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Veni Harlan is a multi-disciplinary creative working as graphic designer, art director, photographer, design educator, writer, and cultural documentarian.

BIOGRAPHY

Born in London, England. Lives and works in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA December 2010
MFA / Graphic Design

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, Spring 1981
BFA / Graphic Design (Minors in Photography & History)

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2024

Art Flow “Home”

Date: April 5–May 15

Location: Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

Juror: Lundy Herring

Human Experience

Date: April 15–May 26

Location: New Orleans Photo Alliance

Juror:

Man’s Best Friend

Date:

Location: New Orleans Photo Alliance

Juror: Amy James

2022

7th Annual 5x5x5 Show

Date: November–February

Location: River Oaks Arts Center, Alexandria, LA

Juror: Ashley Kenneth Chavis

Art Flow

Date: March

Locations: Manship Theatre & Capitol Park Museum

Jurors: Charles Biggs & Beth Welch

Honorable Mention & \$1,000 award for “Mr. Bell”

Arts in Medicine
Date: September
Location: Baton Rouge General
Jurors: Kimberly Henderson & Dianna Ladmirault Clawson

2019

Baton Rouge Blues Gala
Date: October
Location: Old Governor's Mansion, Baton Rouge, LA

2012

25th International Exhibition on Animals in Art
Date: March 24–April 29
Location: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: William Fagaly, Curator of African Art at the New Orleans Museum of Art
Honorable Mention for "Blue Dog"

2010

Gulf Exhibit
Date: August 14–September 18
Location: New Orleans Photo Alliance, New Orleans, LA
Juror: Clint Willour, Curator at the Galveston Arts Center

Art Melt
Date: July 16–August 26
Location: Louisiana State Museum, Baton Rouge, LA
Jurors: Andrea Pollan, Denny Mecham, Paul Dean

Art Show at the Dog Show
Date: February 24–March 31
Location: Wichita, KS

American Kennel Club 31st Annual Juried Photography Show
Date: March
Location: Published in the AKC's Gazette and Family Dog magazines
Honorable Mention for "Rain"

2009

22nd International Exhibition on Animals in Art
Date: March 20–April 17
Location: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: Melanie Hansbrough

2008

Art Melt
Date: June
Location: Shaw Center for the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: Sean Ulmer

Grand Isle Show
Date: May
Location: Grand Isle, LA
Juror: Bonita Day

Southern Open
Date: May
Location: Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
Juror: Peter Frank

University of Mobile 1st Annual Juried Exhibition
Date: May
Location: University of Mobile, Mobile, AL
Juror: Charles M. "Mack" Clark

Smock Paper Scissors
Date: April
Location: Town Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Venus Envy
Date: April
Location: Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA

2007

Grand Isle Juried Show
Date: May
Location: Grand Isle, LA
Juror: Raine Bedsole

Southern Open
Date: May
Location: Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
Juror: Dr. Jerry Cullum

2006

20 x 20 x 20 National Compact Exhibition
Date: April 19–May 12
Location: LSU Union Art Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: Tara McDowell
Award: 2nd place & Cash Award

19th International Exhibition on Animals in Art
Date: March 19–April 16
Location: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: Ann Connelly
Award: Judge's Award & Cash Award

Baton Rouge Advertising Federation
Date: January
Location: Baton Rouge, LA
Award: Silver Addy Award in Illustration

2004

Southeastern Biennial Juried Exhibition
Date: October 16–December 26
Location: Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL
Juror: Sean Ulmer

Chicago's 2nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition
Date: August 15–September 11
Location: Chicago's Restaurant, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: Paula Robertson

The Art Melt's 1st Annual All Media Juried Competition (Forum 34)
Date: August 13
Location: Fuqua Building, Baton Rouge, LA
Jurors: Steve Maklansky, Addie Dawson-Euba, Michaelene Walsh, Kelli Scott
Kelly

13th Annual Art With a Southern Drawl
Date: April 1–30
Location: University of Mobile, AL
Juror: Georgine Clarke

Art Show at the Dog Show
Date: February 24–March 31
Location: Witchita, KS
Juror: Laura Zito
Award: 2nd place Photography & Cash Award

2003

Louisiana Artists 2003
Date: September 7–27
Location: LSU Union Art Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA
Juror: Robert Warrens

16th Annual Northern National Arts Competition
Date: July 29–August 28
Location: Rhinelander, WI
Juror: Jacob Shagen

Grand Isle's First Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition
Date: May 1–11
Location: Grand Isle, LA
Juror: Allison Stewart
Award: Special Recognition

12th Annual Art with a Southern Drawl

Date: April 6–30

Location: University of Mobile, AL

Juror: Michael Rooks

16th International Exhibition on Animals in Art

Date: March 22–April 20

Location: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA

Juror: Libby Johnson

Art Show at the Dog Show

Date: February 25–April 6

Location: CityArts, Wichita, KS

Jurors: Dr. David Butler, Peter Belmont, Jr., Mary Lynn Machado

2001

44th Chautauqua National Exhibition

Date: June 15–July 11

Location: Chautauqua Center for the Visual Arts, Chautauqua, NY

Juror: Barbara Rose

St. Tammany Artist's 39th Regional Juried Exhibition

Date: April 27–May 20

Location: Slidell Cultural Center, Slidell, LA

Juror: Alan Flatmann

Award: 1st place & Cash Award

14th International Exhibition on Animals in Art

Date: March 17–April 30

Location: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA

Juror: Anne Price

Award: Special Recognition

Art Show at the Dog Show

Date: March 1–April 8

Location: Wichita, KS

Juror: Gary Newton

Award: 2nd place & Cash Award

2000

20 x 20 x 20 Compact Exhibition

Date: November 18–December 15

Location: LSU Union Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA

Jurors: Michael Dougherty, Susan Brunner, Addie Euba

1997

10th International Exhibition on Animals in Art

Date: March 17–April 30

Location: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA

Juror: Dr. Janis Audin

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024

The Art of Handmade Commercial Signage

Date: November 18–January 13, 2025

Location: La Divina Cafe

2004

Colores

Date: August 4–September 30

Location: The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA

2003

Colores

Date: December 11–18

Location: St. Joseph's Academy Exhibit Hall, Baton Rouge, LA

INSTALLATION

2024

Barq's Beverages Sign & display

Date: February

Location: Southern Food & Beverage Museum

2022

Ground Zero Blues Club

Location: Biloxi, MS

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

2019

Blues Celebration

Date: October

Location: Old Governors Mansion, Baton Rouge, LA

2008

Art & Cocktails

Date: April

Location: Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA

2006

LSU Equine Health Studies Program "Sound Exhibit"

Date: April 2

Location: Shaw Center for the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA

2005

Borzo Club of America Centennial Art Gallery

Date: May 20–24

Location: Olympia, WA

2004

Art After Dark

Date: December

Location: Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA

Episcopal Art Show
Date: August 23–September 3
Location: EHS, Baton Rouge, LA

BIBLIOGRAPY

2024

“Sparkling Orangine. The Creole Creation behind Barq’s”
By Veni Harlan
64 Parishes Magazine

2022

“Evangeline Reconsidered”
By Veni Harlan

2010

“All Sign Painters Welcome”
By Brad Goins
Lagniappe Magazine, January

2009

“Sign Language”
By Amy Alexander
225 Magazine, December

“The Drive By Gallery”
By Alex Cook
Country Roads Magazine, November

“Louisiana Culture from Colonial Era to Katrina”
LSU Press (cover photography)

2008

“Signs of Baton Rouge”
By Paul Dean
Culture Candy, January

Swiss Cardigan News
(photography)

2007

“Campbell”
Story & Photos by Veni Harlan
UK Humane Society Magazine
(writing & photography)

“Golden Meadow”
By Veni Harlan
Included in “A Day in Louisiana”
Pelican Publishing, New Orleans, LA, 2007

2005

Gambit

(photos used in article “Dog Gone” on Katrina animals written by Adrian Hirsch. December, 2005)

Baton Rouge Business Report

(photos photos used in article “Dog Gone” on Katrina animals written by Adrian Hirsch. Ran October, 2005)

Gris Gris

(photos used in Katrina article)

Off Course

(photos & writing)

Being Borzoi

(writing, photography & design)

2004

International Arabian Horse

“Chances Are” story & photos published

1997

The Traveller

(photos & writing)

PUBLISHED ONLINE

2010

Santa at the Porn Store

Date: February–January

Allee Willis Museum of Kitsch

2007

Campbell

(writing & photography)

Best Friends www.bestfriends.org

2006

Photo Journal of Westminster 2005

Date: February–January

American Kennel Club www.akc.org

GRANTS

2021

Artist Relief Grant

Louisiana Division of the Arts

2012

Mini-grant

Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Program

2003

Louisiana State Artist Roster
Louisiana Division of the Arts

2002

Artist Mini Grant / Photography
Louisiana Division of the Arts

SPECIAL AWARDS

2016

Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
Coastal Stewardship Award (Marsh Dog)

2015

US Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship
Small Business of the Week (Marsh Dog)

2013

Louisiana Wildlife Federation
Business Conservationist of the Year (Marsh Dog)