

MICKALENE THOMAS

Born 1971 in Camden, NJ
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

EDUCATION

- 2025** Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, Rutgers University-Camden, NJ
- 2018** Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, New York Academy of Art, New York, NY
- 2002** MFA, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2000** BFA, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
- 1998** Southern Cross University, Lismore, Australia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** *Beneath the Moonlight*, The Shepherd, Detroit, MI, June 6 – August 23, 2026.
- 2025 – 2026** *Mickalene Thomas: Je T'Adore Deux*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, FR, October 19, 2025 – January 24, 2026.
- 2024 – 2026** *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*, The Broad, Los Angeles, CA, May 25 – September 29, 2024. Travelled to: The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, October 20, 2024 – January 12, 2025; The Hayward Gallery, London, UK, February 11 – May 5, 2025; Les Abattoirs, Toulouse, FR, June 13 – November 9, 2025; Grand Palais, Paris, FR, December 17, 2025 – April 5, 2026. *Mickalene Thomas: myblackisbeautiful*, The Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO, July 26 – September 2, 2024.
- 2023** *je t'adore*, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, NY, September 9 – November 11, 2023.
- 2022 – 2023** *Mickalene Thomas Avec Monet*, Musée de l'Orangerie, Paris, FR, October 13, 2022 – February 6, 2023.
- 2021** *Beyond the Pleasure Principle*, Lévy Gorvy, New York, NY, September 9 – November 27, 2021. Travelled to: Lévy Gorvy, London, UK, September 30 – November 20, 2021; Lévy Gorvy, Paris, FR, October 7 – November 13, 2021; Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, FR, October 7 – December 18, 2021; and Lévy Gorvy, Hong Kong, China, October 15 – December 15, 2021. *A Moment's Pleasure*, Baltimore Museum of Art, MD.
- 2019 – 2020** *Mickalene Thomas: découverte*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO, December 26, 2019 – February 7, 2020. *Mickalene Thomas: Better Nights*, The Bass Museum of Art, Miami, FL, December 1, 2019 – November 16, 2020.
- 2019** *Jet: beautés du mois*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, FR, September 25 – November 16, 2019.

- 2018 – 2020** *Mickalene Thomas: Femmes Noires*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada, November 29, 2018 – March 24, 2019; Travelled to: Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, LA, November 2, 2019 – June 14, 2020.
- 2018** *Mickalene Thomas: I Can't See You Without Me*, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH, September 14 – December 30, 2018.
- 2017 – 2018** *Waiting on a Prime-Time Star*, Newcomb Art Museum, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, January 18 – April 9, 2017; Travelled to: Moody Center for the Arts, Houston, TX, September 28, 2017 – January 13, 2018.
- 2016** *Mickalene Thomas: the desire of the other*, Lehmann Maupin, Hong Kong
Mickalene Thomas: Do I Look Like a Lady?, MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. Travelled to: Art Basel Unlimited, Basel, Switzerland
MUSE: Mickalene Thomas Photographs and tête-à-tête, Aperture Gallery, NY. Travelled to: Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD; Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA; Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA; Pomona College Museum of Art, Claremont, CA; Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA; Dayton Art Institute, OH
- 2015** *Mickalene Thomas: I am your sister*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
Mickalene Thomas at Giverny, Telfair Museums, Savannah, GA
- 2014** *I was born to do great things*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL
Tête de Femme, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
Mickalene Thomas: Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman, George Eastman House, Rochester, NY
- 2012** *How to Organize a Room Around a Striking Piece of Art*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
Mickalene Thomas, Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, MA
Mickalene Thomas: Origin of the Universe, Santa Monica Museum of Art, CA. Travelled to: Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY
- 2011** *More Than Everything*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
Mickalene Thomas: Mama Bush: One of a Kind Two, Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010** *Mickalene Thomas: Put A Little Sugar In My Bowl*, Vielmetter, Los Angeles, CA
Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe: Les trois femmes noires, On-Site, MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
- 2009** *Mickalene Thomas, Alumni Achievement Award Exhibition*, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
Something You Can Feel, La Conservera Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Ceutí, Spain
She's Come UnDone!, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
- 2008** *Girlfriends, Lovers, Still Lives, and Landscape*, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL
What's Love Got To Do With It?, Bloom Projects, Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** *A House Is Not a Home*, Long Gallery Harlem, Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, MA, August 1 – 23, 2026.

2025 – 2026 *Seen/Scene: Artwork from the Jennifer Gilbert Collection*, Curators Laura Mott and Nick Cave, The Shephard, Detroit, MI, October 5, 2025 – January 10, 2026.

Mickalene Thomas: Do I Look Like a Lady? (Comedians and Singers), Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR, November 20, 2025 – November 15, 2026.

The Female Form: Tom Wesselmann & Mickalene Thomas from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA, November 22, 2025 – April 6, 2026.

2025 *Resonance*, Anthony Gallery, Chicago, IL, April 23, 2025 – May 24, 2025.

Erotic City, Eric Firestone Gallery, New York, NY, March 13 – May 2, 2025.

Perpetual Motion Machines, Pilar Corrias Gallery, London, UK, July 9 – September 27, 2025.

FEMMES, Perrotin, Paris, France, March 20 – April 19, 2025.

In Our Time: W.E.B. Du Bois + 10 Artists, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York, NY, September 26 – December 20, 2025.

Carnival, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY, May 3 – June 28, 2025.

Collaborations 1st Decade, Pacific Design Center Design Gallery, West Hollywood, CA

Joy, in 3 Parts, Petzel Gallery, New York, NY. Travelled to: Xintai Warehouse, Jing'an, Shanghai, China; London, UK

Celebrate 30 Years of Impact, ART FOR CHANGE, Rema Hort Mann, New York, NY

2024 – 2026 *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. Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA, November 22, 2025 – March 1, 2026; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, April 18 – August 9, 2026.

2024 – 2025 *The Edges of Ailey*, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, September 25, 2024 – February 9, 2025.

George Clinton Cloaked in a Cloud, Disguised in the Sky, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA, September 26, 2024 – January 27, 2025.

2024 *Body Freedom for Every(body)*, Project for Empty Space, Times Square, New York, NY, September 4, 2024. Travelled to: New York University, New York, NY; Newark, NJ; Washington, D.C.; Iowa City, IA; Kansas City, KS; Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; Tempe, AZ; Austin, TX; Houston, TX; West Palm Beach, FL; and Miami, FL.

Vampire: Mother, Victoria Miro Gallery in partnership with Anat Ebgi Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Pop Forever Tom Wesselmann & ..., Foundation Louis Vuitton, Paris, FR

A Superlative Palette: Contemporary Black Women Artists, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts + Culture, Charlotte, NC

Collage Culture, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

There Is a Woman in Every Color: Black Women in Art, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
Are You Joking? Women & Humor, The Church, Sag Harbor, NY

2023 – 2024 *Singular Views: 25 Artists*, The Rubell Museum DC, Washington, DC, November 2, 2023 – September 1, 2024.

Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN, September 15 – December 31, 2023. Travelled to: Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, February 18 – May 12, 2024; The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C., July 6 – September 22, 2024.

Mickalene Thomas / Portrait of an Unlikely Space, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, September 8, 2023 – January 7, 2024.

Filling in the Pieces in Black: Past, Present, & Future, Maruani Mercier, Brussels, Belgium, October 25, 2023 – January 13, 2024.

2023 *Pop Masters: Art from the Mugrabi Collection*, HOTA Gallery, Gold Coast, Australia
Intimate Strangers, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, NY, July 12 – August 18, 2023.
Picasso Celebration: The Collection in a New Light, Musée Picasso, Paris, FR, March 7 – August 27, 2023.
Lux et Veritas, NSU Art Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 2 – January 8, 2023.

2022 *Luncheon on the Grass*, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA, February 19 – May 7, 2022.
Positive Fragmentation, Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC, January 29 – May 22, 2022.
Orlando – Based on a Novel by Virginia Woolf, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland, February 26 – May 29, 2022.
Guarding the Art, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Black Venus, Fotografiska, New York, NY
Women Painting Women, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, TX
30 Americans, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT

2021 – 2024 *Afro-Atlantic Histories*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, October 24, 2021 – January 17, 2022. Traveled; National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., April 10 – July, 2022; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, December 11, 2022 – September 10, 2023; Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX, October 22, 2023 – February 11, 2024. Black American Portraits, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, November 7, 2021 – April 17, 2022. Travelled to: Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, GA, January 30 – May 14, 2023; Memphis. Books Museum of Art, Memphis, TN, September 23, 2023 – July 1, 2024.

2021 *Plural Possibilities & the Female Body*, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
Underexposed: Women Photographers from the Collection, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
New Time: Art & Feminism in the 21st Century, Berkeley Art Museum, CA
Plural Possibilities & the Female Body, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA
Mining the Archive, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, NY
30 Americans, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL. Travelled to: North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA; Milwaukee Art Museum, WI; Frist Center for Visual Arts, Nashville, TN; Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans, LA; Arlington Museum of Art, TX; New Britain Museum of American Art, CT
Now Is The Time: Recent Acquisitions to the Contemporary Collection, Baltimore Museum of Art, MD
TRANSFORMATION, The Blowing Rock Art & History Museum, Blowing Rock, NC
Taking Space: Contemporary Women Artists and the Politics of Scale, Fisher Brooks Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, PA
Curator's Choice, Levitt and Varnedoe Galleries, Telfair Museums, Savannah, GA

2020 – 2021 *Some Day is Now: Women, Art & Social Change*, New Britain Museum of American Art, CT
Never Done: 100 Years of Women in Politics and Beyond, Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, NY
The World Stage: Contemporary Art from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
Riffs & Relations: African American Artists & The European Modernist Tradition, Phillips Collection, New York, NY

2020 *Labor: Motherhood and Art in 2020*, New Mexico State University Art Museum, Las Cruces, NM

Portraits, from the 17th to the 21st century, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium

- 2019 – 2022** *Young, Gifted and Black*, OSilas Gallery, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, September 24 – December 7, 2019. Travelled to: Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, New York, NY, February 8 – December 31, 2020; Gallery 400, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, September 2 – December 11, 2021; Lehigh University Art Galleries, Bethlehem, PA, July 28 – December 19, 2022; Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, Davis, CA, July 28 – December 19, 2022.
- 2019** *Desire: A Revision from the 20th Century to the Digital Age*, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Be Seen: Portrait Photography Since Stonewall, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT
She Persists: A Century of Women Artists in New York, 1919–2019, Gracie Mansion, NY
- 2018** *Boss Lady*, Girls' Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Music for the Eyes (Musica Per Gli Occhi), University of Siena, IT
Half the Picture: A Feminist Look at the Collection, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY
- 2017** *Polaroids: The Disappearing*, Nathalie Karg Gallery, New York, NY
Pop Stars! Popular Culture and Contemporary Art, 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, KY
Islands of Desire: Reinterpreting the Exotic Image through Modernism and Beyond, Austrian Cultural Forum New York, New York, NY
- 2016** *The Color Line: African American Artists and Civil Rights in the United States*, Musée du quai Branly, Paris, FR
Unsuspending Disbelief, Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
REMIX: Themes & Variations in African American Art, Columbia Museum of Art, SC
- 2015** *Pratt Institute Alumni Exhibition 2015*, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
ReSignifications, Villa La Pietra, Florence, Italy
Common Ground: African American Art from the Flint Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and the Muskegon Museum of Art, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI; Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI
- 2014** *In Living Color: Andy Warhol and Contemporary Printmaking*, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE. Travelled to: Telfair Museums, Savannah, GA; Tampa Museum of Art, FL; Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK; Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, FL; Wichita Art Museum, KS
Speaking of People: Ebony, Jet, and Contemporary Art, Studio Museum Harlem, New York, NY
PostPop: East Meets West, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2013** *Show and Tell: Calder Jewelry and Mobiles*, Salon 94, New York, NY
Expanding the Field of Painting, Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, Boston, MA
tête-à-tête, QF Gallery, East Hampton, NY
- 2012** *Twisted Sisters*, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY
Nailed, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA
28 Days, Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- 2011** *Body Gesture*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR
Who, What, Wear: Selections from the Permanent Collection, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Re-Framing the Feminine, Girls' Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- 2010** *Annual Exhibition 2010–2011*, Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions, New Brunswick, NJ
XX-XY: Gender Representation in Art, Orlando Museum of Art, FL
Now WHAT?, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL. Travelled to: Sharon Stone in Abuja, Location One, New York, NY
- 2009** *Posing Beauty*, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY. Travelled to: Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA; Art Gallery of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA; Newark Museum, NJ; University of Southern California Fisher Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Everhart Museum, Scranton, PA; Figge Museum of Art, Davenport, IA; College of Wooster Art Museum, OH; Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
The Female Gaze: Women Looking At Women, Cheim & Read, New York, NY
CAN & DID—Graphics, Art, and Photography from the Obama Campaign, Danziger Projects, New York, NY
- 2008** *As Others See Us: The Contemporary Portrait*, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, VT
Black Is, Black Ain't, Renaissance Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute, MO
Perverted by Theater, apexart, New York, NY

RESIDENCIES

- 2024** Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Aspen, CO
- 2020** Pauli Murray Fellow, Pauli Murray College, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2019** Yale University Artist Residence Project, New Haven, CT
- 2018** A Creative Laboratory: Wexner Center for the Arts Residency, Columbus OH
- 2017** St. Louis Art Museum Residency, St. Louis, MO
Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Aspen, CO
- 2015 – 2016** Gabriela and Ramiro Garza Distinguished Artist in Residence, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO
- 2013** Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME
- 2011** Versailles Foundation Munn Artists Program, Giverny, France
- 2010** Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Aspen, CO
Durham Press, Durham, PA

LECTURES/ SYMPOSIA

- 2026** Leading Women Defined “The Art of Occupying Space | Representation, Risk & Rewriting the Canon”
Every Woman Biennial “Mickalene Thomas in Conversation with Alyssa Nitchun”

- 2025** Rutgers University-Camden Commencement 2025 Speaker
DIOR and the Hayward Gallery Moderated Panel "In Conversation with Mickalene Thomas"
M+C Saatchi Cannes Lions Fireside Chat: Cultural Power as Currency, Cannes, France
Pratt Design Equity Discussion Panel, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
Mickalene Thomas: Masterclass at Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR
- 2024** Mickalene Thomas in Conversation, BlackStar Film Series, The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
Art Arena powered by WOA, "The Art Of Challenge, A Conversation" The Miami Beach Edition, FL
Mickalene Thomas & Carmelo Anthony, Creative Minds Talks and Jeffrey Deitch, "Where Art Meets Sports," Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami Design District, Miami, FL
- 2020** Mickalene Thomas in Conversation, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Mickalene Thomas: In Conversation, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL
Winthrop Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture, Fayetteville, AR
Mickalene Thomas in Conversation with Alice Walker, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Mickalene Thomas in Conversation with Alice Walker, Amistad Research Center, New Orleans, LA
Arts Leader Lecture Series, Norton Museum of Art, Miami, FL
- 2019** Crises of Democracy, Mickalene Thomas in conversation with Josef Sorett, hosted by The Heyman
Center in the Humanities Institute for Ideas and Imagination, Columbia University, Paris, FR
Art World Conference, New York, NY
The Necessity of Tomorrow(s): Boots Riley & Mickalene Thomas, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2018** Faena Rose Talk with Beerly Guy-Sheftall, Miami, FL
AS IF Speaker Series with Anne Pasternak, Sponsored by Audemar Piguet
Norma Marshall Memorial Lecture, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017** Lyle Ashton Harris: *Today I Shall Judge Nothing That Occurs* Artist Talks, New York, NY
Artist Talk: Mickalene Thomas at SLAM, St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
In Conversation with Mickalene Thomas, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
- 2016** Conversation and Book Signing: Mickalene Thomas and Lesley Martin, 1:54
Contemporary African Art Fair, Pioneer Works, Brooklyn, NY
Mickalene Thomas and Rebecca Matalon in Conversation, MOCA Grand, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015** In Conversation: Mickalene Thomas and Jennifer Blessing, Aperture Gallery and Bookstore, New York, NY
Naomi Beckwith in Conversation with Solange and Mickalene Thomas, Soho House, Chicago, IL
Black Portraiture{s} II: Imaging the Black Body and Re-staging Histories, symposium, Florence, Italy
- 2014** In Conversation: Lisa Hostetler, George Eastman House, Rochester, NY
In Conversation: Larry Wheeler, Linda Dougherty & Mickalene Thomas, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
Art After Dark, Norton Museum of Art, Palm Beach, FA
- 2013** In Conversation with Charles Desmarais, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
Artist's Talk, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME

- Artist Talk: Tandem Press Visiting Artist, Mickalene Thomas, Chazem Museum of Art, Madison, WI
- 2012** New Paradigms: Mickalene Thomas in Conversation with MCA Curator Naomi Beckwith, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Conversations: Among Friends, Featuring Artists Derrick Adams, Clifford Owens, Xaviera Simmons, and Mickalene Thomas, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2012** Artist's Talk, Art Institute of Chicago's Leadership Advisory Committee's New Paradigms Program, Chicago, IL
- 2011** Artist's Talk, "Intersection of Culture and Identity." Hara Museum, Tokyo Japan
- 2010** Artist's Talk, The Contemporary Arts Council of The Museum of Modern Art Casual Lunch Series, New York, NY
Panel Member, 2011 New York Artadia Residency selection panel, New York, NY
Artist's Lecture, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- 2009** Generation Next: Mickalene Thomas and the Legacy, Santa Monica Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Artist's Talk, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2008** ReIGNITE: Making Art in the World, Panel Discussion, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

PERFORMANCES

- 2024** /'entrəpē/, The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018** /'entrəpē/, Performance, Wexner Center for the Arts
- 2017** /'entrəpē/, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.
/'entrəpē/, National Sawdust, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013** "Takeabite: The Opera" Performa 13, El Museo Del Barrio, New York, NY
- 2009** "Oh Mickey!" Kreemart and the American Patrons of Tate, Haunch of Venison, NY, NY
"Professor of Music and DJ Dean of Admissions" MoMixx at Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

SCREENINGS

- 2026** "Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," Schomburg Center, Black on Screen: A Century of Radical Visual Culture
- 2024** "Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," BlackStar Film Series, *All About Love* Film Series, The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2020** "Screen Test," San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA (forthcoming)
"Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman, New Mexico State University Art Museum, Las Cruces, NM

- 2018** "Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," International Center of Photography and Anthology Film Archives, New York, NY
"Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," MoAD," Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2015** "Speaking Back, Curated by Natasha Becker," Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
"Portraits and Other Likenesses from SFMOMA," MoAD, San Francisco, CA
- 2014** "Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," Kabinet, Art Basel Miami, FL
"I was born to do great things, Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL
"Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman HBO Premiere," HBO Theater, New York, NY
- 2013** "Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," Second Annual BlackStar Film Festival, International House, Philadelphia, PA
"Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," The Poetics of Unforgetting, Hackney Picturehouse, London, England
"Happy Birthday to a Beautiful Woman," Reel Artists Film Festival, Tiff Bell Lightbox, Toronto, Canada

CURATORIAL

- 2026** "Delano Dunn: Echoes in the Margins," Troutbeck, Amenia, NY
- 2025** "TBC," The Bunker Artspace: LGBTQ+ Exhibition
"Reframing the Narrative," Rutgers University-Camden Student Works Gallery, Camden, NJ
- 2024** "The Brooklyn Artists Exhibition," The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2021** "Brand New Heavies," Pioneer Works, New York, NY
- 2020** "Pilot Program 2020," Pratt>Forward, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018** "MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," The Dayton Art Institute, OH
"MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
"The Aesthetics of Matter," Volta, New York City, NY
- 2017** "MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA
"MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA
"MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2016** "MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," David Castillo Gallery, Miami, FL
"MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," Aperture Foundation, New York, NY
Art Auction Benefit, MoCADA, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015** "MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
- 2014** "By Invitation Only 3," Kinz + Tillou Fine Art, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013** "Another New York" ArtBridge, New York, NY
"Mickalene Thomas' Decopolis: The Talent of Others" The Proposition, New York, NY
"MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture," QF Gallery, East Hampton, NY

- 2012** “MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture,” Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
“MUSE: tête-à-tête, Aperture,” Yancey Richardson, New York, NY
- 2009** “The Brand New Heavies” Collette Blanchard Gallery, New York, NY

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2026** Center for Photography at Woodstock Visionary Awards
Curve Power List Honoree
The Clio Award
New York Live Arts Award
RxART Innovation Award
HELP USA’s 2026 Art of Resilience Artist
Torchbearers: “Carrying Change” Awards
- 2025** TIME 100 Most Influential People
Creative Capital Honoree
Honorary Co-Chair of the Dance Theatre of Harlem
Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Rutgers University-Camden
Joan Shepp Woman of Substance & Style Honoree
Selected Jury Member, Swali Craft Prize, India Art Fair
Hirshhorn National Arts Award Honoree
Queens Museum Gala Honoree
- 2024** The Gantt Spirit of the Center Awards Honoree
Badass Woman Art Awards Honoree
Gordon Parks Foundation Honoree
Vanguard Award, Los Angeles LGBT Center
Bailey House Art House Honoree
Cinema Unbound Awards Honoree
New Museum Artist Award
Creative Capital Wild Futures: Art, Culture, Impact Award
- 2023 – 2024** Columbia University African American and African Diaspora Studies Department Fellowship
- 2023** Hirschhorn Artist x Artist New York Gala Honoree
- 2022** Legends Award, Pratt Institute
Artistic Impact Award, Newark Museum
Glass House 15th Anniversary Artist of the Year
Rema Hort Mann Foundation 25th Anniversary Honoree
- 2020** Presidential Visiting Fellow in Fine Arts, Yale University School of Art
Gordon Parks Foundation Award
Legend in Residence Award, Bronx Museum
- 2019** Awards for Excellence in the Arts, Appraisers Association of America
Visionary Award, Pioneer Works
Aperture Gala Honoree

- 2018** ICP Spotlights Honoree
LGBT Pride, New York City Council Proclamation
23rd Annual Tribeca Ball Honorary Doctorate, New York Academy of Art
- 2017** 6th Annual Tumblr Art Basel Brunch Honoree
Smithsonian Hirshhorn Museum Gala Honoree
- 2016** Induction Ceremony, National Academy of Design
- 2015** United States Artists Fellowship (Francie Bishop Good & David Horvitz Fellow)
MoCADA Artistic Advocacy Award
MoAD/SFMOMA Honoree
BOMB Magazine Honoree
- 2014** AICA–USA Best Show in a Commercial Space Nationally, First Place
- 2013** Audience Award, Favorite Short, 2nd Annual Black Star Film Festival
Anonymous Was A Woman Award
- 2012** Asher B. Duran Award, Brooklyn Museum
- 2010** Timerhi Award for Leadership in the Arts
- 2009** Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant
Alumni Achievement Award, Pratt Institute

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2026** Creative Director, Art Arena, New York, NY
“Good Good Loving” novel by Yvvette Edwards, Book Cover
Portrait of Mnonya Billboard on the High Line, New York, NY
- 2025** “The Wilderness” novel by Angela Flournoy, Book Cover
Freesia on My Mind: The Beauty of Ruth Bader Ginsburg NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health/RGB Hospital Mural Commission and Installation
“Championship Banners” at Art Arena Summit, The Rockaway Hotel, Rockaway Park, NY
Untitled 10 Rug, Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
Untitled 12 Rug, Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
Untitled 14 Rug Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
Camden Arts Working Group Initiative
DART Car and McLaren Vinyl Car Wrap, Helmets, and Racing Suits Collaboration
Marfa Stance x Mickalene Thomas Reversible Coat Collaboration
LOQI *Portrait of Maya No. 10* Limited Edition Tote Bag Collaboration
The New Press, “Art On My Mind: Visual Politics,” bell hooks Foreword Contribution
JRP Editions Pool Floats Limited Series Commission
Flowers Yellowpop Neon Limited Edition Collaboration
l’espace entre les deux Two Palms and International Fine Print Dealers Association Fair Installation
Avant Arte Limited Edition *All About Love* Print Collaboration
- 2024** Benefit Print Project Limited Edition *All About Love* Print Collaboration

- AnOther Man, Volume II, Issue II, Winter/ Spring 2025 Editorial
Atelier Jolie/Brand X Limited Edition *Screen Test* #2 Print Collaboration
Tiffona Lisa #2 and *October 1950* Plates for Coalition for the Homeless
Avant Arte Limited Edition *All About Love* Print Collaboration
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum *Sandra, She's a Beauty* Mural Façade Installation
Skateroom Limited Edition Skateboard decks featuring *Afro Goddess Looking Forward; Din, Une Tres*
Belle Negreesse #2; *Color Flower Pattern*; and *Din Avec La Main Dans Le Miroir et Jupe Rouge*
Rome Pays Off *All About Love* Merchandise Collaboration
The Dream Machine Experience before the before and after the after, Bina48's *Afro Future Garden*, Lincoln Center, David Rubenstein Atrium, New York, NY
Founded *Art>FORWARD Artist in the Market*
- 2023** Brooklyn Museum's 2023 Brooklyn Artists Ball Decoration Collaboration with Dior
The New Museum of Contemporary Art Limited Edition Print Series
Lady Dior Bags, Dior Lady Art Collaboration
Shop with Google Five-Piece Collection
"An Ode to the Artist" Dior Couture Spring 2023 Scenography Collaboration
Heritage Auctions, Ducati North America x ATWATER Motorcycle Commission for RxART
JRP Editions, *Deux Femme Noires*, Vilebrequin Artists' Edition Swimwear Collaboration
- 2022** Yale University Pauli Murray College Mural
- 2021** National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Glass House *Jet Blue in Landscape* Commission
- 2019** TIME Magazine, Michael B. Jordan Editorial
TIME Magazine, Margaret Atwood Editorial
Toni Morrison, "The Pieces I Am" Movie Poster
- 2018** W Magazine "Art Issue" Cardi B Editorial
RxART Loma Linda Children's Hospital Mural Commission
- 2017** *Untitled* Mural Commission, Manhattan Transport Authority
l'entrêpê, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.
l'entrêpê, National Sawdust
- 2016** *Untitled* Mural Art in Embassies, Dakar, Senegal
London Bridge Billboard 8171, Presented by Annin Arts
CONTACT Photography Festival "What it Means to be Beautiful" Billboard, Canada
- 2015** *Untitled 10* Rug, Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
Untitled 12 Rug, Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
Untitled 14 Rug Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
- 2014** "First Crush 2014" White and Red Wine Limited Edition Labels for Bedell Cellars
"Clarivel Pillow" Hanzel Studio Collaboration, New York, NY
- 2013** *Candy Crush* Hanzel Studio Rug Collaboration
Faux Real Norton Museum on Art, West palm Beach, FL
"Mickalene Thomas x Brother Vellies" Traditional Africian Velskoen Boots for Brother Vellies, NY
- 2012** "Bent on Learning" *Floral Pattern* Yoga Mat
Untitled Barclays Center, Brooklyn, New York

2010 *le Déjeuner Sur l'Herbe: Les Trois Femmes Noires* The Modern Window at the Museum New York, NY
le Déjeuner Sur l'Herbe: Les Trois Femmes Noires On-Site, PS1/ MoMA, Long Island City, NY

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

21c Museum Hotels
Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY
Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, UAE
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Hara Museum ARC, Shibukawa, Gunma Prefecture, Japan
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca, NY
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
International Center of Photography, New York, NY
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art, New York, NY
Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis Museum of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Quebec, Canada
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
New York Public Library, New York, NY
North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
Philadelphia Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA
Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
Rubell Museum, Miami, FL
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
Sender Collection
Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
Taschen Collection
Telfair Museums, Savannah, GA
Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
Verbund Collection, Vienna, Austria
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT
Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
Mikki and Stanley Weithorn Collection
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
West Collection, Oaks, PA
Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT