

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, NC
 2015 *Black & Colored: Recent Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
 2013 *Philemona Williamson: New Works*, Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE
 2012 *Philemona Williamson*, Holtzman MFA Gallery, Towson University, Towson, MD
 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, WI
 1998 *Recent Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, New York, NY
 1995 *New Paintings*, June Kelly Gallery, New York, NY
 1994 *Philemona Williamson: Fables and Fantasies*, Hypo-Bank, New York, NY
 1993 Inaugural Exhibition, Flushing Council on Culture & Arts, New York, NY

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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *In Dreamtime*, The Newark Museum of Art, NJ (forthcoming)
- 2025 *Engagées*, Fondation Villa Datriis, Vaucluse, France
- Toutes Lettres Bues*, H2M Art Center, Bourg-en-Bresse, France
- 2024 Art Basel Miami, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
- Second Nature*, Galerie Semiose, Paris
- The Culture From Which I Sprang*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 100 years of Black Art at MAM*, Montclair Art Museum, NJ
- The Women of June Kelly Gallery*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
- Entangled Gaze*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 *Je ne suis pas ce que tu vois de moi*, Fondation Frances, Clichy, France
- Sins of the Fathers*, Taymour Grahne Projects, London
- Cyclical Bloom*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- EXPO CHICAGO, International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Drawing Now Art Fair*, Carreau du Temple: Galerie Semiose, Paris
- The Minotaur's Daydream*, Galerie Semiose, Paris
- 2022 *Body Burdens*, NYU Gallatin Galleries, NYC
- Narrative Images: Wendell Jeffrey & Philemona Williamson*, RVCC Art Gallery, Branchburg, NJ
- The New Drawing Room*, MassArt x SoWa, Boston, MA
- Claiming The Narrative*, The Visual Arts Center, Summit, New Jersey
- 2021 *Frieze London*, Online Viewing Room, Jenkins Johnson Gallery
- The Armory Show*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
- Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- Paradise Island*, Steven Harvey Fine Arts Projects, NYC
- Podium II, Gallery 181, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 *Sit Still, Self-Portraits in the Age of Distraction*, Anna Zorina Gallery, NYC
- 2018 *10 Years 10 Artists*, Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- Serenading Summer*, June Kelly Gallery, NYC
- 2017 *Converging Voices: Gender and Identity*, Hofstra, Long Island: Hofstra University Museum
- 2016 *Selections from the Mott-Warsh Collection*, The Visual Arts Center, Summit, NJ
- Visions of our 44th President Barack Obama*, traveling exhibition, organized by Charles H Wright, Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI
- 2010 *Shrew'd: Survey of American Woman Artists*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NB
- American Celebrations of Childhood*, Hofstra University Museum, Hempstead, NY

- 2009 *A Complex Weave: Women and Identity in Contemporary Art*, traveling exhibition organized by Rutgers-Camden Center, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ
- 2007 *Crossing the Line: African American Artists in the Jacqueline Bradley and Clarence Otis, Jr. Collection*, Cornell, Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL
- 2005 *Five Contemporary Voices in A New Space*, Delta Arts Center, Winston-Salem, NC
- 2004 *A Universe of Art*, organized by Corporate Art Directions, Credit Suisse First Boston, NY
- 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, Montclair, NJ
- 2000 *Collector's Choice II*, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
- 1999 *Drawing in the Present Tense*, traveling exhibition, Aronson Gallery, Parsons School of Design, New York, NY
- 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, MS
- 1997 *Women In Full Effect*, sponsored by RUSH Philanthropic Art Foundation, New York, NY
- 1996 *Bearing Witness: Contemporary Works by African American Women Artists*, traveling exhibition, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
- Real: Figurative Narratives in Contemporary African-American Art*, Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL
- The Boat, Object and Metaphor*, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, NYC, and the Rubelle and Norman Schafler Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
- 1994 *Current Identities: Recent Paintings in the United States*, 1994 Cuenca International Biennale of Painting, Ecuador, organized by Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
- 1992 *Present Tense*, UWM Fine Arts Gallery, The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
- 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, NC
 Hampton University Museum, Hampton, VA
 Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
 Sheldon Art Museum, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NB
 Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA
 Mott-Warsh Art Collection, Flint, MI
 Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, NY
 Art in Embassy Program, US State Department, Madagascar
 AT&T, NJ



SPECIAL PROJECTS/COMMISSIONS

2020	Childrens book illustrations “Lubaya’s Quiet Roar”, Penguin Random House
2016	Poetry in Motion, MTA Arts & Design, New York, NY
2015	Visions of Our 44th President Barack Obama, bust, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI
2006-2007	Seasons, six fused-glass panels, commissioned by MTA Arts & Design, Livonia Ave MTA Station, Brooklyn, NY
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, NY

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