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Derrick Adams Biography

Born in 1970 in Baltimore, MD.
Lives and works in New York.

Education:

2003 MFA, Columbia University, New York, NY.
1996 BFA, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY.

Residencies:

2019 Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, Captiva, FL.
2010 The Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL.
2003 Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program (f/k/a: Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation), New York, NY.
2002 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME.

Selected Solo Exhibitions and Performances:

2024 *Future People . . . Take Off*. PES FUTURES, New York, NY.
The Holdout II. Express Newark, Newark, NJ.
2023–2026 *Dewdrop Inn*. Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD.
2023 *RECESS*. Gagosian Shop, London, UK.
Come as You Are. Gagosian, Beverly Hills, CA.
I Can Show You Better Than I Can Tell You. The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY.
"... and friends." Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago IL.
2022 *Sweet Spot*. LGDR HK, Hong Kong.
2021 *LOOKS*. Cleveland Art Museum, Cleveland, OH.
Style Variations. Salon 94, New York, NY.
The Last Resort. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.
Sanctuary. The Momentary, Bentonville, AR.
2020 *Buoyant*. Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL.
Buoyant. Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY.
Transformers. Luxembourg & Dayan, London, United Kingdom.
Patrick Kelly, The Journey. SCAD FASH, Museum of Fashion + Film, Atlanta GA
2019 *Where I'm From — Derrick Adams*. Baltimore City Hall Gallery, Baltimore, MD.
The Ins and Outs: Figures in the Urban Landscape. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.
Beauty World. Vigo Gallery, Focus at Frieze, New York, NY.
New Icons. Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY.
Interior Life. Luxembourg & Dayan, New York, NY.
2018 *People Person*. Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris, France.
Transmission. Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO.
Sanctuary. Museum of Arts and Design, New York NY.
The Journey Continues. New York Live Arts, Ford Foundation, New York, NY.

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- 2017 *Black White and Brown*. Primary, Miami, FL.
Figures in the Urban Landscape. Tilton Gallery, New York, NY.
Repose. UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, CA.
Future People. Stony Island Arts Bank, Chicago, IL.
Patrick Kelly, The Journey. Studio Museum in Harlem: in Harlem series at Countee Cullen Library, New York, NY.
Network. California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA.
Deconstruction Worker Portraits. Tilton Gallery at Independent Art Fair, New York, NY.
- 2016 *Tell Me Something Good*. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.
Kabinett: Derrick Adams. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Art Basel, Miami Beach, FL.
Float. Vigo Gallery, London, United Kingdom.
Finding Derrick 6 to 8. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY.
ON. Pioneer Works, Brooklyn, NY.
Culture Club. Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ.
Crossroad: A Social Sculpture. Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE.
Black and White and In Color. Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris, France.
- 2015 *Pablo Fanque's Circus Royal/SIDESHOW*. PERFORMA 15, New York, NY.
The Holdout. Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ.
The Entertainer: Static / Distortion / Interference. Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL.
- 2014 *LIVE and IN COLOR*. Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY.
The Entertainer: Static / Distortion / Interference. Logan Center, Chicago, IL.
Derrick Adams. T Magazine at Villa Necchi-Campiglio, Milan, Italy.
Borough. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 *Aestheticized Reductions of Self-Representation*. Hales Gallery, London United, Kingdom.
Once Upon a Time (commissioned by the Calder Foundation). PERFORMA '13 (Salon 94), New York, NY.
The Institute of Me. PERFORMA '13, Performa Hub, New York, NY.
DISPLAY: Cloaked In The Proprieties Of The Culture Game. 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY.
- 2012 *Becoming One With Your Environment*. Galerie Anne De Villepoix, Paris, France.
The Channel. BAM Next Wave Festival, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY.
Hillman U.: A Dream Deferred, A Dream Fulfilled. Proposition Gallery, New York, NY.
The World According to Derrick. Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA.
Communicating with Shadows. Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY.
Man As His Element. Colburn Gallery, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.
Deconstruction Worker. Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY.
Feed Them With A Long Spoon. Third Streaming, New York, NY.
Go Stand Next to the Mountain. The Kitchen, New York, NY.
Welcome to Monument City. Collette Blanchard Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2009 *Introduction to Bizarro Wiz*. Collette Blanchard Gallery, NADA, Miami Beach, FL.
- 2006 *Sometimes I Just Don't Feel Like Myself*. Momenta Arts, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2005 *Anew*. PERFORMA 05, Participant Inc, New York, NY.
I'm Sorry, I'm Lost. Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY.
I'm Smoke; You're Mirror. PARTICIPANT INC, New York, NY.
- 2004 *Me and My Imaginary Friends*. Triple Candie, New York, NY.
- 2003 *The Big Getaway*. Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY.

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Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2024 *Andy Warhol's Long Shadow*. Gagosian, Hong Kong.
Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys. Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2023–2025 *Kindred Words: the Priscila and Alvin Hudgins Collection*. Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY.
- 2023–2024 *Black California Dreamin': Claiming Space at America's Leisure Frontier*. California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA.
The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century. Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.
- 2023 *Strike Fast, Dance Lightly: Artists on Boxing*. FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY.
Beyond Granite: Pulling Together. Curated by Monument Lab, National Mall, Washington D.C.
Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage. Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN.
- 2022–2023 *Order / Reorder: Experiments with Collections*. Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY.
2021 *Derrick Adams and Barbara Earl Thomas: Packaged Black*. Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA.
The Eyes Have It. Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY.
and I will wear you in my heart of heart. FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY.
TEXTURES: the history and art of Black hair. Kent State University Museum, Kent, OH.
Drawing 2020. Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY.
Grace Before Jones: Camera, Disco, Studio. Nottingham Contemporary, London, UK.
Mass Ornament: Pleasure, Play, and What Lies Beneath. South Etna Montauk, Montauk, NY.
Painting is Painting's Favorite Food: Art History as Muse. South Etna Montauk, Montauk, NY.
Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle. Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA.
Collectouples. New York Academy of Art, New York, NY.
Sounds Lasting and Leaving. Luxembourg & Dayan, New York, NY.
- 2019 *The Extreme Present* (presented by Larry Gagosian). Moore Building, Miami Design District, Miami Beach, FL.
Mickalene Thomas: Better Nights. Bass Museum, Miami Beach, FL.
Painting Is Its Own Country. Harvey B. Gantt Center, Charlotte, NC.
Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth (organized by Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services). National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH.
Figuring the Floral. Wave Hill, Bronx, NY.
Edward Hopper and the American Hotel. Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA.
Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum of Art. The Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 *Scripted Reality: The Life and Art of Television*. Museo Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico.
American Family. Gordon Parks Foundation, Pleasantville, NY.
Punch!. Deitch Gallery, New York, NY.

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- MAD Collects: The Future of Craft, Part 1.* Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY.
Talisman in the Age of Difference. Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, United Kingdom.
- Go Figure.* Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH.
Pop Stars! Popular Culture and Contemporary Art. 21c Museum Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK.
- 2017 *Jacob Lawrence: Lines of Influence.* SCAD, Savannah, GA.
Third Space: Shifting Conversations About Contemporary Art. Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL.
- 2016 *Best Dressed Chicken in Town.* Art Basel Film, Miami Beach, FL.
40 Years, Part 2: Gender. Race. Identity. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.
40 Years, Part 1: Minimal. Conceptual. Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.
Experiments in Print: Derrick Adams, Matthew Day Jackson, Dread Scott & Kate Shepherd. The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 *Black Pulp.* Yale School of Art, 32 Edgewood Gallery, New Haven, CT.
Young, Gifted and Black. Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Us Is Them. Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH.
- 2014 *Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art.* Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2013 *Outside the Lines: Black in the Abstract, Part II: Hard Edges/Soft Curves.*
Radical Presence. Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY.
The Shadows Took Shape. Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY.
Reading List: Artists' Selections from the MoMA Library Collection. The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY.
Reloading the Canon: African Traditions in Contemporary Art. The James E. Lewis Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD.
- 2012 *Radical Presence; Black Performance In Contemporary Art.* The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX.
Sonando en Color, Havana Biennial. Centro Experimental De Los Artes Visuales, Havana, Cuba.
Next Generation: Selections by Artists in the 30 Americans Collection. Contemporary Wing, Washington, DC.
Sunday Sessions. MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY.
The Entertainer: Static | Distortion | Interference. MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY.
- 2011 *The Bearden Project.* Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY.
- 2006 *The Pulse of New Brooklyn.* MoCADA, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2005 *Greater New York 2005.* MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY.
- 2004 *Open House: Working in Brooklyn.* Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2003 *Veni Vidi Video.* Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY.
Club in the Shadow. Kenny Schachter Contemporary, New York, NY.
Adams, Cerrillo, Perkins. Massimo Audiello, New York, NY.

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Public Commissions:

- 2024 *Moynihan Connector Billboard*. High Line, New York, NY.
2023 *Art on The Mart*. The Mart, Chicago, IL.
The City is My Refuge. Art at Amtrak, Penn Station, New York, NY.
2022 *Eye Candy*. IFPDA Print Fair, New York, NY.
Lift As You Climb. The Walls Off Washington, Kranzberg Arts Foundation, St. Louis, MO.
Funtime Unicorns. Rockefeller Center, New York, NY.
2021 *On Site: Derrick Adams: Our Time Together*. Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI.
Joyride I and Joyride II. The Modern Window, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY.
2020 *How I Spend My Summer Break*. RxART, Pediatric Emergency Dept, NYC Health + Hospitals, Harlem, New York, NY.
2019 *Around the Way*. Metropolitan Transportation Authority Arts & Design, LIRR Nostrand Ave Station, Brooklyn, NY.
Fashion Accessories. Fashion Outlets of Chicago, Rosemont, IL.
2018 *Fashion Show and Fashion Accessories*. Fashion Outlets of Chicago, Rosemont, IL.
2017 *Your Own Channel*. Mural Arts Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

Awards:

- Gordon Parks Foundation Fellowship, 2018, Pleasantville, NY.
Joyce Alexander Wein Artist Prize, 2016, New York, NY.
S.J. Weiler Fund, 2014, New York, NY.
Louis Comfort Tiffany Award, 2009, New York, NY.
Agnes Martin Fellowship, 2001–2003.

Collections:

- 21C Museum Hotel, Durham, NC.
Agnes Gund, New York, NY.
Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, OH.
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD.
Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL.
Estee Lauder Collection, New York, NY.
Fondation Gandur pour l'Art, Genève, Geneva, Switzerland.
Ford Foundation, New York, NY.
Hall Art Foundation, Southport, CT.
Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY.
Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY.
JP Morgan Chase, New York, NY.
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY.
Microsoft Art Collection, Redmond, WA.
Mott-Warsh Collection, Flint, MI.
Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH.
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME.
Prada Foundation, Milan, Italy.

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Progressive Insurance, Mayfield, OH.
RISD, Providence, RI.
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY.
University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
UBS Art Collection, New York, NY.
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA.
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY.