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CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

2026-

2026 *Conversations in Clay; Student-wide Sculpting Class*, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, curated by Haley Fonfa, Los Angeles, CA January 31

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2010-2026

2025 *Identity Theft Book Signing and Community Day with Chukes*, at the BAAP (Black Art and Philosophy) Boutique, curated by Maya Griffin, Los Angeles, CA
2025 *Conversations in Clay: A 3-Day Live Sculptural Revival with Chukes*, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, curated by Haley Fonfa, Los Angeles, CA
2024 *Identity Theft And Beyond*, Triton Museum of Art, curated by Vanessa Callanta, Santa Clara, CA
2024 *A Breath of Fresh Air; Fired Clay Sculpture by Chukes*, Hearne Fine Art, curated by Garbo Hearne, Little Rock, AR
2023 *Truth Matters*, Matter Studio Gallery, curated by Karla Funderburk, Los Angeles, CA
2023 *Chukes; Artist Talk, Art Exhibit, Book signing*, Alkebu-lan Cultural Center, Pasadena, CA
2018 *The Conductor*, Watts Towers Arts Center, Los Angeles CA
2018 *Supergroovalistic The Funk*, Peter Ellipse Balcony Gallery, California State University, Fresno, CA
2018 *Identity Theft*, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
2017 *Identity Theft*, The Creative House, Inglewood, CA
2017 *Identity Theft*, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
2017 *Identity Theft*, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont CA
2016 *Identity Theft*, Alkebu-lan Cultural Arts Center, Pasadena, CA
2015 *The Journey Continues*, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
2015 Black Heritage Gallery, Houston, TX
2011 *Fired Rhythm*, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
2010 *Cross Roads*, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA

2000-2009

2009 *The Journey*, The Gallery, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
2008 *My Legacy, A Survey of Chukes' Work*, Sargent Johnson Gallery, African American Art & Culture Complex, San Francisco, CA
2006 Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
2004 Thomas and Hall Fine Art Gallery, Dallas, TX
2004 Presentation of Tree of Life sculpture to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *The President's Distinguished Lecture Series*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
2003 Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena, CA
2002 Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
2002 Thomas and Hall Fine Art Gallery, Dallas, TX
2002 LeFlorence Fine Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2000 FDG Zimart Galleria, Los Angeles, CA
2000 South Dallas Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
2000 Cunningham Gallery of Fine Art, Santa Ana, CA

1983-1999

1999 Leimert Park Fine Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1999 Umoja Fine Arts, Southfield, MI

1998 Leimert Park Fine Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
 1998 Leimert Park Fine Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
 1991 Carson Fine Art Gallery, Carmel, CA
 1985 San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
 1983 Urban League Art Exhibition, San Jose, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2010-2026

2026 *Dancing in the Light; Healing with the Arts*, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, curated by Haley Fonfa, Los Angeles, CA
 2026 *CALA Fire Response Convening*, Conservation Association of Los Angeles, Getty Villa, Pacific Palisades, CA
 2025 *AfriKin Art Fair 2025: Through Creation, We Find Meaning: Scenes From Home*, curated by Dr. Joseph L. Underwood, Scott Galvin Center, Miami, FL
 2025 *Ode to 'Dena: Black Artistic Legacies of Altadena*, California African American Museum, curated by Dominique Clayton, Los Angeles, CA
 2025 *The Earth We Inherit: In Search of Beauty in the Midst of Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and the Need to Create a Sustainable Future*, Black Art and Philosophy + Range Projects Gallery, curated by Maya Griffin, Los Angeles, CA
 2025 *The Alchemy of Loss & Legacy*, Fairmont an Annenberg, Democracy Alliance + Black in Mayberry, curated by Tanya Taylor, Santa Monica, CA
 2025 *Urban Wild: Images from the Heart*, Avenue 50 Studio, curated by Sybil Venegas, Highland Park, CA
 2025 *HERstory Cultural Alchemy : HERwoven Realities*, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, curated by Haley Fonfa, Los Angeles, CA
 2025 *AfriKin: Art, Jazz & Champagne*, curated by Alfonso Brooks, Scott Galvin Center, Miami, FL
 2025 *RISE: A Benefit Concert for Altadena*, Black in Mayberry, curated by Tanya Taylor, Venice, CA
 2025 *25th DADA Anniversary Exhibition*, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, curated by Haley Fonfa, Los Angeles, CA
 2024 *Threads of Life in Fragments of Time*, AfriKin Art: Miami's Contemporary Africana Art Fair during Miami Art Week/Art Basel (Dec 1-8, 2024), curated by Alfonso Brooks, Miami, FL
 2024 *Our Celebration of Stevie Wonder Continues*, Art Melanated, curated by Sol Aponte and Jennia Fredrique Aponte, Thompson Buckhead, Atlanta, GA
 2023 *Celebrating the Beauty and Brilliance of Global Africa*, AfriKin Art: Miami's Contemporary Africana Art Fair during Art Basel, curated by Alfonso Brooks, Miami, FL
 2023 *Our Celebration of Stevie Wonder*, Art Melanated, curated by Sol Aponte and Jennia Fredrique Aponte, Andaz West Hollywood, CA
 2023 *41st Annual Watts Towers Drum and Jazz Festivals*, Watts Towers Arts Center, Los Angeles, CA
 2023 *Turning Point*, Joyce Gordon Gallery's 20th Anniversary exhibit, curated by Eric Murphy, Oakland, CA
 2023 *To Be Held*, Carl Freedman Gallery, curated by Ronan McKenzie, Margate Kent, UK
 2023 *Dr. Daniel Laroche*, Egyptian art collection, African American Museum of Nassau County, NY
 2022 *The Kinsey Collection*, Pepperdine University, Fredrick R. Weisman Museum, Malibu, CA
 2022 *Products of Empire*, Art Share L.A. Los Angeles, CA
 2021 *The INNOVATE Exhibit*, curated by Indira Cesarine, The Untitled Space, New York
 2019 *Ubuntu*, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
 2019 *Veneer*, Launch LA, Los Angeles CA
 2018 *LA Art Show*, Los Angeles, CA
 2018 *Eyes Forward Creating our Narratives*, (with works from *Identity Theft*), California State University, Fresno
 2016 *3D A Contemporary Sculpture Show*, The Creative House, Inglewood, CA
 2013 *THEN IS NOW, 10th anniversary art exhibit*, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2013 *Rediscovering America*, Kinsey Collection, American Heritage Gallery, Walt Disney World Epcot, FL
 2012 *Viva Los Muertos: Day of the Dead*, Autry Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 2012 *Artworks For Healing*, Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA
 2010 *Feminine Mystique*, Fine Arts Building Downtown Los Angeles, CA

2000-2009

365...*AND COUNTING*, Avenue 50 Studio Highland Park, CA
Through Future Eyes; The Endurance of Humanity, curated by YBCA Young Artists at Work, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

Inside My Head, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
30 Year Celebration, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Collaborations: Two Decades of Excellence, Pyramid/Hearne Fine Art: 1998-2008, Little Rock, AR
 2007 *Chukes and Scott; Face to Face*, Artpeace Gallery, Burbank, CA.
African-American Art Exhibition, Da Vinci Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
 2007 *Mutual Respect*, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2007 *19th Anniversary Exhibit*, Featuring Chukes and Dianne Smith, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
 2006 *The Case For The Abstract*, Artpeace Gallery, Burbank, CA
 2006 *The Family of Clay: California College of Arts and Crafts, 1950-2005*, Oliver Art Center, Oakland, CA
 2005 Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2005 National Black Fine Art Show, New York, NY
 2005 *Terra Firma, Part 1*, Manhattan Beach Art Center, Manhattan Beach, CA
 2004 *Philip Cornelius & Chukes*, Xiem Clay Center, Pasadena, CA
 2004 National Black Fine Art Show, New York, NY
 2003 Chukes & Bill Dallas, Thelma Harris Art Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2001 National Black Fine Art Show, New York, NY
 2002 Bill Dallas & Chukes, Thelma Harris Art Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2001 National Black Fine Art Show, New York, NY
 2001 *Art Between Two Houses*, Altadena, CA
 2001 American Red Cross Center, Pasadena, CA
 2001 Jackie Robinson Center Exhibit, Pasadena, CA
 2000 Art 21, Las Vegas, NV
 2000 National Black Fine Art Show, New York, NY
 2000 Art 21 Palm Springs International Fine Art Exhibit, Palm Springs, CA
 2000 William Grant Still Community Arts Center, Los Angeles, CA

1983-1999

1999 Linda Warren Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA
 1999 Boribana Museum, Senegal, West Africa
 1999 Thelma Harris Art Gallery, Oakland, CA
 1999 *Jubulani Freedom Rising*, Benefit for The Desmond Tutu Peace Trust, Wiltern Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
 1999 Studio B Art Gallery, Pomona, CA
 1998 Pan African Film and Art Festival, Los Angeles, CA
 1997 *Time of Departure*, CCAC graduate show, curated by Raymond Saunders, Pro-Arts Gallery, Oakland, CA
 1997 California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 1997 Third World Art Exchange, Los Angeles, CA
 1997 Toki Gallery, Oakland, CA
 1996 Oliver Art Center, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA
 1993 Genesis Sanctuary For The Arts, San Jose, CA
 1992 Preservation Park Fine Art Show, Oakland, CA
 1992 Genesis Sanctuary For The Arts, San Jose, CA
 1987 Destinations Downtown, Dynasty Gallery, San Jose, CA
 1986 Juneteenth Art Celebration, San Jose, CA 1985 Juneteenth Art Celebration, San Jose, CA

SELECTED LECTURES:

2000-2024

2024 *Identity Theft And Beyond*, artist talk, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA
 2024 *A Breath of Fresh Air*, artist talk, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
 2023 *Truth Matters*, artist talk, Matter Studio Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
 2023 *Artist Lectures for Department Chair and Professor Bryan Massey, Sr.*, University of Central Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
 2023 *Chukes; Artist Talk, Art Exhibit, Booksigning*, Alkebu-lan Cultural Center, Pasadena, CA
 2021 *The Art of Resistance In Sculpture, Chukes, Ed Dwight, Brian Massey, Basil Watson*. Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
 2020 *Ubuntu*, artist talk, The Creative House, Inglewood CA
 2019 *Ubuntu*, artist talk, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR

Art Scene: Chukes, Daniel Breen, Radio host, KURN Radio 89.1 FM NPR, Little Rock, AR
 2018 *The Conductor*, artist talk, Watts Towers Arts Center, Los Angeles CA
 2018 *Supergroovalistic The Funk*, artist talk, Peter Ellipse Balcony Gallery, California State University, Fresno
 2018 *Identity Theft*, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
 2018 *Identity Theft*, The Creative House, Inglewood, CA
 2018 *Identity Theft*, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2016 *Identity Theft*, Alkebu-lan Cultural Arts Center, Pasadena, CA
 2015 Artist Lecture, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, AR
 2015 *The Journey Continues*, lecture, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
 2013 *A Conversation with the Artist Chukes*, Black Heritage Gallery Houston, TX
 2011 Artist Talk, Houston Community College Houston, TX
 2011 *Fired Rhythm*, artist talk, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR
 2009 *Distinguished Alumnus Commencement Speaker*, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
 2009 *The Journey*, lecture, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
 2008 *Collaborations Two Decades of African American Art*, Little Rock, AR
 2008 *My Legacy*, lecture, Central High School, Little Rock, AR
 2008 *Transitions on Traditions: Chukes II*, Greg Bridges, Radio host, KPFA Radio 94.1 FM, Oakland, CA
 2008 Artist Talk, African American Art & Culture Complex, San Francisco, CA
 2006 *Transitions on Traditions: Chukes I*, Greg Bridges, Radio host, KPFA Radio 94.1 FM, Oakland, CA
 2004 *Art Summer Enrichment Program*, lecture, The Community Artist's Collective, Houston, TX
 2003 *Lecture Series*, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena, CA
 2002 *From Abstract To Realism*, Thelma Harris Art Gallery, Oakland, CA
 2000 *Youth Artist Symposium*, lecture, Thomas & Hall Fine Art Gallery, Dallas, TX
 2000 *Soul Dance*, Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR

1985-1999

1999 *Artist Mentor Program*, lecture, Leimert Park Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA
 1999 *Career Day*, Blair High School, Pasadena, CA
 1999 *Two Influences*, California State University, Fullerton, CA
 1998 *Afrocentric Emphasis and Influence in World Culture*, South Dallas Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
 1997 *Caressed By The Earth, Contoured by Hand*, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 1997 *Student and Teacher*, lecture, Andrew Hill High School, San Jose, CA
 1997 *Methods and Constructions*, lecture, The Art School, Oakland, CA
 1997 *Artist Lectures*, McClymonds High School, Oakland, CA
 1985 *Artist Lecture Series*, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA
 1985 *Artist Lecture Series*, Evergreen Valley College, San Jose, CA

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Hearne Fine Art Gallery, Little Rock, AR
 Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
 Debbie Allen Dance Academy, Los Angeles, CA
 Framed Gallery, Cleveland, OH

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Debbie Allen Offers Free Dance Classes to Fire Victims, Robert Kovacic reporter, NBC4, February 5, 2025
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Identity Theft: Creations From a Social Conscience, Randi O'Brien, <https://studiopotter.org>, September 2024
The Kinsey Collection, Bernard, Shirley and Kahlil Kinsey, 2024
Garbo Hearne and the Art of Legacy, Josie Burnett, Little Rock Soiree, March 1, 2024
A Breath of Fresh Air: Fired Clay Sculptures by Chukes, KARK Channel 4 with Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR, January 26, 2024
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Genentech Ocrevus TV commercial, Lamoh Hicks, Community Films, October 4, 2023
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San Jose City College Centennial: Michael Chukes, by Candi Whitman, The Roar, SJCC Marketing and PR, 2022
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Art & Life with Michael Chukes, Interview, Voyage LA, 2018
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Joyce Gordon a key thread in Oakland's art scene, Angela Hill, San Jose Mercury News, August 12, 2016
Let Clay Be Clay, Darryl McCane, Movie, 2013
The Kinsey Collection, Bernard and Shirley Kinsey, 2011
36 L.A. Artists, Photographs By Leopoldo Pena, 2010
Art House, O The Oprah Magazine, 2009
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Occasions For Writing, Robert DiYanni, Pat C. Hoy II, 2008
Home is Where The Art Is, Ebony, 2008
Chukes, Valentine New York, 2008
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Art and Soul; Black Women Gallery Owners Live For Art, Essence Magazine, 2004
Now, That's Body Language, Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe, Dallas Star-Telegram, 2004
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The Arts Advantage to California in the Changing World, Jack Scott, Sacramento: California Legislature Joint Committee on the Arts, 2001
Make it in Clay, Charlotte F. Speight, Mountain View: Mayfield Publishing Company, 1997
Sculptures Drop in At School, Betty Barnacle, San Jose Mercury News, 1997
Caressed by the Earth, Contoured by Hand, Los Angeles Times, 1997
Temptation, Darryl McCane, Short film, 1994

AFFILIATIONS:

Pasadena Arts Council, Pasadena, CA, 2008
 National NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics, Dallas, TX, 2002
 California State Legislature, Hearing of the Joint Committee on the Arts, Burbank, CA, 2001
 California State Legislature, Local Arts Community Meeting, Pasadena Historical Museum, CA, 2001

AWARDS:

Amicus College II Award, Commencement Speaker, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA, 2009
 City of Dallas, TX Special Recognition Arts Award, Councilman Leo V. Chaney, Jr., 2004
 Artist-in-residence Honor Leimert Park Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA, 1998-2000
 Arts Award for Exceptional Achievement, San Francisco Museum of Art, 1996

SELECTED SCULPTURES COMMISSIONED OR IN COLLECTIONS:

Adjoa Aiyetoro, Lawyer, Former UALR Law Professor
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CCH Pounder, Actress
Claremont Graduate University, CA
Darryl McCane, Collector
Dolly & George Chammas, Collectors
Dr. Alonzo and Susan Williams, Collectors
Dr. Archie and Garbo Hearne, Hearne Fine Art
Dr. Cindy Urrutia, Collector
Dr. Daniel Laroche, Collector
Dr. Nina Kellogg, Collector
George Clinton, Musician
James A. Thomas, White House Deputy District Attorney
Joyce Gordon, Joyce Gordon Gallery
Lamonte and Martina Westmoreland
Lydia Shorenstein, Collector
Michael Hawthorne, Collector
Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Little Rock, AR
Oakland Museum of Art, California
Peggy Cooper Cafritz, Collector
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, AR
San Jose City College, CA
Steve Ajay, Collector
The Mus'ee Boribana Museum, Senegal South Africa
Thelma Harris, Thelma Harris Art Gallery
Timothy Washington, Collector

EDUCATION:

MFA, Sculpture, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, 2005
BFA, Sculpture and Ceramics with High Distinction Honors, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA, 1997
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, 1982-1984
San Jose City College, San Jose, CA, 1980-1982