

# TR COLLETTA



In TR Colletta's richly detailed paintings, everyday objects assume an evocative, sculptural character. Isolated and placed against simple backgrounds, they are at once familiar and strange, ordinary and remarkable. Colletta treats each of his subjects with extraordinary precision, paying close attention to the way light reflects off their surfaces, the way each plane flows into the next. The paintings celebrate the classic, timeless design of common items, elevating the likes of milkshake blenders and billiard balls to a new level of artistry. As Colletta notes, "though the canvases are united in theme and style, each remains singular in voice and execution."

Focusing on objects that have deeply infused themselves in American culture (a baseball, a cowboy-style gun belt) Colletta's work shares something with that of renowned artist James Rosenquist, who also painted quintessentially American images (Coke bottles, cars, and even pistols) in a seductively realistic style. Rather than juxtaposing these images, however, Colletta's work zeros in each individual object, stirring up feelings of affection and nostalgia. His paintings seem to contain whole narratives that speak of past childhoods, of collective memories shared by an entire generation.

The novelist James Joyce once said, "Any object, deeply contemplated, may represent a window on the universe." This idea is at the center of Colletta's practice. More than loving portraits of distinctly American objects, his paintings represent all that those objects stand for. Ordinary items transcend themselves, becoming dazzling forms of color and light, complex metaphors, universal images. Each fundamentally American, each representing a deep vein of cultural attachment, Colletta's subjects tap into our collective nostalgia, our profound connections to the iconic objects of our time.

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## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2013 Campton Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2010 Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
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- 2006 Caldwell Snyder, San Francisco, CA.
- 2005 Trajan Gallery, Carmel, CA.
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- 2004 Lecture, Trajan Gallery, Carmel, CA.
- 2003 Its About Time, Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 2002 American Icons, Caldwell Snyder Gallery, New York, NY.
- 1998 American Icon, Powell Street Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 1995 Romantic Realist, Colleen Yoho Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 1994 Angels in San Francisco, Spectrum Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 1991 Peel Gallery, Danby, VT.
- 1989 Boston Remembered, Haley & Steele, Boston, MA.
- 1986 Hartford Arts Council Award Exhibition, Jubilee 350, Hartford, CT.
- 1985 Visions of Yesteryear, Fairfield University, CT.
- 1983 The Meeting House, Hartford, CT.
- 1980 The Different Drummer Gallery, Hartford, CT.
- 1980 Widner Gallery, Trinity College, Hartford, CT.
- 1979 The Different Drummer Gallery, Hartford, CT.

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2016 Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 Caldwell Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- Blue 7 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2013 Campton Gallery, New York, NY.
- Skidmore Contemporary Art, Santa Monica, CA.
- Sue Greenwood Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA.
- 2012 Art Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL.
- 2011 Miami International Art Fair, Miami FL.
- Art Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- SF International Art Expo, San Francisco, CA.
- Sue Greenwood Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA.
- 2010 Campton Gallery, New York, NY.
- Red Dot Art Show, New York, NY.
- Art Hamptons International, Bridgehampton, NY.
- 2009 LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2008 Red Dot Art Fair, Miami, FL.
- 2006 Red Dot Art Fair, Miami, FL.
- 2005 SF International Art Expo, San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 SF Art Expo, San Francisco, CA.
- 2003 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 1993 Three For The Third, Peel Gallery, Danby, VT.
- 1991 Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts Annual (CAFA).
- Copley Society Portrait Show, Boston, MA.
- Carriage House Gallery Portrait Show, Guilford, CT.
- 1990 CAFA Annual.
- 1989 The Connecticut Vision, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT.
- CAFA Annual.
- 1988 Glastonbury Art Exhibit, 2nd Prize, Glastonbury, CT.
- CAFA Annual.
- 1987 CAFA Annual.
- 1986 Mystic Maritime Gallery Invitational, Mystic, CT.
- 85th Annual New Haven Paint and Clay Exhibition, New Haven, CT.
- 1985 Greene Art Gallery, Guilford, CT.
- CAFA Annual.

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