

Biography

DONI SILVER SIMONS is a painter, installation, and performance artist. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Silver Simons received a Bachelor of Studio Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Drawing from Wayne State University, Detroit, in 1974. She was in the forefront of that city's vibrant art scene with her powerful solo and group work. In the late 1970s, Silver Simons relocated to Los Angeles and participated in a number of seminal solo and group projects including *Caesura III* (performance, Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, 1978); *1st Annual Downtown Artists Show*, (exhibition, LACE, Los Angeles, 1978); *2nd Annual Downtown Artists Exhibition/Six Downtown Sculptors*, (exhibition, LACE, Los Angeles, 1979); *Caesura (a Study)*, (exhibition, University of California, Irvine, 1979); *Doni Silver/Episodes* (exhibition, LACE, Los Angeles, 1980); and *Contemporaries: 17 Artists* (exhibition, Security Pacific Bank, Los Angeles, 1980). Silver Simons' recent solo exhibitions include *Center Justified*; *...lines...*; *Omer 5769*; *August* (Sherry Frumkin Gallery, Santa Monica, 2007, 2009, 2009, and 2010 respectively); *Marked* (exhibition and performance, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, 2009), and the upcoming exhibition at the Sutzky Art Gallery, Irvine, in 2011. Select group shows include *Global Soul*, (Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, 2009); *FRESH* (Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, 2009); *It's a Numbers Game: Doni Silver Simons in the Projects Room* (The Loft at Liz's, Los Angeles, 2010); *INCOGNITO* (Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, 2010); *Memory and Transformation*, (Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, CA), and *Send Nothing to the Tate Modern; A Project by David Horvitz*, (Tate Modern, London, England). A recipient of numerous grants and commissions, Silver Simons' work is in many private collections and in the public collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts; the National Endowment of the Arts, Washington D.C.; and the University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor. Silver Simons lives and works in Los Angeles.