

ADRIAN BURRELL

**BORN**

1990 Oakland, CA

**EDUCATION**

2021 MFA, Documentary Film, Stanford University, CA  
2017 BFA, Film, San Francisco Art Institute, CA

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2023 *Venus Blues*, Minnesota Street Project Foundation, San Francisco, CA  
*The Saints Step in Kongo Time*, Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE  
2022 *Sugarcane and Lightning pt 3*, ICA San Jose, CA  
2021 *It's After the End of the World, Don't You Know That Yet?*, Bay Area Walls commission and installation, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA  
2019 *Mama's Babies II*, 1090 Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Mama's Babies: An Account of Black Matriarchy in America*, SHOH Gallery, Berkeley, CA

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *Black Gold: Stories Untold*, FOR-SITE Foundation, San Francisco, CA (forthcoming)  
*Black Spaces: Reclaim & Remain*, Oakland Museum of California, CA (forthcoming)  
*Metaphors of Recent Times: A Dialogue of the Personal, the Political and the Cultural*, San Francisco Arts Commission, CA  
2024 *Block Party II*, Jenkins Johnson Projects, Brooklyn, NY  
*Future Tense: Living The Future Now*, QUAD Gallery, Derby, UK  
*Critical Geography*, FotoFest Biennial 2024, Houston, TX  
2023 *Legacy*, CULT Aimee Friberg, Oakland, CA  
2021 Ark Exhibition + Auction, The Svane Family Foundation, Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture, San Francisco, CA  
2020 *Photoville's Emerging Artists to Watch*, Photoville Festival, New York, NY  
Pingyao International Photo Festival, Shanxi, China  
2019 *Forecast 2019: SF Camerawork Annual Survey Exhibition*, SF Camerawork, CA

**SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA

**FILMOGRAPHY**

2025 *Cousins* (in development)  
2023 *Saints Step in Kongo Time*, Director  
2022 *The Game God(s)*, Director

- 2021 *Black Gold*, Director  
*Favor and Grace*, Co-Director  
*The Dandelions*, Director  
*Cousins*, Director
- 2020 *Mama's Babies*, Director  
*Tio Lino*, Director
- 2013 *LLICKS*, Associate Producer and Casting Director

## MONOGRAPHS

- 2023 *Sugarcane and Lightning*, Minor Matters

## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Kenneth Rainin Foundation Arts Fellowship, Oakland, CA
- 2023 Diaspora Movement Resident Artist, Black Freedom Fellowship, Salvador, Brazil
- 2022 Residency, Black Rock Senegal, Dakar, Senegal  
IDA Visiting Artist, Institute for Diversity in the Arts, Stanford University, CA  
SFFILM FilmHouse Residency, San Francisco, CA  
SFFILM Rainin Grant, San Francisco, CA  
Villa Romana Award: The Game God(s), African Diaspora Cinema Festival, Florence, Italy  
Best Documentary Short: The Game God(s), BlackStar Film Festival, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 YBCA 100 Creative Cohort Fellowship, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Juror's Choice Award, SF Camerawork, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 John Collier Award, San Francisco Art Institute, CA

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2023 Michael McCarthy, "Rising Bay Area Artist Adrian L. Burrell Is A Master Storyteller," *San Francisco*, December 2023.  
Tony Bravo, "Adrian L. Burrell's 'Venus Blues' bridges Senegal to Oakland through family journey," *San Francisco Chronicle*, November 22, 2023.  
Max Blue, "Oakland artist reckons with the trans-Atlantic slave trade in new Dogpatch show," *San Francisco Examiner*, November 6, 2023.  
Mark Van Proyen, "Adrian L. Burrell's 'Venus Blues' @ MSP Foundation," *Squarecylinder.com*, October 30, 2023.  
Mark Taylor, "Singing the 'Venus Blues' with Oakland Artist Adrian L. Burrell," *SF/Arts*, September/October 2023.  
Tony Bravo, "Oakland artist to create new multimedia installation in SF's Dogpatch," *San Francisco Chronicle*, July 20, 2023.  
Seph Rodney, "Adrian Burrell Explores the Difficulty—and the Promise—of Escaping Black American History," *Art in America*, January 26, 2023.
- 2022 Marke B., "Pop-Up Magazine springs back onstage, with one of Oakland's best young artists," *48Hills*, May 19, 2022.  
Maya Chesley, "Shaking the Foundations of the American Dream," *The New Yorker*, February 2, 2022.  
Luke Williams, "At SFMOMA, Adrian L. Burrell's Collective Self-Portraits Defy Gravity," *KQED*, March 31, 2021.