

## LAVAR MUNROE

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Born in Nassau, Bahamas, 1982

### EDUCATION

2016: Postdoctoral Fellow: University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill, NC

2013: Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture: Skowhegan, Maine

2013: MFA Studio Art: Washington University St. Louis: St. Louis MO

2007: BFA Savannah College of Art and Design: Savannah, GA

### RESIDENCIES

2020: Norton Museum of Art - Artist in Residence, West Palm Beach, FL

2018: Headlands Center for the Arts - Artist in Residence, Sausalito, CA

2017: Flying Horse Editions: University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

2017: The Josef & Anni Albers Foundation: Thread Senegal (Artist in Residence): Senegal

2016: Postdoctoral Fellow: University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill, NC

2015: MacDowell Colony: Peterborough, NH

2015: Joan Mitchell Foundation Artist in Residence: New Orleans, LA

2014: Postdoctoral Fellow: University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill, NC

2012: The Fountainhead Residency: Miami, Florida

2012: Atlantic Center for The Arts (Artist in residence): New Smyrna Beach, FL

### SELECTED EXHIBITION RECORD (\* solo shows marked by asterisk)

#### 2019

- *Ultrasanity: On Madness, Sanitation, Antipsychiatry and Resistance* - at SAVVY Contemporary, Berlin Germany

- *PAINTING IS ITS OWN COUNTRY*: The Harvey Gantt Center, Charlotte, NC

- *When the Bough Breaks*: 937 Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

-\* *Strangers in the Night*: Jack Bell Gallery, London England

- *Coffee, Rhum, Sugar & Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox* Museum Of African

Diaspora, San Francisco, CA

- *The Other Side of Now*: Perez Art Museum, Miami Florida
- *Get Up Stand Up NOW*: Somerset House, London England

## 2018

- *Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of The Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art*, Mennello Museum of American Art, Orlando FL
- \**LAVAR MUNROE: Return - Magic Flight* The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, (Nassau Bahamas)
- *Off Biennale Cairo: Something Else*, (Cairo Egypt)
- \**LAVAR MUNROE: Son of the Soil: a 10 year Survey* The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, (Nassau Bahamas)
- \**LAVAR MUNROE: Devil in a White City* Meadows Museum, (Shreveport, LA)
- \**LAVAR MUNROE: Rudeboys Like We* Jack Bell Gallery, (London, England)
- *Becoming American*, Studio e (Seattle, WA) and English Camp (San Juan Island, WA) Aug 4 - Sept 30, 2018
- *African Mētrópolis* MAXXI | Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy
- *The Eye Sees Not Itself* Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- *Lavar Munroe & Rodrigo Valenzuela : Disobedience* Jenkins Johnson Projects: Brooklyn NY

## 2017

- *"Medium: Practices and Routes of Spirituality and Mysticism"* The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau Bahamas
- *Prospect New Orleans 4*: New Orleans, LA
- *To Journey Where There is No North Star?* The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA): New York
- \**GUN DOGS* Jack Bell Gallery: London, England
- *Devil in Disguise* Jack Bell Gallery: London, England

- \*Never Again Human NOMAD Brussels: Brussels, Belgium
- Afriques Capitales La Villette: Paris France

## 2016

- Viewpoints, Jenkins Johnson Gallery: San Francisco, CA
- Ontology of Influence: Ron Leax and Alumni Exhibition, Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- Material Matters: Water, Pigment, and Light Van Every/Smith Galleries at Davidson College: Davidson, NC
- \*DEVIL IN A WHITE CITY: Jack Bell Gallery: London, England
- 12<sup>TH</sup> Dakar Biennale: Senegal, West Africa
- \*Journey Elsewhere: Musings from a Boundless Zoo: Gutstien Gallery: Savannah, GA
- \*Journey Elsewhere: Musings from a Boundless Zoo: SCAD Museum of Art: Savannah, GA

## 2015

- \* Zoo At The Edge of The World: Art League of Houston, Houston, TX
- drawing: rachel farbiarz, lavar munroe, deb sokolow: G Fine Art, Washington DC
- The Nothing That Is: Contemporary Art Museum (CAM): Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair: Pioneer Works, New York, NY
- All the World's Futures, 56<sup>th</sup> Venice Art Biennale: Venice, Italy
- Area 919: Nashar Museum of Art: Durham, NC
- \*VOLTA NY: New York, NY

## 2014

- Fete: Martha Collective: Johannesburg, South Africa
- Made in Africa and the Diaspora, NOMAD Gallery (ARTHAUS Miami): Miami Shores, FL

- *The Footprints Go This Way and Then They Return*, NOMAD Gallery (Emerge Art Fair): Washington DC
- \**Grants Town Trickster*, Jack Bell Gallery: London, England
- *Cash and Carry*, Good Children Gallery: New Orleans, LA
- *And Then: Varied Approaches to Narrative*, Marlboro Gallery, Prince George's Community: College Largo, MD

## 2013

- \* *Where Heroes Lay*: Emerge Art Fair, Washington DC
- *Forty Years*: The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau Bahamas
- *On | Off the Wall*: Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA
- *MFA Thesis Show*: Kemper Museum, St. Louis, MO
- *1000 Words*: Acadiana Center for The Arts: Lafayette, LA
- \* *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*: Good Children Gallery New Orleans, LA
- *Morphed*: Fowlers Arts Collective, Brooklyn NY

## 2012

- *Kingdom Come*: National Art Gallery of the Bahamas
- *Inside Out*: Atlantic Center for The Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- *1st Year MFA Exhibition*, Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- *In the Heart of the Heart of the Country*: Alternative Space, St. Louis, MO

## 2011

- *Forever Forged. Forever Becoming*: African and African-Caribbean Design Diaspora Festival, London, England
- *About Change*: The World Bank, Washington DC and Paris
- \**Strength and Struggle: Haiti Continued*, Dadian Gallery, Washington DC
- \* *INVASION*: Popopstudios, Nassau Bahamas

## 2010

- *National Exhibit 5*: National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau Bahamas

- City States: 2010 Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool England
- Sudden and Violent Change: The Hub, Nassau Bahamas
- \*Yes We Can: King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, Savannah GA
- \*LIFE after LIFE: The Central Bank, Nassau, Bahamas

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2018: Indiana University SoAAD Travel Fund Recipient

2018: Distinguished Alumnus award from the Sam Fox School of Art and Design:  
Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

2016: Benny Andrews Fellow – The MacDowell Colony

2015: Postdoctoral Award for Research Excellence – University of North  
Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

2014: Finalist: Headlands Center for the Arts Chiaro Award

2014: The Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity Fellowship –  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

2013: Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant

2013: Sam Fox Dean's Initiative Fund

2013: Mary Beth Hassan Fund

2013: Travel Grant: Washington Univ. St. Louis

2012: Joan Mitchell Foundation Scholarship

2012: Ernestine Betsberg Scholarship Recipient: Washington Univ. St. Louis

2012: Arthur Osver Scholarship Recipient: Washington Univ. St. Louis

2011: Teaching Assistantship: Washington University, St. Louis

2011: The Mildred Suliburk Dennis Memorial Scholarship Recipient:  
Washington Univ. St. Louis

2011: Kraus Family Foundation Award

2011: The National Endowment for the Arts Grant: Nassau, Bahamas

2011: Nominee: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Graduate Scholarship

2009: The Central Bank Award: Central Bank of The Bahamas Art  
Competition/Exhibition

2009: Artist Grant Recipient: Yes We Can: A New Vision for the Arts, Savannah

GA

### **VISITING ARTIST AND LECTURES**

- 2019: Visiting Artist: Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont
- 2019: Visiting Artist and Talk: Pratt Institute, New York, NY
- 2019: Visiting Artist and Talk: University of Pennsylvania
- 2018: Visiting Artist and Talk: Studio Art Program At American University, Washington DC
- 2018: Visiting Assistant Professor of Painting: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2018: Visiting Artist and Talk: UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley CA
- 2018: Visiting Artist and Talk: Cranbrook Museum of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2017: Panelist: RACE AND REPRESENTATION IN CONTEMPORARY INSTITUTIONS, EXPO Chicago, Chicago IL
- 2017: Panelist: IN/SITU CHRONOPOLITICS, EXPO Chicago, Chicago IL
- 2017: Visiting Artist and Talk: Flying Horse Editions (University of Central Florida), Orlando FL
- 2016: Visiting Artist and Talk: University of Kentucky, Lexington KY
- 2016: Panelist: 'FORM • FUNCTION • FREESTYLE, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah GA
- 2016: Visiting Artist: Ox Bow Artist Residency
- 2015: Artist Talk: Zoo at the Edge of the World: A Continuum of the Exotic, Art League of Houston, Houston, TX
- 2015: Artist Talk: Zoo at the Edge of the World: A Continuum of the Exotic, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2015: Panelist: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair FORUM, New York, NY
- 2015: Visiting Artist: Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2014: Visiting Artist: University of North Carolina Greenville, Greenville, NC
- 2014: Visiting Artist: Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2014: Lecture: Lavar Munroe presents Lavar Munroe: Penn State University School of Art, State College, PA

2011: Visiting Artist Lecture: School of Art and Design at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

2011: Lecture: Strength and Struggle: Haiti Continued, Dadian Gallery, Washington DC

2010: Lecture: Yes We Can: Beach Institute, Savannah GA

2010: Visiting Artist: Redefining the Line: Lyford Cay School, Nassau Bahamas

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