



Smithsonian American Art Museum

John Alexander: A Retrospective
Dec. 21, 2007—March 16, 2008
Checklist

All works are by John Alexander (b. 1945)

1. *Go Jesus Go*
1979
Oil on canvas
120 x 90 inches (304.8 x 228.6 cm)
Collection of Van Schley and Bill Murray

2. *I've Been Living in a Hydrogen Bomb*
1980
Pen, brush and ink, and watercolor
28 ¼ x 41 ¾ inches (71.8 x 105 cm)
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, Gift of Benjamin Nicolette, 1991

3. *Exxon Eats the Odalisque*
1981
Watercolor and sepia ink
11 x 8 ½ inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)
Private collection, Houston

4. *I've Been Living in a Hydrogen Bomb*
1982
Oil on canvas
120 x 270 inches (304.8 x 685.8 cm)
Collection of Randy Lerner, East Hampton, New York

5. *Mr. Friend's Revenge*
1982
Oil on canvas
76 x 106 inches (193 x 269.2 cm)
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas. Gift of Isabel B. and Wallace S. Wilson, 83.39

6. *Hiding from the Hunter*
1982
Oil on canvas
77 x 83 inches (195.6 x 210.8 cm)
Collection of Deborah Humphrey, Dallas, Texas

7. *The Night the Lights Went Out in Dixie*
1982
Sepia ink
13 ½ x 21 ½ inches (34.3 x 54.6 cm)
Collection of Gary and Stacey Towing

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8. *Don't Drink Alcohol*
1982
Sepia ink
11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)
Private collection, Houston

9. *Don't Do Cocaine*
1982
Sepia ink
11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)
Collection of the artist

10. *Paranoia Can Destroia*
1982
Sepia ink
8 1/2 x 11 inches (21.6 x 27.9 cm)
Collection of the artist

11. *Welcome to My World*
1982
Watercolor and sepia ink
16 x 27 inches (40.6 x 68.6 cm)
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, Museum Purchase, Anna E. Clark Fund, 1982.7

12. *St. Francis and the Blue Jays*
1983
Pastel
26 x 40 inches (66 x 101.6 cm)
Collection of Henry H. and Carol Brown Goldberg

13. *Chocolate Boogie*
1984
Oil on canvas
78 x 84 inches (198.1 x 213.4 cm)
Collection of Jan Turner Colburn, Beverly Hills, California

14. *The Annunciation*
1984
Oil on canvas
90 x 100 inches (228.6 x 254 cm)
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA. Gift of Heidi Krisch, 91.87

15. *The Dinner Party*
1984
Oil on canvas
53 x 53 inches (134 x 134 cm)
Collection of Daniel and Gabriela Dror, Houston

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16. *Red Devil*
1984
Oil on canvas
77 x 83 inches (195.6 x 210.8 cm)
Private collection, Houston

17. *Two Popes Arguing over a Blue Fish*
1984
Pastel
30 x 40 inches (76.2 x 101.6 cm)
Collection of the artist

18. *The Feeding*
1984
Pastel
30 x 40 inches (76.2 x 101.6 cm)
Collection of Susan Forristal

19. *Neutron Man*
1984
Pastel
30 x 22 inches (76.2 x 55.9 cm)
Collection of Gary and Stacey Towing

20. *Watching the False Prophet*
1986
Oil on canvas
90 x 100 inches (228.6 x 254 cm)
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, gift of Steve Martin

21. *Judas Betrayal*
1989
Oil on canvas
77 x 77 inches (195.6 x 195.6 cm)
Collection of Ronnie and John Shore

22. *Dancing on the Water Lilies of Life*
1988
Oil on canvas
83 x 83 inches (210.8 x 210.8 cm)
Dallas Museum of Art, gift of Mr. Claude Albritton and the Museum League Purchase Fund

23. *Honky-Tonk Moon*
1989
Oil on canvas
76 x 96 inches (193 x 243.8 cm)
Collection of Alice and Lorne Michaels

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24. *Venus and Adonis*
1989
Oil on canvas
76 x 82 inches (193 x 208.3 cm)
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, Gift of Leslie Rankow, 1990
25. *Pope Huey*
1989
Oil on canvas
16 x 12 inches (40.6 x 30.5 cm)
Private collection
26. *Pope Dewey*
1989
Oil on canvas
20 x 16 inches (50.8 x 40.6 cm)
Private collection
27. *Pope Louie*
1989
Oil on canvas
18 x 14 inches (45.7 x 35.6 cm)
Private collection
28. *Aging Rock Star*
1990
Pastel and charcoal
30 x 22 1/4 inches (76.2 x 56.5 cm)
Collection of Van and Judith Schley
29. *Le Lapin (Tale of the Rabbit)*
1991
Oil on canvas
60 x 80 inches (152.4 x 203.2 cm)
Private collection
30. *La Casa de los Locos*
1991
Oil on canvas
77 x 83 inches (195.6 x 210.8 cm)
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Larson
31. *Bridal Path*
1993
Oil on canvas
70 x 90 1/2 inches (177.8 x 229.9 cm)
Collection of John and Joni Ballis

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32. *Glory Bound*
1993
Oil on canvas
90 x 110 inches (228.6 x 279.4 cm)
Private Collection
33. *The Conversation*
1994
Oil on canvas
50 x 60 inches (127 x 152.4 cm)
Collection of Cheryl and Herbert Towning
34. *Yellow Lobster with Perplexed Mynah*
1994
Oil on canvas
18 1/4 x 50 1/4 inches (46.4 x 127.6 cm)
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Larson
35. *Alpha Males*
1994
Oil on canvas
30 x 34 inches (76.2 x 86.4 cm)
Private collection
36. *Escape from the Black Hole*
1993
Pencil, pastel, and watercolor
40 x 60 inches (101.6 x 152.4 cm)
Private Collection
37. *Windmill Lane*
1995
Oil on canvas
60 x 80 inches (152.4 x 203.2 cm)
Collection of Ann and Michael Mantell
38. *Passion Fruit*
1995
Oil on canvas
90 x 74 inches (228.6 x 188 cm)
On loan by Gail Zappa, ardent fan
39. *Family Affairs*
1995
Oil on canvas
60 x 64 inches (152.4 x 162.6 cm)
Collection of Catherine and Ernest Abbott
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40. *The Mighty Bog*
1997
Oil on canvas
64 x 72 inches (162.6 x 182.9 cm)
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. David Berg, Houston, Texas
41. *Montauk Point*
1997
Oil on canvas
40 x 48 inches (101.6 x 121.9 cm)
Collection of Jayni and Chevy Chase
42. *Lamar Cardinal*
1997
Oil on canvas
20 x 16 inches (50.8 x 40.6 cm)
Collection of Julia Reed and John Pearce
43. *Lotus Walk*
1998
Oil on canvas
34 x 40 inches (86.4 x 101.6 cm)
Collection of Elana Stuart Ryan
44. *Sardines*
1999
Oil on canvas
10 x 12 inches (25.4 x 30.5 cm)
Collection of Mark D. Ein
45. *Joys of a Mexican Graveyard*
2000
Oil on canvas
60 x 70 inches (152.4 x 177.8 cm)
Collection of Charles Butt
46. *Thornbirds*
2000
Oil on canvas
14 x 12 inches (35.6 x 30.5 cm)
Collection of Jimmy and Jane Buffett, Sag Harbor, New York
47. *Strange Fish*
2000
Pastel and charcoal
30 x 22 inches (76.2 x 55.9 cm)
Collection of Michael and Eleanora Kennedy, New York City

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48. *Blue Spruce*
2001
Oil on canvas
72 x 78 inches (182.9 x 198.1 cm)
Collection of Patricia Blanchet and Ed Bradley
49. *Skate*
2001
Charcoal
27 ½ x 22 ½ inches (69.9 x 57.2 cm)
Collection of Jenny Landey
50. *Winter Heat*
2001
Watercolor, pencil, and pastel
20 3/8 x 25 1/2 inches (51.8 x 64.8 cm)
Collection of Chris Parnell
51. *Flounder*
2001
Watercolor
16 x 20 1/4 inches (40.6 x 51.4 cm)
Collection of Roy and Mary Cullen
52. *Great White Heron*
2001
Pastel, charcoal, and watercolor
40 ½ x 30 ¾ inches (102.9 x 78.1 cm)
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Biedron, Oldwick, New Jersey
53. *Mother and Child*
2001
Watercolor and colored pencil
13 x 10 inches (33 x 25.4 cm)
Private collection, Houston
54. *Primrose Path*
2001
Watercolor on paper
25 ½ x 19 ½ inches (64.8 x 49.5 cm)
Collection of Mark D. Ein
55. *The Beast, Arnhemland, Northern Australia*
2001
Charcoal and pastel
50 x 82 inches (127 x 208.3 cm)
On loan from the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas. Purchased with funds provided by Regina Rogers, Barbara and Robert Quinn, Rita and Richard Ashley, Lisa and Sam Parigi, Frances and Sam Bethea, Victor Rogers, and Gilbert Low. PC 2003.02

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56. *Heron on a Limb*
2001
Watercolor and charcoal
30 ¼ x 22 inches (76.8 x 55.9 cm)
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Eaton
57. *Blue Langoustine*
2002
Watercolor and pencil
11 1/4 x 14 1/4 inches (28.6 x 36.2 cm)
Collection of John and Anne Mullen
58. *Thistles*
2002
Watercolor and pencil
29 1/2 x 22 inches (74.9 x 55.9 cm)
Collection of Sandra French Clark
59. *Silverback*
2002
Charcoal, pastel, and watercolor
30 x 22 inches (76.2 x 55.9 cm)
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shelmire, Dallas, Texas
60. *Marabou Stork*
2002
Watercolor, charcoal, and pastel
27 1/2 x 22 inches (69.9 x 55.9 cm)
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, bequest of Caroline Wiess Law, 2004.4
61. *Palm Beach Reflecting Pool*
2003
Oil on canvas
20 x 40 inches (50.8 x 101.6 cm)
Collection of Steve Kroft and Jennet Conant
62. *Winter Storm at Montauk*
2004
Oil on canvas
60 x 70 inches (152.4 x 177.8 cm)
Private collection
63. *Owl Farm*
2005
Oil on canvas
64 x 70 inches (162.6 x 177.8 cm)
Collection of Alice and Lorne Michaels

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64. *High Cotton*
2005
Oil on canvas
60 x 70 inches (152.4 x 177.8 cm)
Collection of Allan and Robin Kanner
65. *Ship of Fools*
2006–7
Oil on canvas
96 x 78 inches (243.8 x 198.1 cm)
The Dicke Collection
66. *Man with Two Lives*
2007
Oil on paper
30 x 22 inches (76.2 x 55.9 cm)
Courtesy of Eaton Fine Art
67. *Melon Fields*
2007
Oil on canvas
74 x 80 inches (188 x 203.2 cm)
Collection of Jimmy and Jane Buffett, Sag Harbor, New York