



# LAVAR MUNROE

b. 1982, Born in Nassau, Bahamas, Lives in Baltimore, MA

## Education

- 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2013 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
MFA Studio Art, Washington University St. Louis, MO
- 2007 BFA, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Sometime Come to Someplace*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *Of Seafaring Men*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Two Birds and a Stone*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK  
*Father Alone*, Janet & Walter Sondheim Prize, Walters Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2020 *Father Alone*, M+B Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Laird Street Apostles*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *Strangers in the Night*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 LAVAR MUNROE: *Devil in a White City*, Meadows Museum, Shreveport, LA  
LAVAR MUNROE: *Rudeboys We Like*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK  
Lavar Munroe & Rodrigo Valenzuela: *Disobedience*, Jenkins Johnson Projects, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017 *Gun Dogs*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK  
*Never Again Human*, NOMAD Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 *DEVIL IN A WHITE CITY*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK  
*Journey Elsewhere: Musings from a Boundless Zoo*, Gutstien Gallery, Savannah, GA; SCAD Museum of Art, GA
- 2015 *Zoo at the End of the World*, Art League of Houston, Houston, TX
- 2014 *Grants Town Trickster*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2011 *Strength and Struggle: Haiti Continued*, Lecture, Dadian Gallery, Washington, D.C  
*INVASION*, Popopstudios, Nassau, Bahamas
- 2010 *Yes We Can*, Kind-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, Savannah, GA  
*LIFE after LIFE*, The Central Bank, Nassau, Bahamas

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *When We See Us: A Century of Black Figuration in Painting*, Kunstmuseum Basel, St. Alban-Graben, CH (forthcoming)  
*ICHIHARA X ART X CONNECTIONS: Crossing of Worlds and Me*, Ichihara Lakeside Museum, Funyu, JP; curated by Fram Kitagawa
- 2023 *Taipei Dangdai*, Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Taipei, Taiwan  
*The Gateway to Possible Worlds: Art and Science Fiction*, Centre Pompidou Metz, Metz, FR  
*To All Who Come to this Happy Place: Welcome*, Tern Gallery, Nassau, The Bahamas  
*Les Portes Du Possible-Art & Science Fiction*, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Metz, FR

## Selected Group Exhibitions (cont.)

- Unapologetically*, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago London Campus, London, England; curated by the Robyns Collection
- 2022 *Mercy: The Tenth National Exhibition*, The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas  
*When We See Us: A Century of Black Figuration in Painting*, Zeitz MOCAA, Capetown, SA  
*The Gateway to Possible Worlds: Art and Science Fiction*, Centre Pompidou Metz, FR  
*Unapologetically*, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago London Campus, IL; curated by the Robyns Collection
- 2021 *Artists' Breath Live*, Setouchi Asia Forum, Setouchi Triennale  
*Ichihara Art x Mix*, Ichihara, Japan  
*Kampala Biennale*, Kampala, Uganda
- 2020 *Artists' Breath*, Ichihara Lakeside Museum, Japan  
*100 Drawings Until Now*, The Drawing Center, New York, NY  
*SHOW ME THE SIGNS*, Blum & Poe Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of the Black and Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art*, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA; Mennello Museum of American Art, Orlando, FL (2018)
- 2019 *Ultrasanity: On Madness, Sanitation, Antipsychiatry and Resistance*, SAVVY Contemporary, Berlin, Germany  
*PAINTING IS ITS OWN COUNTRY*, The Harvey Gantt Center, Charlotte, NC  
*When the Bough Breaks*, 937 Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Coffee, Rhum, Sugar, & Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox*, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
*The Other Side of Now*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL  
*Get Up Stand Up NOW*, Somerset House, London, UK
- 2018 *Off Biennale Cairo: Something Else*, Cairo, Egypt  
*Becoming American*, Studio E, Seattle, WA; English Camp, San Juan Island, WA  
*African Mētropolis*, MAXXI Museo Nazionale Delle Arti Del XXI Secolo, Rome, Italy  
*The Eye Sees Not Itself*, Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Medium: Practices and Routes of Spirituality and Mysticism*, The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas  
*Prospect New Orleans 4*, New Orleans, LA  
*To Journey Where There is No North Star*, The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, New York, NY  
*Devil In Disguise*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK  
*Afriques Capitales*, La Villette, Paris, FR
- 2016 *Viewpoints*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Ontology of Influence, Ron Leax and Alumni Exhibition*, Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
*Material Matters: Water, Pigment, and Light*, Van Every/Smith Galleries at Davidson College, Davidson, NC  
*12<sup>th</sup> Dakar Biennale*, Senegal, West Africa
- 2015 *drawings: Rachel Farbiaz, Lavar Munroe, Deb Sokolow*, G Fine Art, Washington D.C  
*The Nothing That Is*, Contemporary Art Museum, Raleigh, NC  
*All the World's Futures*, 56<sup>th</sup> Venice Art Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*Area 919*, Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, NC
- 2014 *Fete*, Martha Collective, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Made in Africa and the Diaspora*, NOMAD Gallery, ARTHAUS Miami, Miami Shores, FL  
*Cash and Carry*, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
*And Then: Varied Approaches to Narrative*, Marlboro Gallery, Prince George's Community, College Largo, MD

## **Selected Group Exhibitions (cont.)**

- 2013 *Forty Years*, The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas  
*On I Off the Wall*, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA  
*MFA Thesis Show*, Kemper Museum, St. Louis, MO  
*1000 Words*, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA  
*Morphed*, Fowlers Art Collective, Brooklyn, NY

## **Art Fairs**

- 2023 *Art SG, Solo Presentation by Jack Bell Gallery*, Marina Bay Sands, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore (forthcoming)  
2022 *1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair*, London, UK  
*International Fine Print Dealers Association (IFPDA)*, presented by Flying Horse Editions at UCF, New York, NY  
2021 *INK Miami*, presented by Flying Horse Editions, Miami, FL  
2020 *The Armory Show, A Time When...*, presented by Jack Bell Gallery, New York, NY  
2020 *The Armory Show*, presented by Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA & New York, NY  
2018 *Art Central Hong Kong*, presented by Savannah College of Art & Design, Hong Kong, China  
2017 *Untitled, Solo Presentation by Jack Bell Gallery*, Miami, FL  
2017 *Art Miami*, presented by Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL  
2016 *Expo Chicago*, presented by Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL

## **Grants & Fellowships**

- 2023 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow, Robert De Niro Award  
2018 Indiana University SoAAD Travel Fund Recipient  
2016 Benny Andrews Fellow, The MacDowell Colony  
2015 Postdoctoral Award for Research Excellence, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
The Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
2013 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant  
Travel Grant, Washington University, St. Louis, MO  
2011 The National Endowment for the Arts Grant, Nassau, Bahamas  
2009 Artist Grant Recipient, Yes, We Can: A New Vision for the Arts, Savannah, GA

## **Awards, Scholarships, and Residencies**

- 2022 Emerald Hill Artist Residence, Harare, Zimbabwe  
2021 Sondheim Artscape Prize Finalist  
2020 Norton Museum of Art, Artist-In-Residence, West Palm Beach, FL  
2018 Headlands Center for the Arts, Artist in Residence, Sausalito, CA  
Distinguished Alumnus Award, Sam Fox School of Art and Design, Washington University in St. Louis, MO  
2017 Flying Horse Editions, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
The Josef & Anni Albers Foundation, Artist-In-Residence, Thread Senegal  
2016 Visiting Artist Residency, OxBow Artist  
2015 MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH  
Joan Mitchell Foundation Artist-In-Residence, New Orleans, LA  
2014 Finalist, Headlands Center for the Arts Chiaro Award  
2013 Sam Fox Dean's Initiative Fund  
Mary Beth Hassan Fund  
2012 The Fountain Residency, Miami, FL

## Awards, Scholarships, and Residencies (cont.)

- Atlantic Center for the Artist, Artist-In-Residence, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
Joan Mitchell Foundation Scholarship  
Ernestine Betsberg Scholarship Recipient, Washington University, St. Louis, MO  
Arthur Osver Scholarship Recipient, Washington University, St. Louis, MO  
2011 The Mildred Suliburk Dennis Memorial Scholarship Recipient, Washington University, MO  
Kraus Family Foundation Award  
Nominee, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Graduate Scholarship  
2009 The Central Bank Award, Central Bank of the Bahamas Art Competition/Exhibition

## Teaching

- 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor of Painting, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
2014 MFA Mentorship Program, Lesley University: College of Art and Design, Cambridge, MA  
The Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity Fellow, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

## Lectures

- 2022 Virtual Visiting Artist and Talk, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VA  
2020 Artist Talk, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MA  
Artist Talk, ICA Virginia, Richmond, VA  
Visiting Artist, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA  
2019 Visiting Artist, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
Visiting Artist and Talk, Pratt Institute, New York, NY  
Visiting Artist and Talk, University of Pennsylvania, PA  
2018 Visiting Artist and Talk, Studio Art Program at American University, Washington, D.C  
Visiting Artist and Talk, UC Berkeley, CA  
Visiting Artist and Talk, Cranbrook Museum of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
2017 Visiting Artist and Talk, Flying Horse Editions, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
2016 Visiting Artist and Talk, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
2015 *Zoo at the Edge of the World: A Continuum of the Exotic*, Artist Talk, Art League of Houston, TX  
Visiting Artist, Duke University, Durham, NC  
2014 Lecture, *Lavar Munroe presents Lavar Monroe*, Penn State University School of Art, State College, PA  
Visiting Artist, University of North Carolina, Greenville, NC  
Visiting Artist, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
2011 Visiting Artist Lecture, School of the Art and Design at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
*Strength and Struggle: Haiti Continued*, Lecture, Dadian Gallery, Washington, D.C  
2010 Lecture, *Yes We Can*, Beach Institute, Savannah, GA  
*Redefining the Line*, Visiting Artist, Lyford Cay School, Nassau, Bahamas

## Panelist

- 2017 *Race and Representation in Contemporary Institutions*, EXPO Chicago, IL  
*IN/SITU Chronopolitics*, EXPO Chicago, IL  
2016 *Form. Function. Freestyle*, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA  
2017 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair Forum, New York, NY

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## Selected Collections

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
Fondation de France, Paris, FR  
Fondation Gandur pour l'Art, Genève, CH  
MAXXI Museum, Rome, IT  
The Central Bank of the Bahamas, Nassau, BS  
The National Gallery of the Bahamas, Nassau, BS  
The Studio Museum of Harlem, Harlem, NY