

PHILEMONA WILLIAMSON

BORN

1951 Detroit, MI

EDUCATION

1979 MA, New York University, NY
 1973 BA, Bennington College, Bennington, VT
 1970-72 New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting, & Sculpture; Summer Courses, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Philemona Williamson: Disproportionate Upheavals*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 2024 *Philemona Williamson: Recent Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
Philemona Williamson: Sweet Dreams, Passerelle, Centre d'art contemporain, Lesneven, France
 2023 *Philemona Williamson: The Borders of Innocence*, Galerie Semiose, Paris
 2022 *Recent Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2021 *Philemona Williamson: Entangled In Truth*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
 2019 Foreman Gallery of Contemporary Art, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY
 Drumthwacket Foundation (NJ Governor's Mansion) Princeton, NJ
 2017 *Career Retrospective: Philemona Williamson: Metaphorical Narratives*, Montclair Art Museum, NJ
Hovering Tales: Recent Paintings, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 Philemona Williamson, Stone Center for Black Culture & History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 2015 *Black & Colored: Recent Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2013 *Philemona Williamson: New Works*, Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, Wilmington
 2012 *Philemona Williamson*, Holtzman MFA Gallery, Towson University, Towson, Maryland
 2010 *Fractured Tales*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2009 *Philemona Williamson Exhibition*, Delaware County Community College, Media, PA
 2008 *Philemona Williamson: Sudden Passages: New Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2006 *New Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2003 *New Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2001 *Philemona Williamson*, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, State Univ. of NY, College at Old Westbury, NY
 2000 *New Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 1999 *Philemona Williamson...And What She Found There*, Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
 1998 *Recent Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, New York, New York
 1995 *New Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, New York, New York
 1994 *Philemona Williamson: Fables and Fantasies*, Hypo-Bank, New York, New York
 1993 Inaugural Exhibition, Flushing Council on Culture & Arts, New York, New York

1993	<i>Selected Paintings</i> , Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania
1992	<i>New Paintings</i> , June Kelly Gallery, New York
1992	Powers Art Gallery, East Stroudsburg University, Pennsylvania
1991	<i>Philemona Williamson Paintings</i> , African American Museum, Hempstead, New York
1991	Paintings, June Kelly Gallery, New York, New York
1991	<i>Philemona Williamson: Through the Looking Glass</i> , Southampton College of LI Univ., NY
1989	Philemona Williamson, Wenger Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1988	<i>Philemona Williamson: Recent Paintings</i> , The Queens Museum of Art, Queens, New York

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	<i>In Dreamtime</i> , The Newark Museum of Art, NJ (forthcoming)
2025	<i>Disproportionate Upheavals</i> , Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2024	Art Basel Miami, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
	Second Nature, Galerie Semiose, Paris
	<i>The Culture From Which I Sprang</i> , Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
	Art Brussels Art Fair, Belgium: Galerie Semiose
	Drawing Now Art Fair, Paris: Galerie Semiose
	<i>100 years of Black Art at MAM</i> , Montclair Art Museum, NJ
	<i>The Women of June Kelly Gallery</i> , June Kelly Gallery, NYC
	<i>Entangled Gaze</i> , Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
	ArtGeneva Art Fair, Switzerland: Galerie Semiose
2023	Paris+ by Art Basel art fair, Paris: Galerie Semiose
	Je ne suis pas ce que tu vois de moi, Fondation Frances, Clichy, France
	<i>Sins of the Fathers</i> , Taymour Grahne Projects, London
	<i>Cyclical Bloom</i> , Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
	EXPO CHICAGO, International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art: Jenkins Johnson Gallery
	Drawing Now Art Fair, Carreau du Temple: Galerie Semiose, Paris
	<i>The Minotaur's Daydream</i> , Galerie Semiose, Paris
2022	<i>Body Burdens</i> , NYU Gallatin Galleries, NYC
	Narrative Images: Wendell Jeffrey & Philemona Williamson, RVCC Art Gallery, Branchburg, NJ
	The New Drawing Room, MassArt x SoWa, Boston, MA
	<i>Claiming The Narrative</i> , The Visual Arts Center, Summit, New Jersey
2021	ART FAIRS: Frieze London OVR / Armory show NYC / Miami Art Basel: Jenkins Johnson Gallery
	Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
	Paradise Island, Steven Harvey Fine Arts Projects, NYC
	Podium II, Gallery 181, San Francisco, CA
2020	<i>Sit Still, Self-Portraits in the Age of Distraction</i> , Anna Zorina Gallery, NYC
2018	10 Years 10 Artists, Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
	<i>Serenading Summer</i> , June Kelly Gallery, NYC
2017	<i>Converging Voices: Gender and Identity</i> , Hofstra, Long Island: Hofstra University Museum
2016	Selections from the Mott-Warsh Collection, The Visual Arts Center, Summit, NJ
	<i>Visions of our 44th President Barack Obama</i> , traveling exhibition, organized by Charles H Wright, Museum of African American History, Detroit, Michigan

- 2010 *Shrew'd: Survey of American Woman Artists*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, Nebraska
American Celebrations of Childhood, Hofstra University Museum, Hempstead, New York
- 2009 *A Complex Weave: Women and Identity in Contemporary Art*, traveling exhibition organized by Rutgers-Camden Center, Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey
- 2007 *Crossing the Line: African American Artists in the Jacqueline Bradley and Clarence Otis, Jr. Collection*, Cornell, Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, Florida
- 2005 *Five Contemporary Voices in A New Space*, Delta Arts Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- 2004 *A Universe of Art*, organized by Corporate Art Directions, Credit Suisse First Boston, New York
Unveiling the Image: Multicultural Women Artists, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Summit, NJ
- 2003 *Growing Up: Childhood in American and Native American Art*, Montclair Art Museum, New Jersey
- 2000 *Collector's Choice II*, Orlando Museum of Art, Florida
- 1999 *Drawing in the Present Tense*, Aronson Gallery, Parsons School of Design, New York, NY, traveling exhibition
- 1998 *Postcards from Black America*, Center for Contemporary Art in Breda, Netherlands, and the Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands
Walk the Walk: Mentoring Youth in Art, Forum for Contemporary Art, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1997 *Women In Full Effect*, sponsored by RUSH Philanthropic Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 1996 *Bearing Witness: Contemporary Works by African American Women Artists*, traveling exhibition, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia
Real: Figurative Narratives in Contemporary African-American Art, Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, Florida
The Boat, Object and Metaphor, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, NYC, and the Rubelle and Norman Schafner Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York
- 1994 *Current Identities: Recent Paintings in the United States*, 1994 Cuenca International Bienal of Painting, Ecuador, organized by Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
- 1992 *Present Tense*, UWM Fine Arts Gallery, The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 1988 *Alice And Look Who Else Through the Looking Glass*, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, NY

PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Baltimore Museum of Art, MD
The Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection, West Palm Beach, FL
Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, North Carolina
Hampton University Museum, Hampton, Virginia
Newark Museum, Newark, New Jersey
Sheldon Art Museum, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts
Mott-Warsh Art Collection, Flint, Michigan

Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, New York
 Art in Embassy Program, US State Department, Madagascar
 AT&T, New Jersey

SPECIAL PROJECTS/COMMISSIONS

2020	Childrens book illustrations "Lubaya's Quiet Roar" Penguin Random House
2016	Poetry in Motion, MTA Arts & Design, New York, New York
2015	Visions of Our 44th President Barack Obama, bust, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, Michigan
2006-2007	Seasons, six fused-glass panels, commissioned by MTA Arts & Design, Livonia Ave MTA Station, Brooklyn, New York
2003-2004	Folktales From Around the World, four glass mosaic murals, 6 feet x 15 feet & 6 feet x 8 feet, commissioned by NY State School Construction Authority & NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs Percent for Art Program
1994	Union Square poster, MTA Arts & Design, New York, New York

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	NYU Steinhardt: Dorothy Height Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Montclair Museum of Art Spring Gala Honoree
2022	Anonymous Was A Woman Grant New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship
2015	Artists-in-Residence Program, Joan Mitchell Center, New Orleans
2008	Bau Institute, Residency, Otranto, Italy
1997	Joan Mitchell Foundation Award in Painting, New York, New York
1993-1994	Ludwig Vogelstein Grant, New York, New York
1994	MTA Arts & Design Poster Commission, Union Square Station, New York, New York
1991	New York Foundation for the Arts, Fellowship in Painting
1989-1990	Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, New York, New York
1988	AIM, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York Artists Space, Exhibition Grant, NYC
1987-1988	National Endowment for the Arts, Fellowship in Painting, Washington, DC
1983	The Millay Colony for the Arts, Artist-in-Residence, Austerlitz, New York