

# *Lucille Nurkse*



*Musical Collages*

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*“If Wordsworth had been a visual artist instead of a poet, he might well have created collages very much like these delights by Lucy Nurkse. His poem, “Daffodils”, comes to mind, with its dancing, head-tossing blossoms and its reference to “that inner eye” filling the heart with pleasure.*

*Such innocent delight in the simple pleasures of life are all too rare in present-day visual art, and Nurkse finds them, often in the city, with its rich tapestry of humankind, enjoying the activities we tend to take for granted or overlook. In bold simple shapes fashioned of textured or patterned papers, set off by large areas of flat color, she almost carves the gesture of form.*

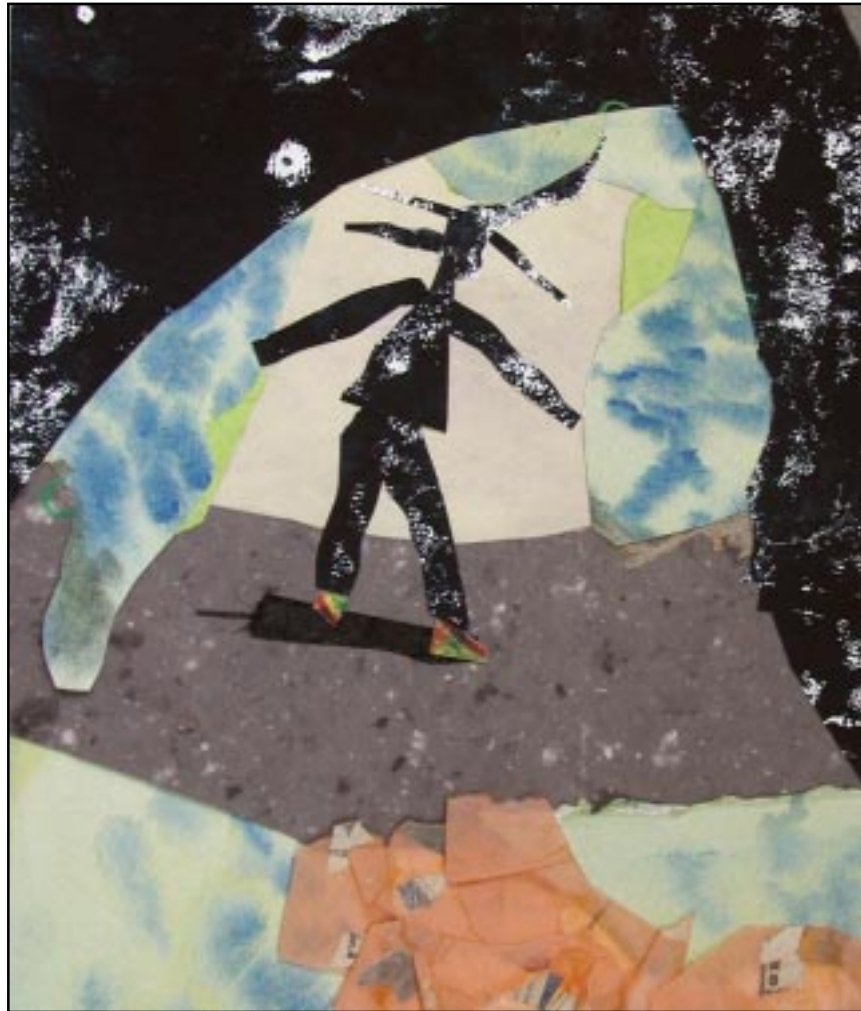
*Achieving the flatness so prized by the Cubists and their Asian inspiration, the Japanese woodcut artists of the 19th century, Nurkse adds a sense of sun and brilliant light that bathes the surface and enriches the palpable space of each work.*

*A geometric underpinning holds each collage in check, but in a way so subtle it often eludes the casual viewer. Reference to the work of Bearden can be discovered in both this geometric homage and in the variety of surface textures and color harmonies she employs, but these works would never be taken for those of any other artist. Nurkse has indeed identified a special niche in the two-dimensional lexicon and has made it all beautifully her own.”*

**Cynthia Maris Dantzig**

*Professor of Art, Long Island University*

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**Tap Practice**  
12" x 20"

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**Singer and the Band**  
21.5" x 27.5"

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**Diva**  
16" x 20"

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Hipp Hopping on the Train

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Music Lesson  
8" x 10"

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**Singer with Back up**  
16" X 22"

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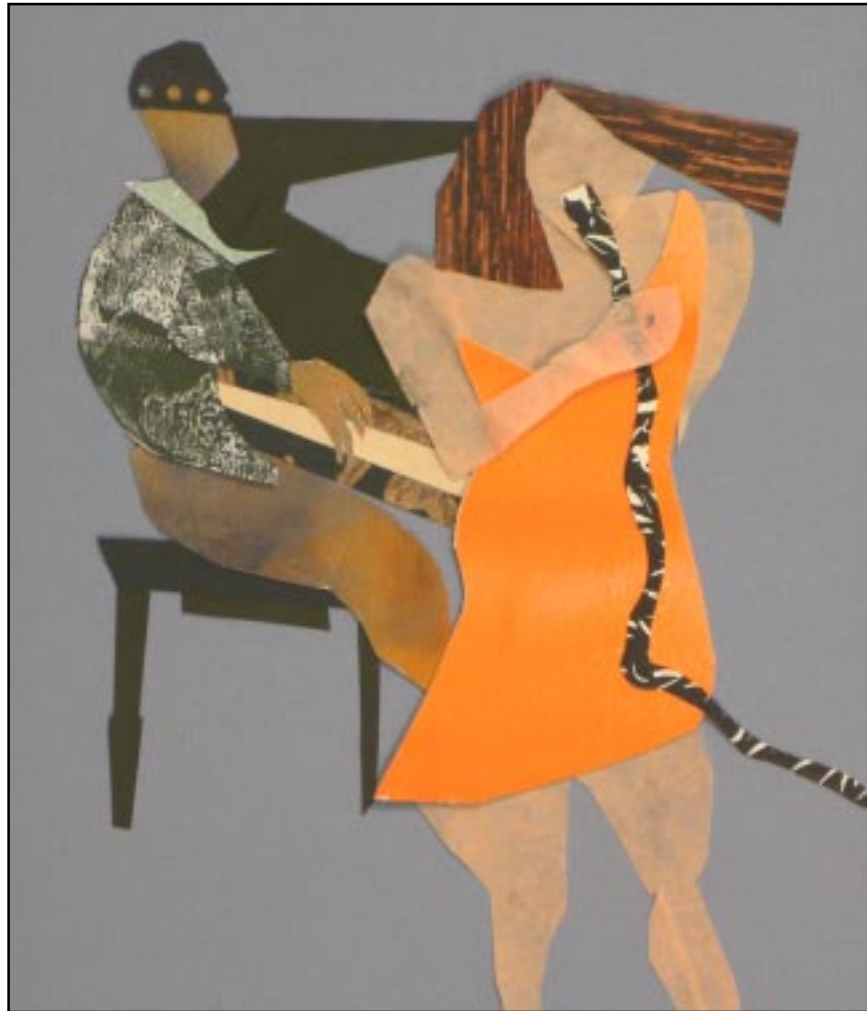
**Tap Jump**  
22.5" X 12"

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**Guitarist and Singer**  
15" x 9"

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Singer in Orange  
9" x 8"

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Striped Dress Singer  
18" x 14"

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**The Exchange**  
20" x 26"

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**Late Afternoon in the Park**  
16" x 20"

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## SOLO SHOWS

- 2009**      **The Interchurch Center**, NY, NY: Collages: Music, Music, Music  
**Brooklyn Public Library**, Brooklyn, NY: Collages: Beautiful Brooklyn
- 2008**      **St Peter's Church**, NY, NY: Paintings Celebrating Jazz
- 2004**      **St Peter's Church**, NY, NY: City Collages
- 2003**      **The Donald Gallery**, Dobbs Ferry, NY: Shared Spaces-Collages
- 2002**      **The Fall Café**, Brooklyn, NY: Portraits
- 2001**      **The Interchurch Center**, New York, NY: Watercolor Portraits
- 2000**      **780 Third Avenue**, New York, NY: Landscapes  
**Unibank Gallery**, New York, NY: Landscapes  
**Dag Hammarsjold Tower**, New York, NY: Landscapes  
**Cousin John's Café**, Brooklyn, NY: Portraits
- 1997**      New York Graphic Arts Council, New York, NY: **Monoprints**

## TWO PERSON SHOWS

- 2007**      **Daily Inspiration**, Artspace 129, Montclair, NJ
- 1999**      **Phoenix House**, B'klyn, NY: Country Spirit/City Spirit: Nurkse/  
Reynolds

## JURIED SHOWS

- 2010**      **Rahway Arts Guild**, Rahway, NJ: Self-Image: Contemporary Self-  
Portraits  
**Longyear Gallery**, Margaretville, NY: Artists Choose Artists
- 2009**      **New York Institute of Technology**, NY, NY: Art from Found  
Materials: Collage 1936-2009  
**Hudson Guild**, New York, NY: Parents and Children  
**Adirondack Lake Center for the Arts**, Blue Mountain Lake, NY:  
Celebrating Jazz  
**William Patterson University**, Wayne, NJ: Printmaking 2009.  
Received purchase award  
**Printmaking Council of New Jersey**, Sommerville NJ: "What does  
it mean to be Human?"
- 2008**      **Spring Studio: Aviva Stone Memorial Drawing Show**  
**Roxbury Arts**, Roxbury, NY  
**Creative Arts Center**, Potsdam, NY: Women in the Arts Group Show  
**118th NAWA Annual: Goggleworks**, Reading, PA  
**Tabla Rasa**, Brooklyn, NY: "Bridge as Icon"  
**Spring Studio 16th Annual Drawing Show**, New York, NY

- 2007**      Fredericksburg Center for the Arts, Fredericksburg, VA **Small Works**  
Gallery 61, **Staten Island, NY: Jazz-Inspired**  
Fredericksburg Center for the Arts: **Fredericksburg, VA: Passages**  
Gallery Korea, **NY, NY: Views from the Other Side**  
artspace 129, **Montclair, NJ: Daily Inspiration.**  
Venezuelan Center, **NY, NY: Women in the Arts: Inner Bridges to**  
**Outer Scenes**  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual NYU Small Works Show, juror **Jack Kempner**, **NY, NY**  
Spring Studio 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Drawing Show, **New York, NY**
- 2006**      **Artspace 129**, Montclair NJ, Whimsy  
**Port of Call Gallery**, Warwick, NY: National Association of Women  
Artists Small Works Show  
**Karpeles Library Museum**, Newburgh, NY: National Association of  
Women Artists Small Works Show  
**Women in the Arts, Tango Art**, Lafayette Grill, NY, NY.  
**117<sup>th</sup> National Association of Women Artists Annual**, Goggle  
Works, Reading, PA.
- 2005**      **Kleinert-James Gallery**, Woodstock, NY: Portraits  
**Noel Fine Arts Gallery**, Bronxville, NY: Summer Show  
**Manhattan Borough President's Office**, New York, NY: Women in  
the Arts Exhibition  
**Taller Buricua Gallery**, New York, NY: Women in the Arts
- 2004**      **The Woodstock School of Art**, Woodstock, NY  
**National Association of Women Artists Travelling Exhibition**, South  
Carolina  
**Noel Fine Arts Gallery**, Bronxville, NY: Collages
- 2003**      **Arsenal Gallery**, New York, NY: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Wreath Interpretations  
**Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts**, Fredericksburg, VA:  
Cityscapes
- 2002**      **Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts**, Fredericksburg, VA:  
Marking Time
- 2001**      **James Monroe Center, Mary Washington College**, Fredericksburg, VA:  
Home Show.  
**Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts**, Fredericksburg, VA:  
Home Show
- 2001**      **ARTBUILDERS**, Jersey City, NJ: Qualities and Potentialities of Paper
- 2000**      **YWCA**, Brooklyn, NY: 2001 The New Century  
**Gallery 214**, Montclair, NJ: Dreamscapes/Landscapes  
**Times Square Lobby Gallery**, NY, NY: Images from Performing Arts  
**Cuyahoga Valley Art Center**, Cuyahoga Falls, OH: 3<sup>rd</sup> Postcard Exhibit  
**Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts**, Fredericksburg, VA:  
Paperworks 2000  
**A.I.R..Gallery**, New York, NY: Generation II: Women Artists-Millennium  
**Port Authority**, New York, NY: 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Display  
**Columbia College**, Columbia, MO: Paper in Particular
- 1999**      **St Vincent Hospital and Health Center**, Billings, MT: Self-Portrait  
**Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts**, Fredericksburg, VA:  
Figure, Face and Form

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- 1998** Texas Technical Health Science Center, Orthopedics, Lubbock, TX: Show of Hands
- 1997** Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, Hempstead NY: 15<sup>th</sup> FAMILY Exhibit  
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ: National Drawing 1998  
Farmington Connecticut Art Guild, Farmington, CT: Nudes  
Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie, Trenton, NJ: Works on Paper
- 1996** Impact Gallery, Buffalo, NY: New Work  
Women's Caucus for the Arts Eastern Regional Conference, Boston, MA: Transformations
- 1995** Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA: The Figure  
Nabisco Food Group, Hanover, NJ: Lost and Found  
Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD: Art on Paper
- 1994** La Mama La Galleria, New York, NY: Styles and Aesthetics V  
Trenton City Museum, Trenton, NJ: Ellarslie Open XIII.  
Rutgers University, Camden, NJ: 1994 Works on Paper  
Elon College, Elton, NC: Davidson Contemporary Print Exhibit  
Clara Knott Von Storch Gallery, Dexter, MI: The Radicals
- 1993** The YWCA, Brooklyn, NY: JOY: Work of Three Women Artists  
Ceres Gallery, New York, NY: Fate of the Earth
- 1991** Maryland Federation of Artists, Annapolis, MD: Art on Paper 1991
- 1988** Gallery Triangle, Washington, D.C.: Recent Etchings

## GROUP SHOWS

- 2005** Jazz Ministry, St Peter's Church, New York, NY: Silent Auction  
Guild Hall, Members Show, East Hampton, NY  
National Association of Women Artists, Small Works Show, NY, NY  
Crosby Studio, New York, NY: Portrait Show  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show
- 2004** BWAC Solo Art Show, Brooklyn, NY  
Times Square Lobby, New York, NY: My Summer  
A.I.R., New York, NY: Wish You Were There  
Times Square Lobby, New York, NY: Everyday Magic  
Times Square Lobby, New York, NY: American Iconology  
BWAC 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pier Show, Brooklyn, NY  
A.I.R. 2004, New York, NY.  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: 12th Anniversary Show  
The Aurora Actors Fund Lobby
- 2003** BWAC Solo Work Show, Brooklyn, NY  
The Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: Peace Works  
BWAC 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pier Show, Brooklyn, NY  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: 11<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Show  
YWCA, Brooklyn, NY: Winter Show  
Artists' Space, New York, NY: Night of a Thousand Drawings
- 2002** The Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: Diversity, NYC.  
Crosby Studio, New York, NY: Portrait Show

- YWCA, Brooklyn, NY: Self-Portraits  
BWAC: Small Works Show, Brooklyn, NY  
The Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: Symbology  
The Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: World Visions  
Pace University, The Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts, New York, NY: Women in the Arts....back downtown  
Crosby Studio, New York, NY: Mythic Moments-Drawings  
The Computer Café, Brooklyn, NY: Portraits  
Ozzie's Café, Brooklyn, NY: Open Studio Tour Artists Show  
BWAC Pier Show Ten, Brooklyn, NY  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: A Decade of Drawing  
New Century Artists Gallery, NYC, NY: GLUE-2 Collage/Assemblage  
Artists' Space, New York, NY: Night of a Thousand Drawings  
BWAC Small Works Show, Brooklyn, NY.  
Blue Mountain Gallery, New York, NY: Small Works Invitational  
Graphic Arts Council of New York, New York, NY: Members Show  
BWAC Pier Show Nine, Brooklyn, NY  
The Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: Getting It Together  
The Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: In Memory-After 9/11  
Blue Mountain Gallery, New York, NY: Gala Auction  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: 9 Years of Figure Drawing  
New Century Artists Gallery, NY,NY: GLUE-Collage/Assemblage Show  
BWAC Small Works, Brooklyn, NY  
Nexus Gallery, New York, NY: Small Works Show  
Blue Mountain Gallery, New York, NY: Summer Invitational  
YWCA, Brooklyn, NY: Summer Exhibit 2000  
Ashforth Warburg, New York, NY: Impressions of NY  
Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: Convergence 2000  
BWAC Pier Show Eight, Brooklyn, NY  
Nexus Gallery, New York, NY: Tranquil Landscapes  
Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: The Love Show  
The Williamsburg Art and Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY:  
Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition Fall Show.  
Prospect Park Residency, B'klyn, NY: B'klyn Visions: Autumn  
Fall Café, Brooklyn, NY: Kenilworth Art Showcase Members  
YWCA, Brooklyn, NY: Summer '99 Exhibition  
Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition, Brooklyn NY: Pier VII Show  
Times Square Lobby Gallery, New York, NY: Plan for Peace  
Phoenix House, Brooklyn, NY: Inaugural Celebration  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: 7<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Show  
YWCA, Brooklyn, NY: New Year Exhibit Winter 1999  
Nexus Gallery, New York, NY: Small Works 1998  
Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition, Brooklyn, NY: A Place In It  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: Portrait Show  
Kentler International Drawing Space, Brooklyn, NY: Small Works  
Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition, Brooklyn, NY: Pier VI Show  
Spring Studio, New York, NY: Six Years of Figure Drawing

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- 1997 **Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition**, Brooklyn, NY: Small Works  
**Methodist Hospital Atrium**, Brooklyn, NY: Park Slope Artist
- 1996 **Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition**, Brooklyn, NY: Pier IV Show.  
**Water Street Building**, Brooklyn, NY: B26 Show.
- 1995 **Soho Biennial**, New York, NY: Between That and That.  
**Charity Auction**, NY, NY: Creative Hands Benefit for Green Chimney Children's Services.
- 1991 **Organization of Independent Artists**, New York, NY: Salon 1991
- 1990 **Park Slope Gallery**, Brooklyn, NY: Between the Parks
- 1989 **Park Slope Gallery**, Brooklyn, NY.: Summer Invitational  
**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Broadway Village Art Street Fair**
- 1988 **Park Slope Artists Council: Park Slope Artists Open Studios**
- 1986 **Park Slope Artists' Council**, Brooklyn, NY: Federal Plaza Exhibition
- 1985 **Park Slope Artists' Council**, Brooklyn, NY: Bush Terminal
- 1983 **Atlantic Gallery**, New York, NY: Summer Invitational  
**Smith Street Etching Studio: Members Show**

## AWARDS

**Myra Biggerstaff Memorial Award**  
National Association of Women Artists, 2006

## COLLECTIONS:

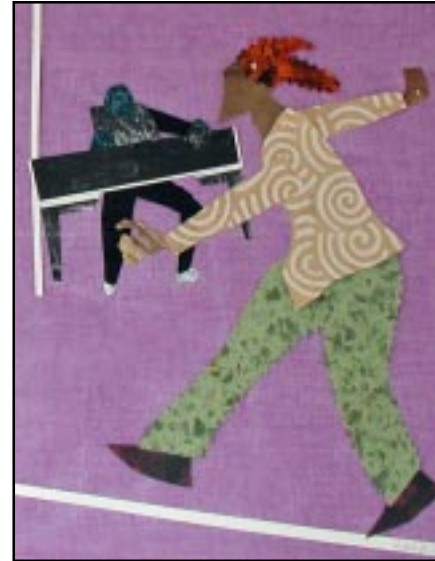
**Zimmerli Museum**, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
**Various private collections**

## PUBLICATIONS:

**Slim Volume a memoir by Glenn Hopkins** published by Xlibris with Donatello Press, Oct. 2009- portait by Lucy Nurske  
**Woodstock Times:** July 25, 2002  
**A Place In Our Hearts**  
**New York Daily News:** June 13, 2000  
**Jubilee 2000 Calendar:** St Vincent Hospital and Health Center, Billings, MT  
**Twenty-Nine Voices:** New York Wellesley Artists, 1998.  
**Introducing the Radicals:** Clara Knott vonStorch Gallery, Dexter, MI1993

## RESIDENCIES:

**Byrdcliffe Art Colony**, 1996-2003  
**Blue Mountain Center**, 1996



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## EDUCATION:

**Independent Study** with Skip Lawrence, Andrew Reiss, & Wang Chi Yuan  
**Wellesley College**, B.A. 1970

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