

Dorothy Hood

Biography

As one of the early Texas abstract artists, **Dorothy Hood** was born in Bryan, Texas in 1918. Hood was raised in Houston and won a scholarship to the Rhode Island School of Design and then studied at the Art Students League in New York. Moving to Mexico, Dorothy Hood was front and center in the cultural, political, and social activity of Mexico and Latin America during a period of intense creative ferment. She developed close friendships with all the European exiles, Latin American surrealists, and Mexican social realists of the time... artists, composers, poets, playwrights, and revolutionary writers that influenced her art. Upon returning to Houston in 1961, Hood started to create the epic paintings that evoked the limitless skies and psychic voids of space, years ahead of NASA images. Over the next four decades, she became a renowned and highly collected Texas painter whose works were collected across the United States. Her works are included in over 30 major museums throughout the United States, as well as the collections of many individuals, corporations and foundations.

A large-scale exhibition of Dorothy Hood's works opened in 2016 at the Art Museum of South Texas in Corpus Christi, which marked the first major retrospective and included paintings, drawings and collages from the 1930s to 2000. Dorothy Hood's work is currently being featured in the Museum of Fine Arts - Houston exhibition, *Kindred Spirits: Louise Nevelson & Dorothy Hood*.

Deborah Colton Gallery re-introduced Hood's work to Houston in September of 2016 with a magnificent booth featuring Hoods work at the Houston Fine Arts Fair, then in a solo exhibition of her work at Deborah Colton Gallery in November 2016 to January 2017. Dorothy Hood's work have also been exhibited in major group exhibitions at Deborah Colton Gallery, including *Focus on the 70's and 80's Houston Foundations II* in 2017, which featured 26 well-known artists who contributed to the vibrant Houston art scene during this era. Hood's works are on display at the gallery's current exhibition *Earth & Space: Dorothy Hood and Daniel Kayne*.