

KARA COBB JOHNSON- CV

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Born 1976, Illinois

Lives and works in Chicago, IL

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2025 Mana Highlights, curated by Ysabel Pinyol Blasi for Monira Foundation, Mana Contemporary Chicago, Pilsen, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *bellwether*, Space 900 Gallery, Evanston, IL
- 2019 *Mama's Hand*, Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship + Innovation, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2025 *WORKSTYLES: THE LABOR PORTRAITS OF MILDRED'S LANE*, publication and collaborative HOOSH installation and exhibition of collective work. Mildred's Lane, Beach Lake, PA
Open Studios EXPO CHGO, #913 MANA Contemporary, Pilsen, Chicago, IL
- 2024 *where a knot begins and ends*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Presently, MANA Contemporary, Chicago, IL
System & Dialectics of Art, Madron Gallery of American Art, Chicago, IL
Well Versed, Dittmar Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2023 *Partition in the Modern World: Transdiasporic Art Perspectives*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
masquerade, Salon1b, Chicago, IL
color/form, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
Responding to Rhythms, Beverly Arts Center, Beverly, IL
Sundays on State, Chicago Loop Alliance, Chicago, IL
Intersections, 3D/4D Gallery, Chicago, IL
Modern Monument, Space 900 Gallery, Evanston, IL

- 2019 *The Title*, Artist Intervention, 80th Anniversary Gala, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Paper Airplanes, conceptual work, online postcard exhibition, cloud
- 2018 *Keep Families Together*, poster making event, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Tactical Viewing*, District 024 Station, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Jewel Box & Refuge*, StARTup Art Fair, MileNorth Hotel, Chicago, IL
Site As Studio, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest, IL
A Surprise in the Process, Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
Front & Center, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

SELECTED AWARDS:

- 2025 *Diana and Jim Torrey Fellowship Award*, Fellow, Mildred's Lane, WORKSTYLES with J. Morgan Puett, Rebecca Purcell and Jeffrey Jenkins, Mildred's Lane, PA
- 2023 Individual Artist Project Grant, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago, IL
Comfort Station, Distinction: Artist to Watch, Logan Square, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Individual Artist Project Grant, Illinois Arts Council, Springfield, IL
- 2014 Individual Artist Professional Development Grant, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Individual Artist Professional Development Grant, Illinois Arts Council, Springfield, IL

SELECTED COMMISSIONS:

- 2024 Chicago Public Art Group, "The Great Chasm is Merely a Stream" Mural Design, Viaduct Galleries 2025-2027 printed on metal 16' x 10', installed at 55th street and Lake Park Avenue, Hyde Park, Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

- 2025 Fellow, Mildred's Lane, WORKSTYLES summer residency with J. Morgan Puett
- 2016 Graham School, University of Chicago, Visual Arts Certificate
- 2000 Northeastern Illinois University, B.A. Liberal Arts
- 1994-1997 Minneapolis College of Art + Design, B.F.A. Candidate-Time Based + Studio Art