

# Carrie CLAYDEN

## About Me

Painting is my passion. The mystery and excitement of creating never fails to amaze me. I love you dip my hands in paint and put myself into the painting, literally. Layers are everything. The time, the history, and the stories that come from building layers all make a better painting. Capturing a mood, a moment, a place and fixing it on canvas is a high like no other. The feeling is as intoxicating as falling in love or swimming in warm tropical water, and it keeps me motivated. Old things fascinate me – the stories they could tell. I want to capture that essence with my own hands. Painting with abandon is my mission.

## Exhibitions

### Group

Member Show  
*Santa Cruz Art League*  
*Santa Cruz, CA*  
2015-19

“Figure Contemporary”  
*Juried*  
*Santa Cruz Art League*  
2017

Open Studio  
*Arts Council Santa Cruz*  
2015-18

“Land and Sea”  
*Juried*  
*Arts Council Santa Cruz*  
2016

Open Studios  
*Arts Benicia*  
*Benicia, CA*  
2010-14

Art of a Community  
*Arts Benicia*  
*Benicia, CA*  
2010-14

### Solo

Curated  
*Capitola, CA*

Oswald’s Restaurant  
*Santa Cruz, CA*

Botanic and Luxe  
*Santa Cruz, CA*

Hotel Paradox  
*Santa Cruz, CA*

Artisan’s Gallery  
*Santa Cruz, CA*

Smooth Body Lounge  
*Santa Cruz, CA*



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## Gallery Work

Cotswold Contemporary  
*Cirencester, UK*

Sedona Arts Center  
*Sedona, AZ*  
Curated  
*Capitola, CA*

## Residencies

Chateau Orquevaux  
*Champagne-Ardenne, France*

## Art Instruction

Santa Cruz Art League  
*Santa Cruz, CA*

## Education

BA – Art & Women’s Studies  
*UC Santa Cruz*  
*Santa Cruz, CA*  
1995