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Education

2016	MFA, Hunter College, New York, NY
2002	Ed.M., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2001	BA, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA Pratt Institute College of Art and Design, New York, NY

Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions

(* indicates a publication)

2025	Nightsong, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2024	Visiting Masterworks, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, University of Montana, MT
2023	SCORE, Petzel Gallery, New York, NY
2022	Sonic Boom, Building Art outdoor art series, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA *Magic, Mystery & Legerdemain, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2021	Gestalt, Pond Society, Shanghai, China
2020	SELF MUST DIE, Petzel Gallery, New York, NY SHELTER, Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
2019	The House Always Wins, Josh Lilley, London, England JRRNNYS, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2018	Half Mast, Whitney Museum of American Art Billboard Project, New York, NY Derek Fordjour: Camelot Study, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY Ritual, Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
2017	PARADE, Sugar Hill Museum, New York, NY
2016	Agency & Regulation, Luce Gallery, Turin, Italy

Derek Fordjour: Eight Paintings, Papillion Art, Los Angeles, CA

2015 UPPER ROOM, Robert Blumenthal Gallery, New York, NY

Meritocracy, Jack Bell Gallery, London, England

2014 The Big Game, Storefront Ten Eyck, Brooklyn, NY

2013 Sciame Artist's Salon Series Exhibition, Sciame Corporate Gallery, New York, NY

built environments: Inaugurations, with Felandus Thames, Russ Barrie Medical Science Pavilion, Columbia University,

New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

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2025 Summer Selections, Pace Prints, New York, NY

*Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

Telepathic Jungle, Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

Intrigue, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY

Recent Editions, Pace Prints, New York, NY

2024 Toy Story, Center of International Contemporary Art Vancouver, Vancouver, Canada

Invisible Luggage, Historic Hampton House, Miami, FL

Making Strange: Sacred Imagery and the Self, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

*Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

*Flight into Egypt: Black Artists and Ancient Egypt, 1876-Now, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

Strike Fast, Dance Lightly: Artists on Boxing, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL

*Fifteen Years, Luce Gallery, Turin, Italy

Reverberations, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

Stop & Stare, UTA Artist Space, Atlanta, GA

Day for Night: New American Realism, Palazzo Barberini, organized by the Aishti Foundation, Rome, Italy

Abstraction after Modernism: Recent Acquisitions, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX

an arena, Barbati Gallery, Venice, Italy

Soliloquies, Petzel Gallery, New York, NY

Recent Editions, Pace Prints, New York, NY

*Multiplicity: Collage in Contemporary America, The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.

2023 *Black American Portraits, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN

Shared Visions, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, OR

*20, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Windrush: Portraits Of A Pioneering Generation, Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, Scotland; Buckingham

Palace in London, England

*NGV Triennial 2023, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Together in Time: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

*Multiplicity: Collage in Contemporary America, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN

Brand New Ancients, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

2022 Dark Light: Realism in the Age of Post-Truths, curated by Massimiliano Gioni, Aishti Foundation, Jal El Dib, Lebanon

Unmasking Masculinity for the Twenty-First Century, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI

51 @ 51: Collected Works, Rennie Museum, Vancouver, Canada

In Our Time: Selections from the Singer Collection, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ

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Through Our Eyes - Resonance and Illusion in Contemporary Portraits, Center of International Contemporary Art, Vancouver, Canada

In These Truths, curated by Edreys Wajed, Aitina Fareed-Cooke, and Aaron Ott, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo,

2021 SPOTLIGHT, Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels, Belgium

Dark Waters, benefiting the Better Watts Initiative, curated by Lauren Halsey, AJ Girard, and Tea Vickers, Watts Labor Community Action Committee, Los Angeles, CA

But No Elephants!, Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art and Storytelling, New York, NY

The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time, curated by Eugenie Tsai, John and Barbara Vogelstein, with Joseph Shaikewitz, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY

Present Generations: Creating the Scantland Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH

Puppets of New York: Downtown at The Clemente, Abrazo Interno Gallery, The Clemente Soto Velez Cultural and Educational Center, New York, NY; Museum of the City of New York, NY

2020 100 Drawings from Now, The Drawing Center, New York, NY

Private View: Selections from ABHK, Petzel Gallery, New York, NY

Open Air, Luce Gallery, Turin, Italy

Majeure Force, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, LA

Uptown 2020, Wallach Art Gallery at Columbia University, New York, NY

2019 Transmissions, Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Plumb Line, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, LA

Politically Private, Guggenheim Gallery at Chapman University, Orange, CA

2018 Everyday Muse, Itd Gallery, Los Angeles, LA

Invincible Summer, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Cliché, Almine Rech Gallery, New York, NY

Fun House, Josh Lilley, London, England

Reclamation!, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA

Sidelined, Galerie Lelong, New York, NY

2017 Reinventing the Figure, Galleria Monica de Cardenas, Zuoz, Switzerland

Diamonds, Rings and Courts, Geoffrey Yeh Art Gallery, St. John's University, New York, NY

All That Glitters, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY

Selections, Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York, NY

2016 Human Condition, curated by John Wolf, L.A. Metropolitan Medical Center (formerly), Los Angeles, CA

The Barn Show, Johannes Vogt Gallery East, East Hampton, NY

First We Take Manhattan, Ethan Cohen Gallery, New York, NY

Island States, Tops Gallery, Memphis, TN

March Madness, Fort Gansevoort, New York, NY

2015 I Like it Like This, Sotheby's S2 Gallery, New York, NY

And There is an End, Roberts & Tilton Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Mixed Doubles, Sometimes Gallery, New York, NY

No Such Place, Edward Tyler Nahem Gallery, New York, NY

2014 OPEN, Papillion Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2013 Corpus Americus, Driscoll Babcock Gallery, New York, NY

Tiknahova and Winter, New York, NY

Residencies And Awards

2025	Art Fellowship, Gordon Parks Foundation, Pleasantville, NY
2020	Alex Katz Chair in Painting, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, NY
2018	Artist-in-Residence, Whitney Museum of American Art, Youth Insights, New York, NY NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellow, New York, NY Deutsche Bank NYFA Fellow, New York, NY Artis Artist in Residence, Tel Aviv, Israel
2017	Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program, Brooklyn, NY C-12 Emerging Artist Award, Hunter College, New York, NY
2016	Artist-in-Residence, Sugar Hill Museum, New York, NY

Commissions And Public Projects

2025	Portals of Remembrance, New York City AIDS Memorial Park, New York, NY
2022	Sonic Boom, Building Art Outdoor Art Series, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
2018	Whitney Museum of American Art Billboard Project, New York, NY MTA Arts & Design Permanent Installation – 145th Street 3 Train Line, New York, NY

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