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## DERRICK ADAMS (b. 1970)

Derrick Adams is a multidisciplinary artist living and working in Brooklyn, New York. Adams' work celebrates and expands the dialogue around contemporary Black life and culture through scenes of normalcy and perseverance. In addition to his critically acclaimed art practice, Adams has held numerous teaching positions and is currently a tenured assistant professor in the School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts at CUNY Brooklyn College. He also holds an honorary doctorate from Maryland Institute College of Art.

In 2022, Adams established Charm City Cultural Cultivation, a non-profit organization to support and encourage underserved communities in the city of Baltimore through events conducted by three entities: The Last Resort Artist Retreat, a residency program that subscribes to the concept of leisure as therapy for the Black creative; The Black Baltimore Digital Database, a collaborative counter-institutional space for collecting, storing, and safekeeping the data of local archival initiatives; and Zora's Den, an online community of Black women writers started in January 2017, which has since expanded to in-person writing workshops, a writers' circle, and a monthly reading series that strive to promote instruction, support, and social engagement.

Adams has been the subject of significant solo exhibitions at institutions such as The Cleveland Museum of Art, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and the Museum of Arts and Design, New York, as well as notable group exhibitions at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Henry Art Gallery and the Kent State University Museum. His art resides in the collections of The Brooklyn Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; The Studio Museum in Harlem; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond; and the Birmingham Museum of Art, among many others.

**Artist statement from Derrick Adams.**

## EDUCATION

2003 M.F.A., Columbia University, New York, NY  
1996 B.F.A., Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

### SOLO

2026 *Derrick Adams: View Master*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
2025 *Derrick Adams: Situation Comedy*, Gagosian, London, United Kingdom  
2024 *Derrick Adams: The Strip*, Gagosian, Seoul, South Korea  
    *Derrick Adams: Future People...Take Off*, Project For Empty Space, New York, NY  
    *Derrick Adams: Fresh Paint*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY  
    *Derrick Adams: The Holdout II*, Express Newark, Newark, NJ  
2023 *Derrick Adams: Dewdrop Inn*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
    *Derrick Adams, RECESS*, Gagosian Shop, London, United Kingdom  
    *Derrick Adams: Come as You Are*, Gagosian, Beverly Hills, CA  
    *Derrick Adams: I Can Show You Better Than I Can Tell You*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY  
    *Derrick Adams: "... and friends"*, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2022 *Derrick Adams: Sweet Spot*, LGDR HK, Hong Kong  
2021 *Derrick Adams: LOOKS*, Cleveland Art Museum, Cleveland, OH  
    *Derrick Adams: Style Variations*, Salon 94, New York, NY  
    *Derrick Adams: The Last Resort*, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
    *Derrick Adams: Sanctuary*, The Momentary, Bentonville, AR  
2020 *Derrick Adams: Buoyant*, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL; Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY  
    *Derrick Adams: Transformers*, Luxembourg & Dayan, London, United Kingdom  
    *Derrick Adams: Patrick Kelly, The Journey*, SCAD FASH, Museum of Fashion + Film, Atlanta, GA

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2019 *Where I'm From—Derrick Adams*, Baltimore City Hall Gallery, Baltimore, MD  
*Derrick Adams: The Ins and Outs: Figures in the Urban Landscape*, Rhonda Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Derrick Adams: Beauty World*, Vigo Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*Derrick Adams: New Icons*, Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY  
2018 *Derrick Adams: People Person*, Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris, France  
*Derrick Adams: Transmission*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO  
*Derrick Adams: Sanctuary*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
2017 *Derrick Adams: Figures in the Urban Landscape*, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY  
*Derrick Adams: Repose*, UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, CA  
*Derrick Adams: Patrick Kelly, The Journey*, Studio Museum in Harlem: in Harlem series at Countee Cullen Library, New York, NY  
*Derrick Adams: Network*, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
2016 *Derrick Adams: Finding Derrick 6 to 8*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
*Derrick Adams: ON*, Pioneer Works, Brooklyn, NY  
*Derrick Adams: Crossroad: A Social Sculpture*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
2015 *Derrick Adams: The Holdout*, Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ  
*Derrick Adams: The Entertainer: Static / Distortion / Interference*, Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
2014 *Derrick Adams: LIVE and IN COLOR*, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY  
*Derrick Adams: T Magazine* at Villa Necchi-Campiglio, Milan, Italy  
2013 *Derrick Adams: Aestheticized Reductions of Self-Representation*, Hales Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*Derrick Adams: DISPLAY: Cloaked In The Proprieties Of The Culture Game*, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY  
2012 *Derrick Adams: The World According to Derrick*, Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA  
*Derrick Adams: Communicating with Shadows*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
2009 *Derrick Adams: Introduction to Bizarro Wiz*, Collette Blanchard Gallery, NADA, Miami Beach, FL  
2006 *Derrick Adams: Sometimes I Just Don't Feel Like Myself*, Momenta Arts, Brooklyn, NY  
2005 *Derrick Adams: Anew*, PERFORMA 05, Participant Inc, New York, NY  
*Derrick Adams: I'm Sorry, I'm Lost*, Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY  
*Derrick Adams: I'm Smoke; You're Mirror*, PARTICIPANT INC, New York, NY  
2004 *Derrick Adams: Me and My Imaginary Friends*, Triple Candie, New York, NY  
2003 *Derrick Adams: The Big Getaway*, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY

## GROUP

2025 *Go Big Red*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE  
*Pool Party: The Pool in American Art*, Mennello Museum of American Art, Orlando, FL  
*Color Outside the Lines, from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation*, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
*Breaking the Mold: Brooklyn Museum at 200*, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY  
*Just Playin' Around*, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at Portland State University, Portland, OR  
*A to Sze: Collecting at MAM (2000-2025)*, Montclair Art Museum, NJ  
*Layers: The Art of Contemporary Collage*, Decker Gallery at Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
2024 *Pop Forever, Tom Wesselmann &...* Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France  
*George Clinton: Cloaked in a Cloud, Disguised in the Sky*, Museum of Art, Savannah College of Art and Design, GA  
*Line & Thread: Prints and Textiles from the 1600s to the Present*, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, New York Public Library, New York, NY  
*Couples Squared*, Southampton Arts Center, New York, NY  
*Effetto Notte: Nuovo Realismo Americano*, Gallerie Nazionali di Arte Antica, Palazzo Barberini, Rome  
*Strike Fast, Dance Lightly: Artists on Boxing*, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL  
*Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY

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2023 *Kindred Words: the Priscila and Alvin Hudgins Collection*, Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY  
*The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century*, Saint Louis Art Museum, MO  
*Black California Dreamin': Claiming Space at America's Leisure Frontier*, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage*, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN

2022 *Order / Reorder: Experiments with Collections*, Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY

2021 *Derrick Adams and Barbara Earl Thomas: Packaged Black*, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*TEXTURES: the history and art of Black hair*, Kent State University Museum, Kent, OH  
*Grace Before Jones: Camera, Disco, Studio*, Nottingham Contemporary, London, United Kingdom  
*Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle*, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

2019 *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  
*Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth* (organized by Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services). National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH

2018 *Scripted Reality: The Life and Art of Television*, Museo Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico  
*American Family*, Gordon Parks Foundation, Pleasantville, NY  
*Punx!*, Deitch Gallery, New York, NY  
*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

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, 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  
*Black Pulp*, Yale School of Art, 32 Edgewood Gallery, New Haven, CT

2015 *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, WI

2013 *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*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

2012 *Reloading the Canon: African Traditions in Contemporary Art*, The James E. Lewis Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
*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 Audиello, New York, NY

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## SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2024 American Federation of Arts Cultural Leadership Award
- 2018 Gordon Parks Foundation Fellowship, Pleasantville, NY
- 2016 Joyce Alexander Wein Artist Prize, New York, NY
- 2014 S.J. Weiler Fund, New York, NY
- 2009 Louis Comfort Tiffany Award, New York, NY
- 2001-03 Agnes Martin Fellowship

## SELECTED 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.
- 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

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- 21C Museum Hotel, Durham, NC
- Agnes Gund, New York
- Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, OH
- Amorepacific Museum of Art, Seoul
- Baltimore Museum of Art
- Birmingham Museum of Art, AL
- de Young, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
- Estee Lauder Collection, New York
- Fondation Gandur pour l'Art, Genève, Geneva
- Ford Foundation, New York
- Hall Art Foundation, Southport, CT
- Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY
- Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation, Eugene, OR
- JP Morgan Chase, New York
- Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
- Microsoft Art Collection, Redmond, WA
- Montclair Museum of Art, NJ
- Mott-Warsh Collection, Flint, MI
- Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
- Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
- Prada Foundation, Milan
- Progressive Insurance, Mayfield, OH
- RISD Museum, Providence, RI

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University of Maryland, College Park  
UBS Art Collection, New York  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York