

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

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)

2020

- Kampala Biennale, Kampala, Uganda

- 100 Drawings Now: The Drawing Center, New York, NY

- SHOW ME THE SIGNS, M+B Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

- *Laird Street Apostles: Jack Bell Gallery, London

- Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of The Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art: Virginia Museum Of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA

- *A Time When? (Solo at The Armory Show): Jack Bell Gallery, New York, NY

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
- 12TH 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, 56th 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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Sept. 4th, 2015

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September 20, 2013

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April 2013

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26th, 2013

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p. 40

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2011

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