



## ROBERT H. COLESCOTT

### BORN | DIED

1925 Oakland, CA  
2009 Tucson, AZ

### EDUCATION

1952 University of California at Berkeley, M.A.  
1949-1950 Atelier Fernand Léger, Paris  
1949 University of California at Berkeley, B.A.

### SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *The Ananesean World of Robert Colescott*, curated by Umar Rashid, BLUM, Los Angeles, CA  
2022 *Women, Venus Over Manhattan*, New York, NY *Frankly...,* George Adams Gallery, New York, NY  
2021 *Robert Colescott: My Shadow*, curated by Alison M. Gingeras, South Etna Montauk Foundation, Montauk, NY  
*Robert Colescott: The Cairo Years*, curated by Terri Ginsberg, Duncan MacDonald, and Matthew Weseley, Tahrir Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt  
*Two Drawing Sweets: "Robert's Complete History of World Art" (1979) and "The Girls of the Golden West" (1980)*, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 Blum & Poe, New York, NY  
*Art and Race Matters: The Career of Robert Colescott*, curated by Lowery Stokes Sim and Matthew Weseley, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH; traveled to the Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR; Sarasota Art Museum, Sarasota, FL; Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; and New Museum, New York, NY  
2018 Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA  
2016 *Selected Works*, Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR  
2009 Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
Kravets/Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
2008 *Dulacrow's Masterwork: A Mockumentary Film from 1976*, Kravets/Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
2007 *Forms of Abstraction*, G.R. N'Namdi Gallery New York, NY, Chicago, IL, Detroit, MI  
*Troubled Goods: A Ten Year Survey*, curated by Peter Selz, Meridian Gallery, San Francisco, CA; traveled to the Sarah Moody Gallery of Art, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL; G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, Chicago, IL, New York, NY, Detroit, MI; Prescott College Art Gallery, Prescott, AZ; Telfair Museum of Art, Savannah, GA  
2006 *A Survey of Paintings*, Kravets/Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
*Works on Paper*, June Steingart Gallery, Oakland, CA  
Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR  
2002 *Knowledge of the Past Is the Key to the Future*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA



2001	Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR
2000	<i>Recent Works</i> , Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY <i>Recent Work</i> , G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, Birmingham, MI Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR
1999	<i>Recent Work</i> , G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, Chicago, IL <i>Paintings</i> , Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR
1998	Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston, MA <i>Recent Paintings, 1987-1997</i> , Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; traveled to Queens Museum of Art, Queens, NY; University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ; Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR; University of California, Berkeley Art Museum, CA; Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery & Sculpture Garden, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE; SITE Santa Fe, NM
1997	47th Venice Biennale, United States Pavilion, Venice, Italy <i>Works on Paper</i> , Van Every Gallery, Davidson College, Davidson, NC Cline LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM Herron Gallery, Indianapolis, IN Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
1996	G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, Birmingham, MI Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY
1995	Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR <i>The One Two Punch</i> , Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ; traveled to Horwitch LewAllen Gallery, Santa Fe, NM; African American Museum, Dallas, TX
1994	Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY
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1992	Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, Birmingham, MI
1991	Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY University of Colorado Museum, Boulder, CO
1990	Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL <i>New Work</i> , Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston, MA <i>New Work</i> , Linda Cathcart Gallery, Los Angeles, CA <i>Paintings</i> , Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA <i>10 Works on Paper</i> , Overholland Museum, Amsterdam
1989	<i>Recent Paintings</i> , University of Texas, El Paso, TX <i>Recent Paintings</i> , Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA <i>A Retrospective</i> , Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY
1988	<i>The Eye of the Beholder: Recent Work By Robert Colescott</i> , Marsh Gallery, Modlin Fine Arts Center, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA; traveled to Georgia State University Art Gallery, Atlanta, GA; Koplin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR
1987	Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL Semaphore Gallery, New York, NY <i>Drawings</i> , Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA <i>A Gift of Time</i> , 20th Anniversary of The Artist-in Residence Program, Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell, NM



*A Retrospective, 1975-1986*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA; traveled to Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH; The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MA; Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR; Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH; Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX; The New Museum, New York, NY; Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

1986 *Les Demoiselles D'Alabama*, Semaphore East Gallery, New York, NY  
*Paintings and Drawings, 1980-1986*, Koplin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1985 *At The Bathers' Pool*, Semaphore Gallery, New York, NY  
*Another Judgment*, Knight Gallery, Charlotte, NC  
*New Paintings*, Dart Gallery, Chicago, IL Semaphore Gallery, NY  
*Here and Now*, Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC  
*Paintings*, Hadler/ Rodriguez Gallery, Houston, TX  
*The Artist and The Model*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, PA

1984 *Investigations 7: Robert Colescott, The Artist and the Model*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1983 Freedman Gallery, Albright College, Reading, PA

1982 Semaphore Gallery, New York, NY

1981 Semaphore Gallery, New York, NY

1979 Hamilton Gallery, New York, NY

1978 John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1977 Razor Gallery, New York, NY

1975 Razor Gallery, New York, NY

1973 Spectrum Gallery, New York, NY

1972 Friedlander Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*A New Series of Paintings by Robert Colescott*, Fountain Gallery, Portland, OR

1966 Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
Fountain Gallery, Portland, OR

1965 Victoria Municipal Art Gallery, BC, Canada

1961 Reed College Art Gallery, Portland, OR  
Salem Art Museum, Salem, OR

1960 Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
Fountain Gallery, Portland, OR  
University of Oregon Museum of Art, Eugene, OR

1958 Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR

1957 Zoe Dusanne, Seattle, WA

1953 Miller Pollard, Seattle, WA

## SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Art Basel Miami Beach, Kabinett Sector, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL  
Art Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
*Counter History: Contemporary Art from the Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
*It's Appropriate*, Kravets/Wehby, New York, NY  
*Powerhouses*, Bill Hodges Gallery, New York, NY  
*Artistry Abounds: Selections from the Collection of Arthur Primas*, presented by Irving Black Arts Council, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX



2024 *Flight into Egypt: Black Artists and Ancient Egypt, 1876–Now*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
*Past-Forward: Modern and Contemporary Art from HoMA's Collection*, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI  
*Vital Signs: Artists and the Body*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*A Fountain of Creativity: Oregon's 20th Century Artists and the Legacy of Arlene Schnitzer, Part 2*, Oregon Historical Society Museum, Portland, OR  
*American Vignettes: Symbols, Society, and Satire*, Rubell Museum, Washington D.C.  
*Of the Times: Sixty Years of Student-Acquired Contemporary Art at Wake Forest University*, Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC  
*Poke in the Eye: Art of the West Coast Counterculture*, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA  
Grounds, University Galleries of Illinois State University, Normal, IL

2023 *Retinal Hysteria*, Curated by Robert Storr, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY  
*Fresh: New Directions in Contemporary Art*, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL  
*45th*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
*Black Artists of Oregon*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon  
*"Pictures Girls Make": Portraiture*, Curated by Alison M. Gingeras, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA  
*We Are the Revolution: From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation*, The Schnitzer Collection, Portland, OR  
*Bathers*, Paula Cooper, Palm Beach, FL  
*The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art*, Hyde Collection, Glenn Falls, NY  
*X: A Decade of Collecting, 2012–2022*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE  
*Long Story Short*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

2022 *What's Going On*, Rubell Museum, Washington, DC  
*Crossings*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
*The Harmon & Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper*, Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA  
*Form, Figure, Abstraction*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY  
*Summer At Its Best*, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY  
*30 Americans*, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT  
*The Artist's Eye: Tammy Rae Carland, David Huffman, Lava Thomas, John Zurier*, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA  
*More Psychology!*, Ross + Kramer Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sweet Lust*, curated by Michèle Lamy and Mathieu Paris, White Cube Gallery, Paris, France  
*Luncheon on the Grass: Contemporary Responses to Édouard Manet's "Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe"*, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Figurative Painting from the Collection*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE  
*Surrealism Beyond Borders*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY; traveling to Tate Modern, London, UK  
*Witness to this Game: Selections from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation*, Christie's, San Francisco, CA  
*Carlos Villa: Worlds in Collision*, curated by Mark Dean Johnson, Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ; traveling to Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA (forthcoming)

2021 *Black Artists of Oregon*, curated by Intisar Abioto, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
*How Do We Know the World?*, curated by Jessica Bell Brown and Leila Grothe, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
*The Voyage of Life: Art, Allegory, And Community Response*, Reynolda House, Winston-Salem, NC



Salem, NC  
*30 Americans*, Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC  
*re: Collections, Six Decades at the Rose Art Museum*, Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA  
*Recent Acquisitions: Modern and Contemporary Drawings and Prints*, Morgan Library & Museum, New York, NY  
*Wayne Thiebaud Influencer: A New Generation*, curated by Dan Nadel, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis, CA

2020 5,471 miles, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA  
*New Images of Man*, curated by Alison M. Gingeras, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA  
*Untitled*, curated by Caroline Bourgeouis, Muna El Fituri, Thomas Houseago, Punta della Dogana, Venice, Italy  
*Riffs and Relations: African American Artists and the European Modernist Tradition*, organized by Dr. Adrienne L. Childs, The Phillips Collection, Washington D.C.  
*We Fight to Build a Free World: An Exhibition by Jonathan Horowitz*, curated by Jonathan Horowitz, Jewish Museum, New York, NY  
*Art in the Time of Empathy*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2019 *Artists I Steal From*, curated by Alvaro Barrington and Julia Peyton-Jones, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, London, UK  
Disjecta Contemporary Arts Center, Portland, OR  
*Detroit Collects: Selections of African American Art from Private Collections*, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Mi

2018 *Figuring History: Robert Colescott, Kerry James Marshall, Mickalene Thomas*, Seattle Art Museum, WA  
*Original Behavior*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE  
*Sex! Pop! Race! 'Black Pulp!'*, curated by Mark Thomas Gibson & William Villalongo, African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
*Reclamation! Pan-African Works from the Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection*, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA  
*"Smash the control images:" Idiosyncratic Visions in Late Century American Art*, The Gund Gallery at Kenyon College, Gambier, OH  
*Painting: Now & Forever, Part III*, Greene Naftali Gallery and Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY  
*FOUR ROOMS*, Blum & Poe, New York, NY

2017 *Fast Forward: Painting from the 1980s*, Whitney Museum of America Art, New York, NY  
*Figuratively Speaking*, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Long Run*, organized by Cara Manes and Paulina Pobocha, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*On the Edge: Art of California*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*Piss and Vinegar: Two Generations of Provocateurs*, curated by George Adams and Peter Drake, New York Academy of Art, New York, NY  
*Color People*, curated by Rashid Johnson, Rental Gallery, East Hampton, NY

2016 *Southern Accent: Seeking the American South in Contemporary Art*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC; traveled to Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY  
*A Shape That Stands Up*, organized by Jamillah James, Hammer Museum at Art + Practice, Los Angeles, CA  
Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2015 *Portraits and Other Likenesses from SFMOMA*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
*Picasso.mania*, Grand Palais, Paris, France



2014 *In Passionate Pursuit: The Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection and Legacy*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
*Look at Me: Portraiture from Manet to the Present*, curated by Beth DeWoody, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

2013 *Creating the New Northwest: Selections from the Herb and Lucy Pruzan Collection*, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
*Early Northwest Artists: Works from Estates and Private Collections*, Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR

2012 *Provenance: In Honor of Arlene Schnitzer*, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
*Choose Paint! Choose Abstraction!*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
*Best of Northwest: Selected Paintings from the Collection*, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
...*On Paper*, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY  
*Post-Movement*, Cristin Tierney Gallery, New York, NY

2011 *Early Northwest Artists: Works from Private Collections*, Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Flora and Fine Arts*, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
*Images From A Floating World: 18th and 19th Century Japanese Erotic Prints and the Echo in Modern and Contemporary Art*, curated by Damon Brandt and Andrew Freiser, Fredericks & Freiser, New York, NY

2009 *Public Spaces Changes*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*The Jazz Century*, Musee du Quay Branly, Paris, France  
*Lasting Legacies: The First 75 Years*, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

2008 *30 Americans*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL; traveled to North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.; Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA; Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI; Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN; Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA; Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR; Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI; Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH; and Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
*30th Anniversary Exhibition*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
*Black: A Celebration of African American Art in Sacramento-area Collection*, 40 Acres Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA  
Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR

2007 *What is Painting? Contemporary Art from the Collection*, curated by Anne Umland, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*The Drawn Line*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR

2006 *20th Anniversary Group Show*, Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Complicit: Contemporary American Art and Mass Culture*, University of Virginia Art Museum, Charlottesville, VA  
*Black on Blonde*, Kravets Wehby, New York, NY

2004 Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Pressure Points: Contemporary Art that Challenges Us*, Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington, IN

2003 *25th Anniversary Group Exhibition*, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR



2002 Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2001 *Humor and Rage*, Fundació Caixa Catalunya  
*Self Made Men*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY  
*Pressure Points: Recent Prints from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer*, The Art Gym, Marylhurst University, Marylhurst, OR  
Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR

2000 *Strength and Diversity: A Celebration of African-American Artists*, Carpenter Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
*Early Works by Oregon Artists*, Laura Russo Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Art of the African Diaspora*, Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR

1999 *Refining the Imagination: Tradition, Collecting, and the Vassar Education*, The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY  
*Looking Forward, Looking Black*, Museum of Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; Houghton House Gallery at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY; Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC; Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ; The Yager Museum, Oneonta, NY; Georgia State University School of Art and Design Gallery, Atlanta, GA; Aidekman Arts Center, Tufts University, Boston, MA; Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT; Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA; University of Denver, Denver, CO; Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

1998 *A Portrait of Our Times: An Introduction to the Logan Collection*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*Peep Show: An Exhibition of Erotic Fact and Fantasy*, Luise Ross Gallery, New York, NY  
*New Works on Paper*, Crown Point Press, San Francisco, CA

1997 *American Stories*, Setagaya Art Museum, Setagaya, Japan; traveled to Chiba City Museum of Art, Chiba, Japan; Fukui Fine Arts Museum, Fukui, Japan; Kurashiki City Art Museum, Kurashiki, Japan; Akita Prefectural Integrated Life Cultural Hall, Akita, Japan  
*Civil Progress: Life in Black America*, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Mirror Enough: Self Portraits*, Nolan/Eckman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sex/Industry*, Curated by John Yau, Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY

1996 *Visitor's Voices: Recomposing the Collection*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

1995 *Art with Conscience*, Newark Museum, Newark, NJ  
*Temporarily Possessed*, New Museum, New York, NY  
*Contemporary Drawing: Exploring the Territory*, Aspen Art Museum, CO  
*The Re-Constructed Figure, The Human Image In Contemporary Art*, Katonah Museum of Art, Westchester County, NY  
*47th Annual American Academy Purchase Exhibition*, The American Academy of Arts and Letters  
*Inside Vision/ Outside the Mainstream*, Horwitch LewAllen Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

1994 *Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary Art*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*43rd Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.  
*Sharing the Dream*, curated by Arlene LewAllen, Horwitch LewAllen Gallery, Santa Fe, NM; traveled to Sangre de Christo Art Center, Pueblo, CO; College of Santa Fe, NM; Hampton University Museum, Hampton, VA

1993 *Selections from the Permanent Collection of the Brooklyn Museum*, Brooklyn Museum, NY  
*The Painters Theater*, Baxter Gallery, Portland School of Art, ME



*The Purloined Image*, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI  
*I Am The Enunciator*, Thread Waxing Space, New York, NY  
*American Academy Invitational Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture*, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA

1992 *Selections from the Permanent Collection of the Museum of Modern Art*, curated by Kynaston McShine, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*June Exhibition*, LewAllen Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*Quotations: The Second History of Art*, The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT; traveled to Wright State University, Fairborn, OH  
*My Father's House Has Many Mansions*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY  
*Paris Connections*, Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Domestic Violence*, The University of Texas at Arlington, TX  
*Spirit Made Visible*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA

1991 *Umbrella Art*, Fabric Workshop, Philadelphia, PA  
*Art on Paper*, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC  
*The Art of Advocacy*, The Aldrich Museum of Art, Ridgefield, CT  
*The Decade Show*, exhibition at three venues; Studio Museum of Harlem, New York, NY; New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY; Museum of Hispanic Art, Long Beach, CA  
*Visions and Revisions*, Denver Museum, Denver, CO  
*Responsive Witness*, Palo Alto Cultural Center, CA  
*Thirteen: Artists of the Black Community*, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
*The Reimaging of America*, Momenta Art, Philadelphia, PA  
*The Difficult Image*, New Langton Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*Art Sale + Auction*, San Francisco Art Institute, CA  
*Bowling Green*, Ohio University, Athens, OH

1990 *Portraits of a Kind*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Signs of the Self: Changing Perceptions*, Woodstock Artists Association, Woodstock, NY  
*Prophets and Translators for the New Decade: Four Black Artists Face the 1990s*, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA  
*California A to Z and Return*, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH  
*The Difficult Image*, New Langton Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*Directions: African American Artists Now*, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI  
*1990 Phoenix Triennial*, Phoenix Art Museum, AZ  
*Prophets and Translators: Black Artists in Transition*, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA  
*Northwest and Southwest*, Palm Springs Museum, CA  
*Black-USA*, Overholland Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands

1989 *Fear of Others (In Search of Tolerance / Art Against Racism)*, Arts in Action Society, Vancouver, B.C.; The Roundhouse, Vancouver, B.C.; Community Arts Council, Vancouver, B.C.; Vancouver East Cultural Centre, Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
*Taboo: 6th Anniversary Exhibition*, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*The Blues Aesthetic: Black Culture and Modernism*, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C.  
*American Resources: Selected Works of African -American Artists*, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, NY  
*Contemporary African-American Artists*, Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA  
*On the Cutting Edge*, Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, NY  
*Images of American Pop Culture Today III*, Laforet Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*Social Studies: Truth Justice and the Afro-American Way*, University Galleries, Illinois



	<p>State University, Normal, IL <i>Prisoners of Image, From 1800-1988</i>, Alternative Museum, NY <i>Six Contemporary African American Artists</i>, Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA <i>Images of American Pop Culture Today</i>, La Foret Museum, Tokyo, Japan <i>Introspective Brazilian and American Artists of African Descent</i>, California Afro American Museum, Los Angeles, CA <i>A Different War: Vietnam in Art</i>, curated by Lucy Lippard, Whatcom Museum Bellingham, WA ; UCLA, Madison Art Center, North Western University Museum, De Cordova Museum, MA, Akron Art Museum <i>Gardens of Real and Imagined</i>, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, NY</p>
1988	<p><i>Fantasiests Realities</i>, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, Pratt Institute, New York, NY <i>A Bid For Human Rights</i>, Exhibit and Auction, Michael Jackson Residence <i>Classical Myth &amp; Imagery in Contemporary Art</i>, Queens Museum, New York, NY <i>Contemporary Art Auction &amp; Exhibit</i>, El Bohio Center, New York, NY <i>Faces and Figures</i>, Selected works by Black Artists, Readers Digest, Pleasantville, NY</p>
1987	<p><i>The Minds Eye</i>, The Asian Art Institute, New York, NY <i>Race and Representation</i>, Hunter College, New York, NY <i>Private Expression, Personal Experience</i>, Stamford, CT <i>Art Against Aids</i>, NYC City-Wide effort and exhibit, Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY <i>Figure in Context</i>, Koplin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA <i>Artists Who Teach</i>, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C. <i>Making the Mainstream</i>, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL <i>Figure in Context</i>, Koplin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA <i>Artists Who Teach</i>, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C. <i>Contemporary Southwest</i>, Brainard Art Gallery, State University College, Potsdam, NY</p>
1986	<p><i>NYC: New Work</i>, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE <i>Mixed Media</i>, J. Rosenthal Fine Arts, Ltd., Chicago, IL <i>Freedom of Painting</i>, Galerie Paradis, Paris, France <i>Uncovering the Past, Tribute &amp; Parody</i>, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA <i>Four Artists</i>, Tyler Gallery, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA <i>Benefit for the Poet's Project</i>, St. Mark's Church, New York, NY <i>Focus New York: The 'Best and the Brightest' from the East Village and Soho</i>, Moosart Gallery, Miami, FL <i>The Freedman Gallery: The First Decade</i>, Freedman Gallery, Albright College, Reading, PA <i>25th Anniversary Exhibition</i>, The Fountain Gallery of Art, Portland, OR</p>
1985	<p><i>La Nouvelle Biennal de Paris</i>, Abattoir Exhibition Space, Paris, France <i>Correspondences, New York Art Now</i>, Laforet Museum Harajuku, Tokyo, Japan <i>Masters of Mischief</i>, Allan Frumkin Gallery, New York, NY <i>In the Tropics</i>, The Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY <i>Art Faculty Exhibition</i>, Museum of Art, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ <i>Purchase Program Exhibition</i>, The American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY <i>Since the Harlem Renaissance: Fifty Years of Afro-American Art</i>, Center Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA; State University of New York, College at Old Westbury, Long Island, NY</p>



*Outline and Silhouette*, Allan Frumkin Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Razor Show*, Hudson Center Gallery, New York, NY  
*Semaphore and Semaphore East at University of Wisconsin*, Foster Gallery, Fine Arts Center, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI  
*Political Landscape*, Robeson Center Gallery, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ  
*Nude, Naked, Stripped*, Hayden Gallery, List Visual Arts Center, MA  
Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ

1984 *Content: A Contemporary Focus 1974-1984*, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.  
*The New Portrait*, PS1 Gallery, Long Island City, NY  
*Whitney Biennial*, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

1983 *Self Portraits – The Antic Vision*, Allan Frumkin Gallery, New York, NY

1982 *Not Just For Laughs*, The New Museum, New York, NY  
*The Anxious Figure*, Semaphore Gallery, New York, NY

1977 *California Figurative Painters*, Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

1968 *21 Peintres Americains*, Musée d'Angoulême, France  
Biennale de Menton, Menton, France  
Musée de Brest, Brest, France  
Musée des Beaux-Arts, Rouen, France; Nancy, France; Grenoble, France

1959 *Centennial Exhibit*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR

### Museums and Public Collections

Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH  
American Research Center in Egypt, Cambridge, MA  
Arkansas Museum of Fine Art, Arkansas, KA  
Art Bridges, Bentonville, AR  
Bagley Wright Collection, Seattle, WA  
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
Boise Art Museum, Boise, IN  
Broad Museum, Michigan State University, Ann Arbor, MI  
Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY  
Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, NY  
BY ART MATTERS, Hangzhou, China  
California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA  
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
Columbia College, Portland, OR  
Contemporary Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI  
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.  
Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, CA  
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
Delaware Museum of Art, Wilmington, DE  
Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO  
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI  
de Young Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA  
Five Colleges and Historic Deerfield Museum Consortium, MA  
Frederick R. Weisman Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA



Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Hilton Hotel Collection, Portland, OR  
Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.  
Honolulu Advertiser, Honolulu, HI  
Honolulu Museum of Art Honolulu, HI  
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN  
Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, OR  
Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN  
Morgan Library & Museum, New York, NY  
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, CA  
Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA  
Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.  
New Museum, New York, NY  
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA  
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ  
Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA  
Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
Reed College, Portland, OR  
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
Roswell Museum & Art Center, Roswell, NM  
Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL  
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louise, MO  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA  
Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE  
Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Museum of Art at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, DC  
Standard Insurance Company, Portland, OR  
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
Tate Britain, London, UK  
The New School Art Collection, New York, NY  
Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ  
United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA  
University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ  
University of Chicago, Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL  
University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington, KY  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
University of Oregon, Museum of Art, Eugene, OR  
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia



Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT  
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC  
Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

## AWARDS, GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

1997	First African American artist to represent the United States in a solo exhibition at the Venice Biennale
1994	Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, San Francisco Art Institute, CA
1993	Artist/Teacher of the Year, National Council of Arts Administrators
1991	Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation Grant
1990	Appointment to the Endowed Regents' Professorship of Fine Arts, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
1989	Residence in Lithography at Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
1988	"Robert Colescott Day," declared on December 2, 1988 by Houston's mayor, Kathryn J. Whitmire on the occasion of Colescott's opening at the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
	Awards in the Visual Arts, Juror for grants, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC
1987	Artist in Residence Grant, Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell, NM
1985	John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Grant <i>Messages to the Public</i> , Public Art Fund, Spectacolor board at Times Square, New York, NY
	Member of Artists Committee, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
1983	National Endowment for the Arts Grant
1980	National Endowment for the Arts Grant
1976	National Endowment for the Arts Grant
1964-1965	First Artist in Residence, American Research Center, Cairo, Egypt

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