

Walk behind the blue wall with the Imagist artworks and take a look around the rest of the Feitler Gallery.

Laura Letinsky, *Untitled # 80*
2003, Chromogenic print archivally mounted to Sintra, 2006.6



Contemporary artists use many different kinds of **media** (materials) to create their artworks including painting, video, photography, sculpture, printmaking, and drawing.

How many different types of media can you find in the artworks in this part of the gallery?

Find an artwork anywhere in this gallery that grabs your attention. Sketch it here.

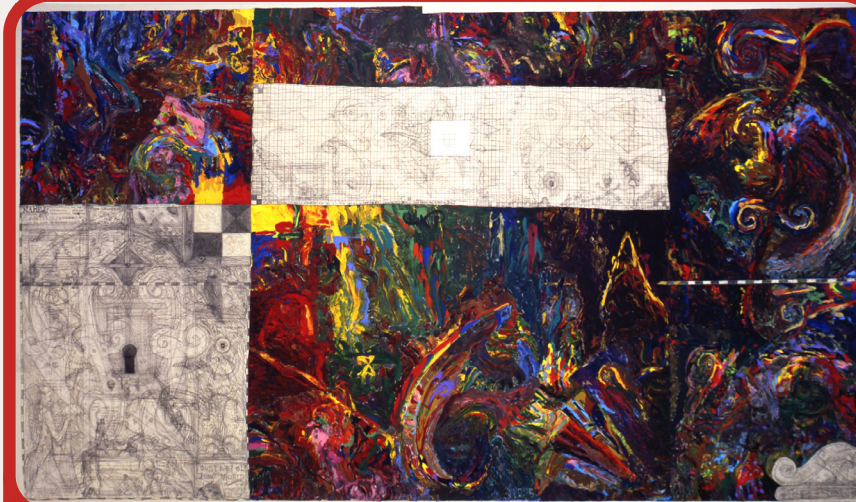
If you could ask this artist one question, what would you ask?

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Contemporary Color



William T. Wiley, *Drifting Net*, 1987
Acrylic and pencil on canvas
1995.61

Contemporary art is art that has been created recently by a living artist.

In this gallery, you might see contemporary art that was made 40 years ago or maybe just this year.

You won't have to search very hard to find this huge painting by William Wiley.

Look at *Drifting Net* from a few steps away so that you can see the entire canvas.

Then move closer (but not too close—you don't want to accidentally touch the art).

Notice how some parts of this painting are **abstract** swirls of bright colors, while other areas are more realistic, or **representational**, pencil drawings.

Find the detail that you think is most interesting and draw it here.



Art Green, *Consider the Options, Examine the Facts, Apply the Logic*, 1966, Oil on canvas 1996.60

Take a look at the paintings on the light blue wall in this gallery.

These artworks were made by a group of artists who lived in Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s known as the Chicago Imagists. The artists were friends and sometimes exhibited their artworks together. Some were influenced by comic books.

Choose an artwork on the wall and make a comic strip out of it in the spaces below.

Select one figure or part of the original image and sketch it here.

What happens next? Draw it here.

What would this figure say? Make a word box and write it here.

The word "Imagist" is similar to the word "image" which means "picture." Why do you think these artists were called Imagists?

H. C. Westermann, *Burning House*, 1958 Pine, brass bell, tin, glass, rope, and enamel 2008.13.1



H. C. Westermann was a part of the Chicago Imagist group of artists.

He made all kinds of colorful prints, drawings, and wooden and metal sculptures.

Westermann made several sculptures of houses like this one. In fact, he even built his own house in real life.

This brightly colored house was a gift to his wife, Joanna.

If you were going to make an artwork as a gift, what would it be? Who would you give it to?

Describe or draw an idea for your artwork in the space below.

Blank space for describing or drawing an idea for an artwork.