

BRANDON J. DONAHUE-SHIPPI

(Born 1985, Memphis, Tennessee)

EDUCATION

- 2010-2013 MFA, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN,
- 2005-2009 BS, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN
- 2008-2009 Lorenzo De Medici School of the Arts in Florence, Italy.
- 2003-2004 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Art Foundation

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Reconstructs, Pentimenti Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Table Time/ Down Time, Wa Na Wari, Seattle, WA
- 2023 Deep Breath, Video projection at Wassaic Projects, NEA funded
- 2022 Rebounds & Assists, Pentimenti Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 Ball In Transition, Eubie Blake Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2019 No Look Past. SkyPac Center Bowling Green, KY
No Look Past. David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN
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R.I.P. Elephant Gallery, Nashville, TN
Outta Bounds. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Foul Shot. Wrathier Gallery, Murray State University
- 2017 Family Day. Oz Arts, Nashville, TN
- 2016 Foul Shot. Seed Space Nashville, TN
Street Smarts. Gallery on the Square, Franklin, KY
BIGCITYsmalltown. Athica Institute for Contemporary Art, Athens, GA
- 2014 PolyCopies. Avon Williams Campus Tennessee State University Library, Nashville,
- 2011 Gallery 11:11. Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 "Close Enough" Connect + Collect Gallery, Baltimore, Md
"Strong, Bright, Useful, and True" Bloomberg Center, Washington, DC
"Reflections of Joy: Celebrating African-American Art in Maryland", Live! Casino, Maryland Live! Casino, Baltimore, Md
- 2024 Freestyle, Kohl Gallery, Gibson Center for Arts, Washington College, Chestertown, MD
- 2023 Jet Lag Art Exhibition, Martha and Robert Fogelman Galleries, Memphis, Tn,
Hoop Dreams: Basketball and Contemporary Art, Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY
Chicago EXPO April 13-16th
- 2021 Band of Vibes Co-Lab, Los Angeles, CA
Untitled, Miami Basel, Miami, FL, represented by Pentimenti Gallery
Abode, Baltimore, MD
AbstractENN, Channel to Channel, Chattanooga, TN
Play, Bascom Center for Visual Arts, Highlands, NC
Structure Identity, Transformation, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis & Nashville, T
- 2020 "The Black Vote", Banneker-Douglass Museum, Anapolis, MD
"Coded/ Coated", Robert F. Agrella Gallery, Santa Rosa College, Santa Rosa, CA
'Spectacle', New Gallery, Austin Peay University, Clarksville, TN
- 2019 Off The Wall, Blue Spiral Gallery, Asheville, NC
A|A|H|D Gallery, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, IN
Murals of North Nashville Now, Frist Museum, Nashville, TN
615 North. Fisk University. Nashville, TN
Intermittent Rivers. 13th annual Havana Biennial. Matanzas, Cuba
Colour Somewhere. John C. Hutcheson Gallery at Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN
- 2018 Vivid Memories of a Blurred Past. Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA

Colour Theory. two-person exhibition with Jordan Hubbard, Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN
New Orleans Tricentennial Art Show. McKenna Museum, New Orleans, LA

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2023 "Inspiring Minds,Elevating Futures" Drew- Freeman Middle School, Suitland, MD
Dribble Drawing at Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2021 Rollingcrest-Chillum Community Center, Chillum, MD
Kaboom Playground @ Suitland Community Center, Suitland, MD
Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2020 Brainerd YFD Center, Public Art Commission of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN
Crow Mural, Downtown Memphis Commission, Memphis, TN
- 2019 Madison Park Community Center, The Art of Fitness. Madison Park Community Center, Madison, TN
- 2018 Sprite Mural. Nashville, TN commissioned for Nashville Fashion Week funded by Sprite
- 2017 Madison Park Community Center Project. Madison Park Community Center, Nashville, TN funded by Metro Arts Nashville
- 2016 Chilhowee Park, mural. Knoxville, TN commissioned by Arts and Culture Alliance and the Knoxville Public Arts Committee funded by the East Tennessee Foundation, Tennessee Arts Commission Placemaking Grant, & First Tennessee Foundation
Could This B A Sign?, mural. I.T. Creswell Middle Preparatory School, Nashville TN Co-Curator, Nashville Walls Projects Mural, Printers Alley, Nashville, TN
- 2015 The Present is a Gift, mural. Norf Wall Fest, Nashville, TN funded by Metro Arts
Nashville 2 Love a City, Community Mural, Clarksville Highway & 26th Street, Nashville, TN commissioned by Urban Housing Solutions funded by Tennessee Arts Commission and Metro Arts Nashville
- 2013 BAD MOON, Double 6 Studio, Brooklyn, NY

BOOK

- 2021 Included in the book publication "*Common Practice: Basketball and Contemporary Art*" by Carlos Rolon. This publication from Skira Editore covers more than a century of artwork from over two hundred leading artists—including Nina Chanel Abney, Emma Amos, Romare Bearden, Salvador Dalí, Elaine de Kooning, David Hammons, Barkley Hendricks, Titus Kaphar, Jacob Lawrence, Roy Lichtenstein, Sharon Lockhart, Robert Longo, Claes Oldenburg, Richard Prince, Robert Rauschenberg, Faith Ringgold, Lorna Simpson, Andy Warhol, Ai Weiwei, and Wendy White.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2022 MSAC Public Art Across Maryland Planning Grant
- 2018 Recipient, Tanne Foundation Award
Judge, Middle Tennessee Art Scholastic Awards
- 2017 Best Installation Show, Nashville Scene Magazine
Grant Recipient, Metro Arts Nashville, Madison Park Community Center
- 2016 Juror, Nashville Scene Photography Contest Creative
Placemaking Grant for The Cumberland Garden, Nashville Metro Arts
- 2013 Dorothy Dille Materials Grant, University of Tennessee -
- 2009 Study Abroad Grant, Tennessee State University
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MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY
Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
Private Collection, Matanzas, Cuba

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Philadelphia Museum of Fine Arts
Everson Museum of Art

Howard County's Harriet Tubman Cultural Center
Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft
Fidelity Investments, NC
Metro Arts Nashville (Madison Community Center)
Memphis International Airport
NexAIR Headquarters in Memphis, TN
Northern Gateway CDC (Rollingscrest-Chillum Community Center)
Orion FederalCredit Union Headquarters, Memphis, TN

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2024 Recovery Plan, BlackHistoryMuseumFlorence, Florence, IT
2023 Pentaculum, Arrowmont School of Craft, Gatlinburg, Tn
Oxbow School of Art, ChopShop Workshop w/ Jessica Gatlin
2019 Driskell Artist in Residence, David C. Driskell Center, College Park, MD
Wassaic Artist Residency, Wassaic, NY
2018 Hamlet Artist in Residence, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Workshop Instructor, Penland School of Arts and Crafts, Penland, NC
2017 Hamlet Artist in Residence, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Workshop Instructor, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Madison Park Community Center Summer Arts Program, Nashville, TN
2015 Artist in Residence, East Nashville Hope Exchange, Nashville, TN
2008-2010 Artist in Residence, Scarritt Bennett Center/ Gallery F, Nashville, TN

SELECTED COLLABORATIONS

2018 Nick Cave Featuring Nashville. "UpRight", Frist Museum, Nashville, TN 2009
Participated in a performance by William Pope L. Nashville, TN

PRESS

2025

WMAR Channel 2
<https://www.wmar2news.com/local/local-artist-wins-25k-in-live-casino-hotels-black-history-art-contest>
KENS 5 McNay Museum
<https://www.kens5.com/article/news/community/sports-equipment-art-mc-nay-museum-san-antonio/273-fd420adc-c91d-4bbd-8a7e-db2c93f047f7#>
BMore Art
<https://bmoreart.com/event/strong-bright-useful-true-recent-acquisitions-and-contemporary-art-from-baltimore>
Washington Post
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2025/05/12/johns-hopkins-baltimore-art-exhibit/>
Baltimore Banner
<https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/culture/arts/cordish-art-collection-live-casino-warhol-hirst-O3SYCTO3OVDX5C2NB4PKJ2UDDE/#comments-header>
Johns Hopkins Collection
<https://vimeo.com/1081601894?share=copy#t=0>

2024

Seattle Child, Elizabeth Hunte, Cory Hunter, 2024
<https://www.seattleschild.com/mother-daughter-wa-na-wari-gallery-visit/>
DosageMagazine
<https://www.dosagemagazine.com/brandon-j-donahue-shipp-reconstructs-at-pentimenti-gallery/>
Hoop Dreams at the Everson Museum
https://vimeo.com/802056180?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=193169455

Syracuse, Everson Museum Article

<https://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/2023/02/want-to-shoot-hoops-at-a-museum-basketball-meets-art-at-interactive-everson-exhibit-in-syracuse.html>

Maryland Today (LEAP mural)

<https://today.umd.edu/a-unique-mural-for-children-with-unique-communication-needs>

Diamondback

<https://dbknews.com/2023/03/17/creative-placemaking-minor-public-art-college-park/>

Maryland Today Article Dribble Drawing Workshop at Robert C. Marshall Community Center. MSAC Planning Grant

<https://today.umd.edu/basketball-art-project-leaves-mark-on-baltimore-community-center>

Nashville Scene

<https://www.artnews.com/list/artnews/news/nashville-tennessee-travel-culture-guide-1234693082/museums/>

Maryland Today, Faculty Show

Paint on Site/ Maryland Day <https://today.umd.edu/new-ideas-for-used-materials>

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<https://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/2023/02/want-to-shoot-hoops-at-a-museum-basketball-meets-art-at-interactive-everson-exhibit-in-syracuse.html/>

2023

Hyperallergic, Rachel Harris-Huffman

https://hyperallergic.com/820785/artists-on-basketball-and-its-discontents/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=D051023&utm_content=D051023+CID_45af6f5bdc65b6b3d6e9b3d79a2a5f13&utm_source=hn&utm_term=Artists+on+Basketball+and+Its+Discontents

Hyperallergic, Rhea Nayyar 2023

<https://hyperallergic.com/869173/harriet-tubman-cultural-center-awarded-millions-for-preservation/>

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<https://today.umd.edu/basketball-art-project-leaves-mark-on-baltimore-community-center>

2022

Diamondback Article for StormDrains

<https://dbknews.com/2022/10/14/umd-students-storm-drain-painting-pollution/>

Maryland Today

<https://today.umd.edu/briefs/new-creative-placemaking-minor-to-prepare-students-to-envision-public-spaces>

HyperAllergic

<https://hyperallergic.com/765261/required-reading-598/>

BMOREARTS magazine article. Radial Blooms, written by Jalen Eutsey,

<https://bmoreart.com/2022/09/the-radial-blooms-of-brandon-donahue.html>

The Hall CP Mural  [Creative Placemaking in the Community | Enterprise Research Sto...](#)

2021

- <https://poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/entertainment/2021/07/09/art-exhibit-wassaic-project-block-parties-immersive-experiences/7872551002>
<https://www.culturetype.com/2021/09/16/a-nexus-for-the-black-community-tone-memphis-is-presenting-on-the-road-chocolate-cities-group-exhibition-explores-space-place-and-belonging/>
- 2019 Metro Arts Nashville. "Basketball and Back to School, Madison celebrates Brandon Donahue's Art of Fitness"
<https://www.metroartsnashville.com/post/basketball-and-back-to-school-madison-celebrates-brandon-donahue-s-the-art-of-fitness>
 Cuban Art News. "Spotlight on Matanzas: Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons. And 'Rios Intermitentes'" <https://cubanartnews.org/2019/05/01/spotlight-on-matanzas-maria-magdalena-campos-pons-and-rios-intermitentes/>
 Iacovone, Rachel, "Frist Museum Lends Its Walls to North Nashville's Muralists" <https://www.nashvillepublicradio.org/post/frist-museum-lends-its-indoor-walls-north-nashville-s-muralists#stream/0>
 Baker, Melinda. "Murals on Display at the Frist Spotlight History, Culture North Nashville" <https://www.tennessean.com/story/life/arts/2019/08/04/frist-museum-exhibit-spotlights-murals-north-nashville/1881982001/>
- 2018 Jeffcoat, Yves. "Vivid Memories of a Blurred Past" at Atlanta Contemporary". BURNAWAY www.burnaway.org/vivid-memories-atlanta-contemporary/
- 2017 Nolan, Joe. "Best Interactive Exhibition - Brandon Donahue: Foul Shot at Seed Space" Nashville Scene. October 12.
<https://local.nashvillescene.com/publication/best-of-nashville/2017/arts-music-and-culture/best-interactive-exhibition>
 Baker, Melinda. "Sports, art converge during Family Day at OZ Arts". Tennessean. August <http://www.tennessean.com/story/life/arts/2017/08/13/sports-art-converge-during-family-day-oz-arts/550370001/>
- 2016 Williams, Patricia. "Mural at Chilhowee Park Emphasizes the Park's History". Knoxnews. <http://archive.knoxnews.com/entertainment/life/mural-at-chilhowee-park-emphasizes-the-parks-history-360a1450-edc8-2288-e053-0100007f0e2f-392617841.htm>
 I Hutson-Hunter, Laura & Nolan, Joe. "Julia Martin Gallery's Gun Violence Exhibit Leads Season's Visual Arts Pack". Nashville Scene. September 15
<http://www.nashvillescene.com/arts-culture/cover-story/article/20833679/fall-guid>
 Purazrang, Megan. "New Exhibit to Open at the Gallery this Week". Franklin Favorite. http://www.franklinfavorite.com/features/article_1bbc5b66-11a3-5c9f-aedc-72b17d4018c6.html
 Purazrang, Megan. "Gallery on the Square prepares for new Wild Summer exhibit". Franklin Favorite. July 07
http://www.franklinfavorite.com/features/article_3ce69c52-51f3-5650-a645-f95357dfb45d
 Estes, Sara. "Fifth Avenue Galleries Invite Street Art Inside". Tennessean. May 21 <https://www.tennessean.com/story/life/arts/2016/05/21/fifth-avenue-galleries-invite-street-art-inside/84441186/>

