



WADSWORTH JARRELL

**BORN**

1929 Albany, GA, lives and works in Cleveland, OH

**SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025 Art Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL  
FOG Design + Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2024 FOG Design + Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL  
Art Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL  
N, S, E and W, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2022 Art Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
Frieze NY, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY  
EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL  
FOG Design & Art, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Waiting for Tear Gas Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
Transcontinental Dialogues, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL  
The Art Show 2021, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY  
Angela Davis – Seize the Time, Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick, NJ  
Invincible Summer, Minnesota Street Projects, San Francisco, CA  
The Armory Show, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY  
Frieze NY, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX  
The Armory Show, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY  
FOG Art and Design, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, The Broad, Los Angeles, CA traveled to: de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA  
Come Sunday Punch, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago.  
AfriCOBRA: Nation Time, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2018 AfriCOBRA: Messages to the People, Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, Miami, FL  
The Time is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South Side, 1960-1980, Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL  
Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY, traveled to:  
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR  
We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965-1985, ICA Boston, Boston, MA  
AfriCOBRA: Now, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
Heritage: Wadsworth and Jae Jarrell, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
- 2017 Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, Tate Modern, London, UK  
IFDPA Fine Art Print Fair 2017, Aaron Galleries, New York, NY  
We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965-1985, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
Art of the Rebellion: Black Art of the Civil Rights Movement, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
- 2016 The Freedom Principle: Experiments in Art and Music, 1965 to Now, ICA Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

- It Takes a Nation: Art for Social Justice with Emory Douglas and the Black Panther Party, AfriCOBRA, and Contemporary Washington Artists, American University Museum, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 The Freedom Principle: Experiments in Art and Music, 1965 to Now, MCA Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2013 AfriCOBRA: Philosophy, Logan Center Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 AfriCOBRA: Art and Impact, The DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, IL
- 1988 Solo Exhibition, Wadsworth Jarrell, Brawley Library, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1979 Solo Exhibition, Wadsworth Jarrell, Banks-Haley Gallery, Albany, Georgia,.
- 1977 AfriCOBRA/Farafindugu, Afro-American Historic & Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 1973 AfriCOBRA III, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA  
 AfriCOBRA III, Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 1972 AfriCOBRA II, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL  
 AfriCOBRA II, Howard University, Washington, D.C.  
 AfriCOBRA II, Malcom X College, Chicago, IL  
 AfriCOBRA II, Hati Gallery, Rochester, NY  
 AfriCOBRA II, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
- 1971 AfriCOBRA II, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
 AfriCOBRA II, Langston Hughes Center for Visual & Performing Arts, Buffalo, NY  
 AfriCOBRA I, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 1970 AfriCOBRA I, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
 AfriCOBRA I, Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, Roxbury, MA  
 AfriCOBRA I, Black Expo, Chicago, IL

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## SELECTED PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND ARTISTS TALKS

- 2020 The Interview Project: Jae and Wadsworth Jarrell in conversation with Hans Ulrich Obrist. *Conversations on Culture: Jae and Wadsworth Jarrell in conversation with Reto Thuring*, Online.
- 2018 Panel Discussion: AfriCOBRA, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, AR.
- 2016 AfriCOBRA NOW: Panel Discussion, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, AR.
- 2015 Points of View: AfriCOBRA: Power, Politics + Pride, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, OH.
- 2014 Artist Talk: Jae Jarrell and Wadsworth Jarrell, The Hood Museum of Art, NH.
- 2013 AfriCOBRA: Panel Discussion with Founding Members of AfriCOBRA, University of Chicago, IL.

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
 Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY  
 The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
 Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI  
 High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
 The Johnson Collection, Spartanburg, SC

Museum of Contemporary Art Georgia, Atlanta, GA  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA  
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick, NJ