

**ODILI DONALD ODITA**

Born in Enugu, Nigeria  
Lives and works in Philadelphia

**EDUCATION**

- 1990** M.F.A., Bennington College, Vermont
- 1988** B.F.A. (with Distinction) Ohio State University; Excellence in the Arts

**SELECTED ONE-ARTIST EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 – 2025** *Odili Donald Odita: A Survey of Context*, Abrams-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, September 13 – December 7, 2024. Traveling to: The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, NY, January 25 – May 11, 2025.
- 2023** *Burning Cross*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, January 10 – February 18, 2023.  
*Degrees of Separation*, David Kordansky, Los Angeles, CA, November 11 – December 16, 2023.  
*Windows*, Stevenson, Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 11 – April 15, 2023.  
*Open Veil*, Crown Point Press, San Francisco, CA, January 13 – March 10, 2023.
- 2022** *3 Steps From Center*, The Contemporary Dayton, Ohio, February 3, 2022 – April 16, 2022.  
*Surroundings*, The University of Iowa Stanley Museum of Art, Iowa, 2022 – 2024.
- 2021 – 2023** *Walls of Change*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, February 2021 – 2023.  
*Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida, May 2021 – 2023.
- 2020** *Mirror*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, September 10 – October 2020.  
*Odili Donald Odita: From Periphery to Center*, Laumeier Sculpture Park & Jeske Sculpture Park, Missouri, August 8 – December 20, 2020.  
*Procession*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
- 2019-2020** *Mamba Negra*, ICA Miami, Miami, Florida, November 7, 2019 – November 1, 2020.  
*Force Field*, Sarasota Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida, 2019 – 2020.
- 2018** *Other World*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, May 22 – June 30, 2018.  
*Third Sun*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, January 5, 2018 – February 10, 2018.  
*Constellation*, FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, Cleveland Ohio, 2018.
- 2017** *Gateway*, Newark Museum of Art, Newark, New Jersey, 2017.
- 2016** *Odili Donald Odita: The Differend*, Curated by Robert C. Morgan and Michele Bonuomo, M77 Gallery, Milan, Italy, May 31 – September 17, 2016.
- 2015-2017** *Shadow & Light: Time Bridge*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, August 18, 2015 – October 1, 2017.

- 2015** *Odili Donald Odita: Third Degree of Separation*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, March 5 – April 11, 2015.  
*Odili Donald Odita: The Velocity of Change*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, December 11, 2015 – January 30, 2016.  
*Our House*, City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, Pennsylvania, 2015.
- 2014** *Bridge*, Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
- 2013** *Infinite Horizon*, George C. Young US Courthouse & Federal Building.  
*This, That, and the Other*, Jack Shainman Gallery, 513 West 20th Street, New York, October 18–November 16, 2013.  
*Grey*, Beta Pictoris, Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL.
- 2012** *Odili Donald Odita: Event Horizon*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, October 18–November 24, 2012.  
*Heaven's Gate*, Savannah College of Art & Design Museum of Art, December 27, 2012 – June 2, 2013.
- 2011** *Forever*, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Curated by Miranda Lash.
- 2010** *Light and Vision*, The US Mission to The United Nations, New York.  
*Perspectives 169: Odili Donald Odita*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, February 11–May 2, 2010.  
*Body & Space*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, November 18–December 23, 2010.
- 2009** *Television*, Ulrich Project Series, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, Kansas, April 9–April 26, 2010.  
*Up & Away* (permanent installation), Butler Commons, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, October 9, 2010.
- 2008–2009** *Third Space*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, September 5, 2008–December 6, 2009.  
Exhibition organized by Stamatina Gregory. (Brochure)
- 2008** *Double Edge*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, October 16–November 22, 2008.  
(Catalogue)
- 2007–2008** *FLOW*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, November 10, 2007–Fall 2008.  
*Equalizer*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, November 14, 2007–March 9, 2008.
- 2006** *Fusion*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, November 17–December 22, 2006.
- 2005** *Paradise*, Wertz Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
- 2004** *The Third Eye*, Galerie Judin Belot, Zurich, March–April 2004.  
*Notes from Paradise*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York, October 18–December 2004.  
*New Work*, Galerie Schuster, Frankfurt.
- 2003** *Transformer*, Hospitalhof, Stuttgart, May–June 2003. Curated by Helmut A. Mueller.  
*RESISTANCE*, Matrix Art Project, Brussels, September–October 2003.  
*New Work*, Schmidt Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO.
- 2002** *Interlude*, Wintergarten, Vienna, March 2002.  
*New Work*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, Florida, August 22–October 29, 2002.  
*Art Statements* with Florence Lynch Gallery, Art Basel Miami Beach.

*New Work*, Galerie Schustser & Scheuermann, Berlin.  
*New Work*, Galerie Schuster, Frankfurt.

- 2001** *LIFE*, Riva Gallery and Florence Lynch Gallery, New York, October–November 2001.  
*Paintings & Drawings*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York.
- 2000** *Passport*, Jenn Joy Gallery, San Francisco  
*Transfers/Odyssey*, Kunsthalle, St. Gallen, Switzerland, curated by Dorothea Strauss.  
*New Work*, Hofstra University, Alex Rosenberg Art Gallery, Calkins Hall, NY
- 1999** *The Invisible Empire*, Gallery 101, Ottawa-Ontario, Canada, January 23–February 27, 1999. (Catalogue)  
*Color Theory*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York.
- 1992** *The Jaws of Domesticity*, der Kiosk, Installation, St. Gallen, Switzerland.

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 – 2025** *Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY, February 10 - July 7, 2024. Traveling to: High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, September 13, 2024 – January 19, 2025; Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN, March 8 – July 13, 2025.  
*A Planar Garden*, Alexandre Gallery, New York, NY, November 21, 2024 – January 11, 2025.
- 2024** *Counterpoint*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK, January 19 – March 2, 2024.  
*The Rains are Changing Fast: New Acquisitions in Context*, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY, March 23 – September 1, 2024.
- 2023 – 2024** *Morphologies*, TOTAH, New York, NY, November 14, 2023 – January 21, 2024.
- 2023** *Impulse*, Galerie Thomas, Munich, Germany, September 9 – October 21, 2023.  
*20*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, July 8 – August 19, 2023.  
*Tales for a Stranger*, Maruani Mercier, Brussels, Belgium, May 27 – July 1, 2023.  
*Come A Little Closer*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY, January 12 – February 11, 2023.
- 2022 – 2023** *Black Abstractionists: From Then 'til Now*, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX, October 8, 2022 – January 29, 2023.  
*Beyond the Surface: Collage, Mixed Media and Textile Works from the Collection*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC, June 16, 2022 – May 14, 2023.
- 2022** *Stressed World*, The School | Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, New York, June 5 – December 3, 2022.
- 2021** *Today and Tomorrow*, Gana Art Gallery, Seoul, South Korea, July 2nd - August 1st, 2021.  
*New Grit: Art & Philly Now*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, May 7 – August 22, 2021.  
*Color/Code: Sam Jablon & Odili Donald Odita*, Morgan Presents Gallery, New York, NY, September 23 – November 2, 2021.
- 2020 – 2021** *Color Field*, Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR: June 1–September 30, 2019. Travelled to: Artis—Naples, The Baker Museum, Naples, FL: November 25, 2019 – May 15, 2020; University of Houston System, Houston, Texas, October 2020 – May 2021.  
*Theft and Destruction*, Galeria Arsenal, Poland, February 21 – April 9, 2020.

- 2019 – 2020** *Driving Forces: Contemporary Art from the Collection of Ann and Ron Pizzuti*, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH, November 1, 2019 – February 2, 2020.
- 2019** *Take Up Space*, Pizzuti Collection, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH, September 8, 2018 - January 20, 2019.  
*Selected Contemporary Paintings and Works on Paper*, John Berggruen Gallery, February 28th – May 11th, 2019.  
*Major Contemporary Works*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA, May 16th – August 31st, 2019.  
*Count of Three*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY, April 18th – May 24th, 2019.  
*The Usual Suspects: A View of Abstraction*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY, June 13th – August 9th, 2019.  
*How We See: Materiality of Color*, Laumeier Sculpture Park, St. Louis, Missouri, March 2 – June 20, 2019.  
*Generations: A History of Black and Abstract Art*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland, September 29, 2019 – January 19, 2020.  
*Every Day: Selections from the Collection*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland, July 14, 2019 – January 5, 2020.  
*Double Edged: Geometric Abstraction Then and Now*, The Bob & Lissa Shelley McDowell Gallery, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, North Carolina, May 25 – August 18, 2019.
- 2018- 2019** *Parking on Pavement*, The School | Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, NY, November 17, 2018 – March 2, 2019.  
*Makeshift*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, September 22, 2018 – March 3, 2019.
- 2017-2019** *Third Space / Shifting Conversations About Contemporary Art*, Jemison Galleries at The Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama, January 28, 2017 – January 6, 2019.
- 2018** *Front International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art: An American City*, Constellation, Curated by Michelle Grabner. July 14, 2018 – September 30, 2018.  
*Abstract Minded: Works by Six Contemporary African Artists*, Dorsky Museum of Art, State University of New York, Jaunary 24 – April 15, 2018. Traveled to: August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Pittsburgh, PA, April 27 – July 22, 2018.
- 2017- 2018** *Prospect 4 The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp*, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 18, 2017- February 25, 2018.  
*New Horizon*, Installation commission in the Dean's Suite at the Tyler School of Art / Temple University, Philidelphia.
- 2017** *Anachronism and Liberation*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 4—September 17, 2017.  
*Vital Curiosity*, Susan Lemberg Usdan Gallery at Bennington College, Vermont, June 28 – September 2017.  
*A Painting Today*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, March 6 – April 22, 2017.  
*nonObjectives*. Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 16 – July 23, 2017.  
*NEW NEW YORK: Continuum*, The Curator Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY, February 23 – April 15, 2017.  
*The Wisdom of Trees*, Installation commission at Cummins Indy, Cummins Inc. Building, design by Deborah Burke.  
*Field of Dreams*, Installation commission for the collection of Al Shands, Great Meadows Foundation, Crestwood, Kentucky.

*NEW NEW YORK: Continuum*, The Curator Gallery, Chelsea, New York, February 23, 2017 – April 15, 2017.

**2016-2017** *Africans in America*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa, November 17, 2016 – December 17, 2017.

**2016** *Alumni Exhibition*. Curated by Todd von Ammon. Bennington College, Usdan Gallery, Bennington, Vermont, September 20 – October 16, 2016.  
*Confluence/Influence: Mingei in Contemporary Abstraction*. Curated by Leslie Wayne with Bridget Donlon. Dorsky Curatorial Programs, Long Island City, New York, September 18 – December 10, 2016.  
*The Pineapple Show*. Curated by Zina Saro-Wiwa. Boys' Quarters Project Space, London, United Kingdom, July 8 – August 2016.  
*The Condition of Place: The Woodmere Annual 75th Juried Exhibition*, Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA, June 4 – August 28, 2016.  
*Color + Theory: Past and Present*, The Fine Art Museum at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, February 18 – May 6, 2016.  
*Al Shands Collection Wall Installation*, Louisville, Kentucky, September 1 – 15, 2016.  
*In Context: Africans in America*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa Johannesburg Art Gallery, 17 November 2016 – 17 December 2016.  
*EXCHANGE*, Galerie Hans Mayer, Düsseldorf, Germany, October 14 – November 2016.  
*(VBS) Vital Burning Sunset*, Curated by Todd von Ammon. Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery, Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont. September 20 – October 16, 2016

**2015-2016** *SCHEMA* (catalogue), Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, November 26, 2015 – January 16, 2016.  
*Outside the Lines: Color Across the Collections*, Newark Museum, New Jersey, September 19 – January 10, 2016.

**2014-2015** *CHROMA* (catalogue), Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa, November 24, 2014 – January 17, 2015.

**2015** *Represent: 200 Years of African American Art*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, January 10, 2015 - April 5, 2015.  
*NEW NEW YORK: Abstract Painting in the 21st Century*, University Art Galleries & The John Young Museum of Art, of Hawaii, Manoa, August 1 – December 31, 2015.

**2014** *Evolving Geometries: Line, Form, and Color*, Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, September 25 – November 20, 2014.  
*Sound Vision: Contemporary Art from the Collection*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, March 6–August 3, 2014.  
Visual Arts Gallery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, January 15, 2014.

**2013** *North by Northwest*, Marginal Utility, Philadelphia, November 1–24, 2013.  
*Pulp 3*, Beta Pictoris Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, August 9-September 7, 2013.

**2012–2013** *Never Underestimate a Monochrome*, University of Iowa Museum of Art, September 30, 2012–January 31, 2013.

**2012** *The Geometric Unconscious: Desire, Discipline and Modern Art, 1910-2010*, Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, October 5, 2012–January 20, 2013. (Traveling)  
*Magical Visions*, University Museums, University of Delaware, Newark, February 8–June 30, 2012.

*African Abstraction*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Art Basel, Switzerland

- 2011–2012** *Karmic Abstraction*, Bridgette Mayer Gallery, Philadelphia, November 1, 2011–January 15, 2012. (Catalogue; text by John Yau)  
*The Bearden Project*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, November 10, 2011–March 11, 2012.
- 2011** *Building the Contemporary Collection: Five Years of Acquisitions*, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, March 10–August 14, 2011. Curated by Trevor Schoonmaker.  
*20 Years Thami Mnyele Foundation*, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam, March 12–April 29, 2011.  
*Geography of Somewhere*, Brodie/Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 14–May 13, 2011. Curated by David Brodie. (Catalogue)  
*ARS 11*, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland, April 15–November 27, 2011. (Catalogue)
- 2010–2011** *The Global Africa Project*, Museum of Art and Design, New York, November 17, 2010–May 15, 2011. Curated by Lowery Sims and Leslie King-Hammond. (Catalogue)
- 2010** *Wild is the Wind*, Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), Georgia, January 8–February 28, 2010. Curated by Laurie Ann Farrell  
*Off the Grid*, G Fine Art, Washington D.C.
- 2009** *Contemporary Art of Africa and the African Diaspora*, High Museum of Art, Atlanta  
*Poised*, Solomon Projects, Atlanta  
*Strip/Stripe: A Project by Test*, Emily Harvey Foundation, New York  
*Wallworks*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco
- 2008** *Artcrush*, Jenny Jaskey Gallery, Philadelphia  
*Paper Trail II: Passing Through Clouds*, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, MA  
*Summer 2008/9*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town  
Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
- 2007** *Baroque-Ademia*, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY  
*The Color Line*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York  
*Exquisite Crisis and Encounters*, Asian/Pacific/American Institute at NYU, New York  
*Post Painterly Abstraction*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia  
*Tapping Currents: Contemporary African Art and Diaspora*, The Nelson-Atkins  
*Think with the Senses - Feel with the Mind. Art in the Present Tense*, 52nd Venice Biennale in the Italian Pavilion, curated by Robert Storr  
*Summer 2007/8*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town
- 2006** *Parallel Economies*, Wertz Contemporary, Atlanta, February 3–March 4, 2006. (Catalogue; texts by Franklin Sirmans, Gean Moreno and Odili Donald Odita)  
*-poiesis*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, June 29–July 28, 2006.  
*The Beautiful Game*, Roebling Hall, Brooklyn  
*Big Juicy Paintings and More: Highlights from the Permanent Collection*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, Florida, FL  
*Diaspora and the Desert*, at the Heard Museum, Phoenix  
*Distant Relatives/Relative Distance*, Michael Stevenson Contemporary, Cape Town  
*New Order*, Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich  
*Ordering & Seduction*, Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Nederland 1*, Museum Gouda, The Netherlands

*Represent: Selections from the Studio Museum in Harlem*, Studio Museum, New York  
*The Shape of Jazz*, Clifford Chance Projects, New York  
*Synthetic Rhapsody: Florida in Miami*, AR Contemporary Art, Milan  
*The Whole World is Rotten*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati  
Luanda Triennale 2006, The Triennale of Luanda, Angola

**2005** *Surface Charge*, Virginia Commonwealth University Museum, Richmond, September–December 4, 2005.  
*Round Leather Worlds*, Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin, October 20, 2005–January 8, 2006. Curated by Dorothea Strauss

*A Warlike People: Victims or Perpetrators*, Monorchid Gallery, Phoenix  
*Collectors Show and Sale*, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas  
*The Shape of Colour: Excursions in Colour Field Art, 1950–2005*, Art Gallery of Ontario

**2004** Dak'Art 2004 – Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art, Senegal, May 2004.

*Anthology of Art*, School of Fine Arts, Braunschweig  
*Flipside*, Artists Space, New York  
*Home Extension*, University Art Museum, Albany, NY  
*Transit: Abstracting the System*, City Gallery at Chastain, Atlanta  
*UnStaged*, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam  
*Visualizing Diaspora/Construct Self*, GASP, Boston

**2003–2006** *Fiction of Authenticity: Contemporary Africa Abroad* (travelling exhibition), Baffler Gallery, The Art Museum of the University of Houston, Texas, September–November 2006. Previously exhibited at: North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh; Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Purnell Center for the Arts, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, August 20–October 3, 2004; The Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, September 20, 2003–January 3, 2004. Curated by Shannon Fitzgerald and Tumelo Mosaka.

**2003–2005** *Black President: The Art and Legacy of Fela Anikulapo Kuti*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, July–September 2003. Traveled to: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Seattle, April–July 2004; Barbican Art Gallery, London, September 9–October 24, 2004; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, December 18, 2004–March 6, 2005. (Catalogue)

**2003** *After Matisse & Picasso*, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, New York  
*Art Positions* with Kevin Bruk Gallery, Art Basel Miami Beach, FL  
*Specificity*, Riva Gallery, New York  
*Yellow Pages*, Turm Gallery, Helmstedt, Germany

**2002** *Collection in Context*, The Studio Museum of Harlem, New York  
*The Field's Edge: Africa, Diaspora, Lens*, University of South Florida  
*Irrational Propositions*, POST, Los Angeles  
*Miami Currents*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, Florida, FL  
*Painting As Paradox*, Artist Space, New York  
*Peculiarly Pink*, LUXE, New York  
*Pictures*, Greene/Naftali Inc., New York

**2001** *Against the Wall: Painting Against the Grid*, Surface and Frame, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia  
*Chelsea Rising*, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans  
*Five Continents & One City*, 3rd International Salon of Painting, Museum Mexico City  
*Here and Now*, Zacheta National Gallery, Warsaw  
*Kjubh Kunstverein*, Cologne, Germany, represented by Florence Lynch Gallery

*Material and Matter*, The Studio Museum of Harlem, New York  
*Pleasures of Sight and States of Being: Radical Abstract Painting*, Museum of Fine Arts, FSU

- 2000** *Out of America*, Galerie Schuster & Scheuermann, Frankfurt & Berlin  
*Transcending The Norm And Some*, New Jersey City University, Lemmerman Gallery
- 1999** *IN-VISIBLE: Abstractions & Narratives*, Arsenal Gallery, Bialystok, Poland, September 10–October 17, 1999.  
*4X4*, Alexandre de Folin Gallery, New York  
*Civil Sex; (First Stages Collaboration w/ Brian Freeman)*, Public Theater, Shiva Gallery, New York  
*Ideoscape*; Boston Center for the Arts, MA  
*Kunstmarkt*, Residenzschloss Dresden, Dresden  
*Outside Edge: A Survey*, Unversite de Paris 1, Pantheon - La Sorbonne, Paris  
*Paradise 8 (Permanent Resident / Home and The World)*; Curatorial Project- Exit Art, New York  
*Vanishing Pt.*; Cynthia Broan Gallery, New York  
*You Are Here*, Matrix Art Project (MAP), New York  
*Zeitwenden: Ausblick Ruckblick*, Museum of Modern Art, Bonn, and Museum of Modern Art, Vienna
- 1998** *Crossing Lines*; Art-In-General, New York  
ART/OMI, International Artist Residency Exhibition; Ghent, NY
- 1997** *Aphrodisia*; The Alternative Museum; New York  
*Diversity in Contemporary Africa: Survey Exhibition of Contemporary African Art*, The Ohio State University  
*Interior Life*; Rush Arts, New York  
*Really*; UnFinished Gallery; Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY  
2nd Johannesburg Biennial 1997, South Africa
- 1996** *At the Foreground of Paths*; Skoto Gallery, New York  
*One*; Rush Fine Arts; New York  
*Something I Saw in Brooklyn...*; Galerie Elizabeth Valleix, Paris
- 1995** *Stitches*; Four Walls; November 12, Brooklyn, NY  
*Celebrity Hood*; Longwood Arts Project, Bronx Council on the Arts, NY  
*Either/Or*; Flamingo East, New York  
*Gotcha!*; Momenta Art, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY  
*Modern Life*; Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, in conjunction with Newark Museum, NJ  
*Other Rooms*; Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York  
*Pseudo Museum*; Jupiter Interactive Productions, New York  
*Split-Level*; Art-In-General, New York  
*Unfolding Stories*; John Jay College of Art, Music & Philosophy, City University of New York
- 1994** *Fired: A Late Night Comedy Show*; No Bias, North Bennington, VT  
*Fired: A Late Night Comedy Show*; Thicket, New York  
*Go Back and Fetch It (It Means Sankofa)*; Gallery Annex and Rush Fine Arts, New York  
The Third Forum of Visual Art; Museum of Art Brasilia, Brazil
- 1993** *A Grand Tour*; Swiss Institute, New York  
*Trespass-Beyond Borders*; Right Bank Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
FIAR International Prize- Art Under 30 (1991–1993), Milan, Rome, Paris, London, Los Angeles, New York; National Academy of Design, NY. New York. (Catalogue)



1992 *Without A Notion (A Painting Show)*, 88 Room, Boston.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

2017 Member, National Academy Museum & School, New York

2014 The Janet Sloane Residency, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, New York

2007 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Grant

2004 The Thami Mnyele Foundation Grant for African Artists.

2001 The Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant for Painting and Sculpture.

2000 Nomination for Best Show of the Year by the International Association of Art Critics in New York. ArtsLink Collaborative Projects Award in Warsaw, Poland for exhibition, "Here & Now".

1999 Reithalle Artist Residency, St. Gallen, Switzerland

1998 ART/OMI – International Artist Residency, Omi, New York

1994 Penny McCall Foundation Grant

## LECTURES & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2015 "3rd Degree of Separation," The Nasher Museum, Durham, North Carolina

2011 "The Role of Art in Diplomacy," National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland

Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama

Comcast Technology Center, Philadelphia

Downtown Durham YMCA, North Carolina

George C. Young Federal Building and US Courthouse, Orlando, Florida  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York

MTA Arts for Transit, New York

Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, Mississippi

Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, North Carolina

Newark Museum, New Jersey

New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana

New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia

Pérez Art Museum, Miami, Florida

Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, Pennsylvania  
 Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania  
 Princeton University, Butler College  
 Percent for the Arts, PS 340, New York  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California  
 Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Standard Bank Art Collection, Johannesburg  
 Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
 The Dean Collection LLC, New York  
 Fox School of Business, Temple University, Philadelphia  
 Ulrich Museum, Wichita State University, Kansas  
 United States Mission to the United Nations, United Nations, New York  
 Center for the Arts, Virginia Tech, Virginia  
 Ezra Stiles College, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

## COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

Give Me Shelter, 2007 Venice Biennale\*  
 Flow, 2007, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH  
 Equalizer, 2007, Studio Museum, Harlem, NY\*  
 Third Space, 2008, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA\*  
 Up and Away, 2009, Princeton University Art Museum, NJ  
 2009, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA\*  
 2010, The US Mission to The United Nations, New York, NY  
 2011, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland\*  
 Forever, 2011, New Orleans Museum of Art, LA  
 Time and Time, 2012, New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, NY  
 Heaven's Gate, 2012, Savannah College of Art and Design Museum of Art, GA\*  
 Kaleidoscope, 2012, MTA 20th Avenue D Train, NYC  
 2013, George C. Young US Courthouse & Federal Building  
 Possible Worlds, 2014, PS340M, NYC  
 Bridge, 2014 Virginia Tech, VA\*  
 Our House, 2015, City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, PA\*  
 Shadow and Light, 2015, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC  
 Time Bridge, 2015, YMCA, Durham, NC  
 Rise, 2015, Yale University, CT  
 The Wisdom of Trees, 2016, Cummins Distribution Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN  
 Gateway, 2017, Newark Museum, NJ\*  
 Constellation, 2018, FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, OH\*  
 Mamba Negra, 2019, ICA Miami, FL\*  
 Force Field, 2019, Sarasota Museum of Art, FL\*  
 Negative Space, 2019, University of Houston, Houston, TX  
 Odili Donald Odita: From Periphery to Center, 2020, Laumeier Sculpture Park & Jeske Sculpture Park, MO\*  
 Procession, 2020, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, VA  
 Walls of Change, 2021, Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA\*  
 Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, 2021, Boca Raton Museum of Art, FL\*  
 Field and Sky, 2021, Penn Medicine Pavilion, PA  
 Surroundings, 2022, The University of Iowa Stanley Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA\*  
 Meeting Place / Painting with Changing Parts, 2022, Rice University, Houston, TX  
 Thresholds, 2022, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA\*

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