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Bethany Collins

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, 1984. Lives and works in Atlanta, Georgia and Chicago, Illinois.

EDUCATION

- 2012 MFA, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2007 BA, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- 2005 Glasgow School of Art, Capstone International, Glasgow, Scotland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Benediction*, University of Kentucky Art Museum, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
Chorus, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
Bethany Collins: A Pattern or Practice, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
- 2018 *The Litany*, Locust Projects, Miami, Florida (2019)
Undersong, PATRON, Chicago, Illinois
Bethany Collins: Occasional Verse, The Center for Book Arts, New York, New York
- 2017 *Bethany Collins: Of a piece*, 1708 Gallery, Richmond, Virginia
Material Fact, PATRON, Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 *The problem we all live with*, Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama
Bethany Collins: In Evidence, Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina
with the exception of the sky, Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, Georgia
- 2015 *Inquiry's End*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois [cat.]
This is How the Myth Repeats, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, Georgia (2016)
As We Wish To Be, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art, Athens, Georgia

2012 *(Unrelated)*, Ernst G. Welsh Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

2011 *To Be Real*, Arts Exchange Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020 *Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle*, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts

2019 *Direct Message: Art, Language, and Power*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2020)

Great Force, Markel Center, Institute for Contemporary Art, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia (2020) [cat.]

Heritage, Rebecca Camacho Presents, San Francisco, California

Young Gifted and Black: The Lumpkin-Boccuzzi Family Collection of Contemporary Art, Osilas Gallery, Concordia College, Bronxville, New York

Resilience: African American Artists As Agents of Change, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Politics of Rhetoric, The Print Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection, Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Fault Lines, Corvus Gallery, Gordon Parks Arts Center, Laboratory Schools, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

2018 *Parallels and Peripheries*, ArtCenter South Florida, Miami Beach, Florida; traveled to the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, Michigan (2019)

What We Make, Richard M. Ross Art Museum, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio

In the Eye of the Beholder, Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

Out of Easy Reach, DePaul Art Museum, Gallery 400 & Stony Island Arts Bank, Chicago, Illinois [cat.]; traveled to Grunwald Gallery of Art, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

2017 *Traduttore, Traditore*, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Beyond Boundaries: Feminine Forms, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2018)

Chronopolitics, EXPO IN/SITU, Chicago, Illinois

Another Country, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Victory Over the Sun: The Poetics and Politics of Eclipse, Kentucky Museum of Art

- and Craft, Louisville, Kentucky
Simple Passion, Complex Vision: The Darryl Atwell Collection, The Harvey B. Gantt Center, Charlotte, North Carolina (2018)
Gray Matters, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, Ohio [cat.]
Excerpt, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York
- 2016
Strange Oscillations and Vibrations of Sympathy, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
S/Election: Democracy, Citizenship, Freedom, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall Art Park, Los Angeles, California (2017)
AFRICA FORECAST: Fashioning Contemporary Life, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia
Chicago Invites Chicago, Galerie Lelong, New York, New York
Prix Canson, The Drawing Center, New York, New York
Lines of Flight, The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, New York, New York
Art AIDS America, Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia
- 2015
To Be Young, Gifted & Black, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Talking Back, Otherwise, University of Toronto Art Centre, Toronto, Canada (2016)
I lost an arm on my last trip home: Derrick Adams, Emma Amos, Bethany Collins, Sara Rahbar, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, New York
Venturing Out of the Heart of Darkness, Harvey B Gantt Center for African-American Arts+Culture, Charlotte, North Carolina
DCG Summer Show, David Castillo Gallery, Miami Beach, Florida
Hudgens Prize Finalists Exhibition, Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, Georgia
- 2014
Retreat, organized by Theaster Gates, Valerie Carberry Gallery & Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois [cat.]
The School, Chastain Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Material Histories, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York
See Through Walls, Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia
Emerging Artist Exhibition, Museum of Arts & Sciences, Macon, Georgia
INCOGNITO 2014, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, California
Point of View: African American Art from the Elliot and Kimberly Perry Collection, Flint Institute of Art, Flint, Michigan
Space for Possibility, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2013
Pulp 3, Beta Pictoris Gallery, Birmingham, Alabama
Art Papers Auction, Mason Murer Fine Art Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

Boom City, Dashboard Co-Op, M. Rich Building, Atlanta, Georgia
Drawing Inside the Perimeter, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
E-MERGE, Harstfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, Georgia
Intersections of Gender & Place, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus,
Mississippi
ONE ONE, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia
Outdated, Kibbee Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

- 2012 *'Merica*, Kibbee Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
From Cosmology to Neurology and Back Again, Whitespace Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
BLOOM, Kai Lin Art Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
Imaginary Million, 200 Peachtree, Atlanta, Georgia
NBAF Collecting African American Art, Mercedes-Benz of Buckhead, Atlanta,
Georgia
Talent Loves Company, Barbara Archer Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2011 *11.11.11*, Arts Exchange, Atlanta, Georgia
Bring It, Landmark Arts, Lubbock, Texas
Hammonds House Museum Art Atlanta, Bill Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
Pre-Emergent, Aqua Art Miami Contemporary Art Fair, Miami, Florida
Pride & Prejudice, Archetype Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2010 *America*, Mint Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
Cultural Competency Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Southern Art?, Ernest G. Welch Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2009 *The Blotter Show*, Kibbee Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2008 *Arte Vivo 2008*, Centro de Diseño Alemán, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2007 Creative Campus Grand Opening, Maxwell Hall, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- 2004 *Artwalk*, Space One Eleven, Birmingham, Alabama

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia
- Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama
- High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
- Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama
- The Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts

- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York
- Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia

PROJECTS

- 2019 *The Birmingham News, 1963*, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2015 *In Version After Version*, Art Papers, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2013 *Too White To Be Black*, Decatur Book Festival, Decatur, Georgia
- 2012 *I'm Just So Politically Correct Today*, The Goat Farm Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2011 *I Wish I Was Black*, Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2010 *Between Opposition*, Preparatoria Zapata, Puebla, Mexico
- 2007 *Stories of the Flood: Before & After*, Tiger Town Park, Elba, Alabama

LECTURES & ARTIST TALKS

- 2019 *A Conversation: Bethany Collins and Duriel Harris*, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Bloomington, Illinois
Society for Contemporary Art, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Spring Visiting Artist & Scholar Lecture Series, Florida State University, Tampa, Florida
Visiting Artist: A Public Platform, College of Visual Arts & Design, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
- 2018 McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2017 Bethany Collins and Deana Haggag in conversation, PATRON, Chicago, Illinois
Bethany Collins, Darby English and Daniel Borzutsky in conversation, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, Illinois
Bethany Collins, Joey Lico, Kadar Brock, Samuel Levi-Jones and Cheryl Pope in conversation, Soho House, Chicago, Illinois
Bethany Collins, Xaviera Simmons and Carmen Winant in conversation, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, Ohio
Joyner/Giuffrida Collection panel, Northern Trust Bank, Chicago, Illinois
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

- 2016 *Art Papers Live* with Natasha Trethewey, Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2015 Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska
Distinguished Alumni Talk, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Hamilton Arts Lecture Series, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia
Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, New York
- 2014 The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York
- 2013 High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2012 *Imaginary Million*, Artist Tour, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2011 Arts Exchange Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2010 Ernest G. Welch Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
Universitario Bauhaus, Puebla, Mexico
- 2007 *Creativity or Conformity Conference*, Cardiff, Wales

AWARDS

- 2019 The Sally and Don Lucas Artists Fellow, Montalvo Arts Center, Saratoga, California
Artadia Award, Chicago, Illinois
Artist Fellowship Award, Illinois Arts Council Agency, Chicago, Illinois
- 2018 Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellowship, The Efroymsen Family Fund, Central Indiana Community Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2016 Jackman Goldwasser Residency, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, Illinois
Prix Canson Finalist, New York, New York
- 2015 Artist in Residence, Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Nebraska
Fountainhead Residency, Miami, Florida
Hudgens Prize, Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, Georgia
National Endowment for the Arts Grant, The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, New Hampshire
The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, New York, New York
- 2014 Artadia Award, Atlanta, Georgia

- Artist in Residence, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York
Best Emerging Artist, Creative Loafing, Atlanta, Georgia
Edward & Sally Van Lier Fellowship, SHARP Residency, Staten Island, New York,
New York
Rush Katzman Scholarship, The League Residency at Vyt, Sparkill, New York
- 2013
CSA Artist, WonderRoot Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia
The Drawing Center Viewing Program, New York, New York
Hambridge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences Residency, Rabun Gap, Georgia
Ossabaw Island Residency, WonderRoot Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Public Art Registry Artist, Fulton County Public Art Program, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2012
Dashboard Co-Op Artist, Atlanta, Georgia
Emerging Artist Nominee, Swan Coach House Forward Arts Foundation, Atlanta,
Georgia
Walthall Artist Fellowship, WonderRoot Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2010
Artist in Residence, Arquetopia, Inc., Puebla, Mexico
Grant Nominee, Dedalus Foundation, New York, New York
Rural Teaching Artist Training Program, Dana Foundation, Montgomery, Alabama
- 2009
Artist in Residence, Rural Alabama Initiative, Elba, Alabama

PEFORMANCES

- 2019
The Litany, Locust Projects, Miami, Florida
America: A Hymnal, Robert F. Carr Memorial Chapel of St. Savior, Illinois Institute of
Technology, Chicago, Illinois