

KARA COBB JOHNSON- CV

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Born 1976, Illinois

Lives and works in Chicago, IL

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2025 Ram Dass, 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:

- 2026 *Tell Me What Do You See*, Four Person Prints Show, MADRON, Chicago, IL
92nd Exhibition of Visual Artist Members, Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Barbapapa, Compound Yellow, side yard, Oak Park, IL
Vortex, Buddy Store at The Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Open Studios EXPO CHGO, #913 MANA Contemporary, Pilsen, Chicago, IL
- 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, Salonlb, 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
- 2015 *A Surprise in the Process*, Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Front & Center*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

SELECTED AWARDS:

- 2026 *Visionary Scholar Award*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 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

2026-28 MFA candidate, Fiber and Material Studies Department at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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