

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1998

- *New Works: Paintings and Drawings*, Lesbian and Gay Community Center, New Orleans, LA
- Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY

1986

- Arts Council of New Orleans, Gallier Hall, New Orleans, LA

1969

- Louisiana State University Campus, Episcopal Student Center, Baton Rouge, LA

## **COLLECTIONS**

- The Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA
- Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, LA
- New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
- Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT

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