

**JOESAM.**

**BORN | DIED**

1938            Harlem, NY  
2024            Hartford, CT

**EDUCATION**

1968            University of Massachusetts, PhD, Educational Psychology

**SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2023            *Text Messages*, The Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
2007            Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA  
2006            Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA  
                 Performing Arts Center, Mountain View, CA  
                 Western Addition Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA  
2005            Axis Gallery San Francisco CA  
2004            Baycat Gallery San Francisco, CA  
2003            *City of Oakland*, Craft & Cultural Arts, Oakland, CA  
2000            Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA  
                 The Museum of African American Art Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
1999            Art in the Atrium Morristown, NJ  
1998            Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1996            Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA  
1997            Albertson-Peterson Gallery, Winter Park, FL  
1995            Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1993            Claudia Chapline Gallery, Stinson Beach, CA  
1994            Galerie GrunstraBe, Berlin Germany  
1991            Mace Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
                 Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1990            Perspectives Gallery, Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
1989            Spokane Falls Community College Fine Arts Gallery, Spokane Falls, WA  
1988            Morgan/Monceaux Gallery, Seattle, WA  
1987            Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1986            Brockman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
                 Syntex Gallery, Syntex Corporation, Palo Alto, CA  
1985            Grand Oak Gallery, Oakland, CA  
1984            *Sargent Johnson Gallery*, Western Addition Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA

**SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025            EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL  
                 FOG Design + Art Fair, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2024            Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL  
                 *The Avant Garde: Those Ahead of Their Time*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1997	Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA
1996	Rutger's National, Camden, NJ
1994	Capp Street Project, San Francisco, CA
	Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA
	San Francisco Airport Gallery, San Francisco, CA
	Bade School of Religion, Berkeley, CA
1993	San Francisco Airport South Connector Gallery, South San Francisco, CA
1992	San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
	Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA
1992	National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta, GA
1991	Museo Nacional de Belles Artes, Santiago de Chile, Chile
1990	San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery, San Francisco, CA
	Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Alameda County, CA  
 Broward County, FL  
 City and County of San Francisco, CA  
 City of Denver, CO  
 City of Fremont, CA  
 City of Los Angeles, CA  
 City of Mountain View, CA  
 City of Oakland, CA  
 City of Orlando, FL  
 City of San Jose, CA  
 Cleveland Rapid Transit District King County, WA  
 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, CA  
 Municipality of Anchorage, AK  
 University of Central Florida, Orlando FL  
 Whisman School District, Mountain View, CA

## AWARDS

2002	Sacatar 3 months Artist in Residence, Salvadore, Brazil
1999	Artists-in-Residence, Djerassi Foundation, Woodside, CA
	Awarded Compton Foundation Fellowship Award (Djerassi Foundation), Woodside, CA
	Artists-in-Residence, LEAP: Learning through Education in the Arts Project, San Francisco, CA
1985	National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Grant, Washington, DC.

## SELECT COMMISSIONS

San Francisco Arts Commission, San Francisco, CA  
 New Homeless Center, The Opportunity Center, City of Palo Alto, CA  
 Tulsa Boys Home, Tulsa, OK  
 Over 60 Health Center, Oakland, CA

Berkeley USD., Berkeley Alternative High School, Berkeley, CA  
 San Francisco Art Commission, San Francisco, CA  
 City of Santa Fe Springs, Santa Fe, CA  
 Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Anchorage, AK  
 Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department, Los Angeles, CA  
 City of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA  
 San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs/Griffin Sports, San Jose, CA  
 City of Fremont, Fremont, CA  
 City of Oakland, Oakland, CA  
 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles, CA  
 City and County of Denver, Denver, CO  
 San Francisco Art Commission, San Francisco, CA  
 Alameda County, Oakland, CA  
 Whisman School District, Mountain View, CA  
 University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
 San Francisco Arts Commission, San Francisco, CA  
 King County Arts Commission, Bellevue, WA  
 Broward County Cultural Affairs Council, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 Community Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles, CA  
 City of Mountain View, Mountain View, CA  
 City of Orlando, Orlando, FL  
 Streetfare Journal, San Francisco, CA  
 Carillon Importers, Teaneck, NJ  
 Maguire Thomas Partners-Colorado Place, Santa Monica, CA  
 Pacific Enterprises, Los Angeles, CA  
 Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, CA  
 Kaiser Permanente, Petaluma, CA

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