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born: Rochester, New York  
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## Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 *Celestial Threads*, Daitokuji Studio, Kyoto  
*ArtHamptons*, The Tolman Collection: New York
- 2015 *Luminosity*, Hanga Ten, London, England  
*Luminosity*, Daitokuji Studio, Kyoto
- 2014 *Between Two Worlds: Poured Paperworks by Sarah Brayer*, Castellani Art Museum,  
Niagara University. [exhibition catalog](#)  
*In the Moment*, Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki, Japan
- 2013 *Tiger's Eye*, The Verne Collection, Cleveland, Ohio  
*Cloud Garden Paperworks*, The Ren Brown Collection, Bodega Bay, California
- 2012 *Luminosity: Night Paperworks*, Reike Studio, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
*Light and Energy*, Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki, Japan  
*Recent Works by Sarah Brayer*, The Tolman Collection: New York
- 2011 *East Meets West*, Allison Tolman, New York, NY  
*New Works in Washi & Glass*, Gallery Shinmonzen, Kyoto  
The Schoolhouse Gallery, Mutianyu, Beijing, China  
Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki, Japan
- 2010 *Luminosity: Night Paperworks*, Kamigamo Studio, Kyoto  
*Mythos*, The Ren Brown Collection, Bodega Bay, California  
*Art in June*, Rochester, New York  
*30 Years of Art in Kyoto*: Sarah Brayer Studio, Kyoto
- 2007 The Ren Brown Collection, Bodega Bay  
Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki, Japan  
Round the Horn, Nantucket  
*Art in June*, Rochester, New York
- 2006 *Whisper to the Moon*, Iwakura Kukan, Kyoto  
*Art in June*, Rochester, New York
- 2005 The Ren Brown Collection, Bodega Bay  
Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki
- 2004 Azuma Gallery, Seattle  
Tokyo American Club  
Esmay Fine Art, Rochester  
Ronin Gallery, New York
- 2003 Galleria LL, Kobe
- 2002 Kato Gallery, Tokyo  
The Tolman Collection, Tokyo

- 2001 Hanga Ten, London, England  
Beatrice Royal Gallery, Eastridge, England  
Izumi-en, Osaka  
Ars Locus Gallery, Kyoto
- 2000 Takashimaya Gallery, Yokohama  
Tokyo American Club  
The Tolman Collection, Tokyo
- 1999 The Ren Brown Collection, Bodega Bay  
Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki, Japan
- 1998 Gallery Rewdex, Kyoto  
Shoestring Gallery, Rochester, New York  
CHIC, Rokko Island
- 1997 The Tolman Collection, Tokyo  
Ars Locus Gallery, Kyoto
- 1996 Ronin Gallery, New York  
Tokyo American Club, Tokyo  
Gallery Bonten, Shimonoseki, Japan  
Ars Locus Gallery, Kyoto
- 1995 Dieu Donne Gallery, New York  
WICE Artspace, Paris  
Daimaru Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
Kanda Gallery, Okinawa, Japan
- 1994 Takashimaya Gallery, Yokohama, Japan  
Shoestring Gallery, Rochester, New York  
*A Sense of Place*, The Verne Collection, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1993 Takashimaya Gallery, Tamagawa, Tokyo, Japan  
Tokyo American Club, Tokyo, Japan  
The Ren Brown Collection, Bodega Bay, California  
Galleries Ann Monnet, Kyoto, Japan
- 1992 *Sarah Brayer at Byodoin Temple* invitational honoring Kyoto's 1200 year anniversary  
Azuma Gallery, Seattle, Washington  
Gallery Cocteau, Kyoto, Japan  
Shoestring Gallery, Rochester, New York  
Kanda Gallery, Okinawa, Japan
- 1991 *Recollections* Tokyo American Club  
Takashimaya Gallery, Yokohama  
Daimaru Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
Takashimaya Gallery, Tamagawa, Tokyo
- 1990 Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, Invitational  
Ronin Gallery, New York  
Shoestring Gallery, Rochester, New York
- 1989 Kato Gallery, Tokyo  
Gallery Blanche, Osaka  
Kintetsu Gallery, Kyoto  
Tokyo American Club, Tokyo  
Gallery San, Kyoto
- 1988 The Museum of Modern Art, Shiga, Japan  
Recent Works April Sgro-Riddle Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
Daimaru Gallery, Kobe, Japan  
Shukugawa Gallery, Shukugawa, Japan

- 1987 Sumi Arts, Hong Kong  
*The Japanese Bath and other Landscapes* Carter Arcand Gallery, Portland  
 Kato Gallery, Kobe, Japan  
 Kintetsu Gallery, Kyoto  
 Tokyo American Club, Tokyo
- 1986 Kimura Gallery, Palo Alto, California  
 April Sgro-Riddle Gallery, Los Angeles  
 Takashimaya Gallery, Yokohama  
 Sumi Arts, Hong Kong  
 Kato Gallery, Tokyo
- 1985 Tokyo American Club, Tokyo  
 Kintetsu Gallery, Kyoto  
 Kobe Club, Kobe, Japan  
 Chatterbox Club, Rochester, New York
- 1984 Kanda Gallery, Okinawa, Japan
- 1983 Tokyo American Club, Tokyo  
 Foreign Correspondents' Club, Tokyo  
 Tsutaya Gallery, Kyoto

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *After the Bath*, Ronin Gallery, New York. Catalog  
*Three Artists: High Summer*, Diana Felber Gallery, West Stockbridge, Mass.
- 2016 *The Great Wave: Contemporary Talents From Japan*, Ronin Gallery. Catalog  
 Japan Society Gallery Auction, New York, NY. Catalog
- 2015 *Expanding Frontiers: The Jack And Susy Wadsworth Collection of Postwar Japanese Prints*, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, Oregon
- 2015 *Celestial Threads*, The Asian Art Museum, San Francisco.  
 Sarah Brayer & Jorie Johnson two person show, curated by Laura Allen
- 2013 *Ebb & Flow: Cross-Cultural Prints*, The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio
- 2012 *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show of the Kyoto Dohanga Kyokai (Kyoto etching group)*, Kyoto  
 Geijitsu Kaikan, Kyoto, Japan. Catalog
- 2011 *A Lifetime of Giving: The William J. Dane Fine Print Collection at the Newark Public Library*, Newark Public Library, Newark, N.J.  
*Recent Acquisitions*, the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester, NY.
- 2009 *IMPACT the Big Print*, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Cal. Curated by  
 Donna Westerman. Catalog  
*WOOD. METAL. STONE: Contemporary Japanese prints*, The Flinn Gallery,  
 Greenwich, Connecticut
- 2007 Catalogue cover print and poster artist, for the 52nd CWAJ Print Show, Tokyo, Japan  
 The Print Club of New York. Catalog
- 2005 *The Color of Night: How Artists Work with Darkness*, Zimmerli Art Museum,  
 Rutgers University
- 2003 *Japan Through Western Eyes*, The Morikami Museum, Del Ray Beach, Florida.  
 Catalog  
*Snow in Winter: Ukiyo-e and Contemporary Prints from Japan*, The Daiwa  
 Anglo-Japanese Foundation, London  
*1853-2003: A Sesquicentennial Salute to Commerce and Cultural Exchange between  
 Japan and the USA*, the Newark Public Library, Newark NJ

- 2002 *Rags to Riches: 25 Years of Paper Art from Dieu Donne Papermill:* Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mariana Kistler-Beach Museum of Art, and Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York. Catalog
- 2001 *Rags to Riches: 25 Years of Paper Art from Dieu Donne Papermill,* Kresge Art Museum, Michigan; Maryland Institute College of Art. Catalog
- 1999 *Miyabi : a Celebration of Beauty by Five American Artists of Kyoto,* Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo. Produced by the Tolman Collection
- 1997 *Across Cultures: Five Contemporary Artists from Japan,* Allen Memorial Museum, Oberlin, Ohio. Catalog  
*Kansai Artists,* YCAC, Yokohama
- 1995 *Out of the Drawing Room, Recent Acquisitions: Works on Paper by Women Artists* The Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester  
*Works on Paper* The Verne Collection, New York
- 1994 The Verne Collection, Cleveland, Ohio  
*New Editions* Ronin Gallery, New York
- 1992 *Almost a Century after Helen Hyde and Bertha Lum,* the Mitzie Verne Collection, Cleveland  
*Accent on Paper: 15 Years at the Dieu Donne Papermill* Lintas Worldwide, New York
- 1990 *Intaglio Printing in the 1980's* The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Curated by Trudy Hansen. Book
- 1988 *Relief Printing in the 1980's* The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University. Curated by Trudy Hansen. Catalog  
Regional Printmakers Pyramid Gallery, Rochester, New York  
Carter-Arcand Gallery, Portland, Oregon  
The Mitzie Verne Collection, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1987 Mary Ryan Gallery, New York  
*Eight Artists from Kyoto* Takashimaya Gallery, Yokohama  
*Prints from the Yoshida Studio* Kabutoya Gallery, Tokyo
- 1986 *Curator's Choice* Portland Art Institute, Oregon  
*Saga Print Annual* New York  
The Bank of Tokyo, Hong Kong  
April Sgro-Riddle Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1985 *50/50 Monoprints-Prints* Montgomery College
- 1984 *The Caraccio Collection* Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster  
*American Painters from Kyoto* Ronin Gallery, New York  
*Foreign Artists in Kyoto* Hankyu Gallery, Senri Osaka
- 1982-2017 *The College Women's Association of Japan Print Show* Tokyo
- 1998-2017 *The New York Print Fair,* the Armory, New York City
- 1982-2002 *Kyoto Etching Association Annual* Kyoto City Art Center

## Museum and Selected Collections

The British Museum  
The Sackler Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute  
Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco  
The Cedar Rapids Museum of Art  
The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art

The Newark Public Library  
 The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum  
 Oregon Art Institute  
 The University of Rochester Memorial Art Gallery  
 Worcester Art Museum  
 Smith College Art Museum  
 Yale University Art Gallery  
 Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art  
 Shimonoseki City Art Museum  
 La Salle University Art Museum  
 Byodoin Temple  
 US. State Department, Washington, DC  
 U.S. Embassy, Tokyo  
 University Hospitals, Cleveland  
 Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore  
 Citibank, Tokyo  
 TRW Collection, Los Angeles  
 Pfiser, New York  
 American College Board Collection of American Prints  
 Ozumo, Oakland, California  
 Ozumo, San Francisco  
 Saks Fifth Avenue, New York  
 The Jewish Home, Rochester, New York  
 154 Corporation, Tokyo  
 RJ Reynolds/MC Tobacco, Tokyo  
 Clear Sky Meditation & Study Center, British Columbia

## Awards

- 2013 *Bunkacho Chokan Hyosho* (Commissioner's Award), Japanese Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Tokyo, Japan  
 2001 *Japan 2001* sponsorship, London, England  
 1990 *The College Women's Association of Japan 35th Anniversary Grant for Print Artists*, Tokyo  
 1979 *cum laude* Studio Art, Connecticut College, New London  
 1978 *The Marguerite Hanson Award for Art* Connecticut College

## Publications

- 2017 [Sarah Brayer, \*The Completer Prints: 1980-2016\*](#)  
 2017 Benjamin Cassidy, [New exhibit at Diana Felber Gallery is entrancing](#)  
 2016 Ronin Gallery, [The Great Wave: Contemporary Talents of Japan](#)  
 2015 Trudi Van Dyke, [Fiber Arts Now](#), Spring Issue, page 27.  
 2014 Nancy J. Parisi, "[On view: The glowing art of Sarah Brayer.](#)" Buffalo Spree, December issue  
 Buffalo News, [Japanese and Western New York culture connect in Sarah Brayer's poured paperworks](#)  
 2013 [Japan Cultural agency gives awards to those promoting Japan](#)

- [Japan Living Arts :Sarah Brayer](#)
- 2012 [Creating Luminescent Beauty with Paper](#), TED Tokyo Worldwide talent search  
[Capturing Light: the Art of Sarah Brayer](#)
- 2011 Cover Art, Kyoto Journal, Volume 76
- 2009 Cover Art, Kyoto Journal, Volume 73
- 2007 Cover art, 52nd CWAJ Print Show catalog, Tokyo  
Poster and postcard for CWAJ Print Show, Tokyo  
Nick Jones, *Paper Moon*, Intouch (TAC magazine) October 2007, Tokyo  
“Woman By the Sea” cover art, *novel in Hebrew* by Itai Kohavi, Tel Aviv
- 2006 Hand Papermaking summer 2006, *noted exhibitions: Sarah Brayer*
- 2005 April Vollmer, *Intersections of East and West: Contemporary Printmakers in Japan*, Contemporary Impressions, Spring 2005.  
*City Pearls* reproduced Zimmerli Journal 3, Zimmerli Art Museum,  
*Woman By the Sea*, cover art for “Shakespeare's Will” by Vern Thiessen, Canada Playwrites publisher.
- 2004 *Kansai: Who & What, Woman By the Sea*, The Japan Times, Nov.14, 2004
- 2003 Rosemary T. Smith, *Japan Through Western Eyes, 1854 to the Present*,  
The Morikami Museum, Del Ray Beach, Florida. catalog  
*CWAJ print artists and scholars create a good impression*, The Japan Times,  
October, 15, 2003  
Kyoto Shimbun, feature article Nov. 11, 2003
- 2002 Angela Jeffs, *Celebrating “washi” in tune with Kyoto winters*, The Japan Times, Nov. 30, 2002  
Dai-ichi Seimei Hall, cover art, The Rubio Quartet and Yoshiko Endo  
Tokyo American Club magazine, *47th Annual Print Show*
- 2002 Kyoto Journal, inside art
- 2001 Wigmore Hall, cover art, *The Rubio Quartet and Yoshiko Endo*
- 2000 Sarah Brayer, *Sarah Brayer Prints 1980-2000*
- 1999 Isabel Reynolds, *American artist gets it down on paper*, The Daily Yomiuri, April 15, 1999  
*Five American Artist of Kyoto*, Hanga Geijitsu No. 104, Tokyo Japan, p. 111
- 1997 Betsy Franco & Michael Verne, *Quiet Elegance: Japan Through the Eyes of Nine American Artists*  
Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College Bulletin Number 1: *Across Cultures: Five Contemporary Western Artists from Japan*  
Trudy Hansen, *Evolving Forms/Emerging Faces; Trends in Contemporary American Printmaking*, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University
- 1996 Art Maison International 96 Vol.1, p. 165
- 1995 Kyoto Journal, inside cover art, Spring 1995
- 1994 *Prints and Paperworks of Sarah Brayer*, Journal of the Print World, Spring 1994. \*review  
Helen Cullinan, *Prints offer views of Japan*, *The Plain Dealer*, May 20, 1994. \*review  
Roberto Casin, *Paper and Color*, Aboard magazine, May/June 1994.
- 1993 *Post Modern Japanesque*, Kimono, November 1992  
Peter Mallett, *Papermaking offers Creative, Colorful Medium*, Asahi Evening News, Sept. 5, 1993
- 1992 *Culture Portrait*, Photo, January 15, 1992  
Journal of the Print World, *Almost a Century after Helen Hyde and Bertha Lum*, the Mitzie Verne Collection, Cleveland

- 1991 Stewart Wachs, *Painter's Career Flourishes in Kyoto*, The Japan Times, Feb. 10, 1991. \*review
- 1990 Ron Netsky, *Work from Kyoto to Brighton*, Democrat and Chronicle, May 20, 1990. \*review  
Zimmerli Art Museum, *Intaglio Printing in the 1980's*
- 1989 cover art for Alan Booth, *Tsugaru; Looking for the Lost*
- 1988 Zimmerli Art Museum, *Relief Printing in the 1980's: Prints and Blocks from the Rutgers Archives for Printmaking Studios*  
Ron Netsky, *From the Beauty of Kyoto to a Regional Print Show*, Democrat and Chronicle, March 6, 1988.  
Stewart Wachs, "Painting with liquid paper produces new genre for Brayer," The Japan Times, November 21, 1988. \*review
- 1985 Lawrence Smith, *Contemporary Prints From Japan: Symbols of a Society in Transition*  
Grace Glueck, The New York Times, March 22, 1985.\* review

## Lectures and Interviews

- 2017 Lecture, *The making of Crescent Glow*, New York Print Club
- 2015 Lecture, *Beauty of Washi* Asian Art Week, Hanga Ten, London
- 2014 *Painting IN Japanese Paper: Contemporary Expression in an Ancient Tradition*, Buffalo State Art department
- 2012 TED Global Talent Search. The Young. The Wise. The Undiscovered. "Creating luminescent beauty with paper," Tokyo.
- 2001 Lecture, *Painting With Paper*, The Japan Society, London England  
Lecture, *Painting With Paper*, Beatrice Royal Gallery, Eastleigh, England
- 1995 Lecture, *Viewpoints: Sarah Brayer*, the Memorial Art Gallery, Univ of Rochester  
Lecture, the Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University
- 1992 Feature story on Byodoin exhibition, NHK News, Kyoto, September 22  
Byodoin exhibition, NHK News Kansai, September 25
- 1990 Lecture, *Painting with Liquid Paper*, The College Women's Association of Japan  
Lecture, Art Department, Connecticut College.
- 1989 Interview "Catch Up: Tokyo Art Expo," Marui News, Tokyo, November
- 1988 Review of Sarah Brayer show at Museum of Modern Art Shiga, NHK News 11/12

## Commissions

- 2017 Print edition for the New York Print Club membership
- 2015 Washi fusuma doors, retail shop, Kyoto
- 2012 Washi paperwork doors, private residence, Kobe, Japan
- 2011 Washi fusuma doors, private residence, Kyoto
- 2009 Washi murals, Ozumo, Oakland California
- 2008 Washi mural, private residence Venice Beach, California
- 2008 Washi art mural, Ozumo, Oakland California
- 2006 Washi art Ozumo, San Francisco
- 2004 Washi art Ozumo, Newport Beach, California
- 2004 Washi mural, private residence, Los Angeles
- 2003 Print edition, the Verne Collection, Cleveland

- 2003 Washi fusuma doors, private residence, Kyoto
- 2001 Paper door paintings, private residence, Kobe
- 1997 Paperwork mural, Ars Locus Concert Hall, Kyoto
- 1995 Paperwork edition, Dieu Donne Papermill, New York
- 1993 Paperwork mural, Johns Hopkins Hospitals, Baltimore, Maryland
- 1992 Print edition, Rutgers Center for Innovative Printmaking, New Brunswick
- 1989 Watercolor mural, University Hospitals McDonnell Women's Hospital, Cleveland
- 1988 Various artworks, Boit Des Amour restaurant, Osaka, Japan
- 1988 Print edition in collaboration with Yoshitoshi Mori, Citibank, Tokyo
- 1982 Print edition for the Memorial Art Gallery donors

## **Collaborative Works**

- 2010 Dance kimono painting for Heidi S. Durning
- 2008 Dance fan-for Yurari dance by Heidi S. Durning, Alti Buyo Festival, Kyoto
- 2006 *Whisper to the Moon*, Dance, Music, Art, Kyoto Japan
- 2003 Kobe Shoin Japan-Cambodia Project
- 2004 Kimono painting design for 3 dances and cover art for postcard in *Kimono Series* choreographed and danced by Heidi S. Durning, Kyoto and Osaka. Screen backdrop, program art and kimono painting and design for costume worn for *Woman By the Sea*; performed by the Rubio Quartet and Heidi S. Durning, Rokko, Japan  
Kimono painting for dance costume worn by Heidi S. Durning : Noh and Spanish guitar "Raku" Alti Hall, Kyoto

## **Education**

- 1979 B.A. cum laude Studio Art, Connecticut College, New London
- 1978 Printmaking study, Middlesex Polytechnic, London, England
- 1982-4 Woodblock printing, Toshi Yoshida, Miasa, Japan