

LOLA FLASH

BORN

1959 Montclair, New Jersey. Lives and works in New York, NY

EDUCATION

2011 – 2014 Touro College, MA in Special Education, Vallejo, CA
2001 – 2003 London College of Printing, MA in Photography, London, UK
1977 – 1981 Maryland Institute College of Art, BA in Photography, Baltimore, MD

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Lola Flash: Believable*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2025 *Lola Flash: Believable*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
2024 *Lola Flash. SALT, What If Women Ruled the World? Part II*, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece
2020 *Lola Flash Now: 40 Years after MICA*, Gallery Blue Door, Baltimore, MD
2019 *Lola Flash [sur]passing*, Autograph, Rivington Place, London, UK
2018 Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY
Lola Flash: 1986 to Present, Pen + Brush Gallery, NY
Leslie Lohman Gay + Lesbian Art Museum, NY
2013 African American Heritage Center, Charlottesville, VA
2010 *Flash in Retrospect*, Gordon Parks Gallery, CNR, NY
2002 340 Old Street Gallery, London, UK
Juan et Juanita, Paris, FRAN
1999 Soho Curzon, London, UK
1998 First Out, London, UK
1995 Courtland Jessup Gallery, Provincetown, MA

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Global Visions, FotoFest at 40*, Sawyer Yards, Houston, TX
2025 *She Sells Seashells*, Alice Austen House, Staten Island, NY
Queer Lens: A History of Photography, The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Voices of Pride, Clifford Chance DC Pride Art 2025 Exhibition Invitation, Washington, DC
The 2025 NAC Pride Show: Identity – Held in the Light, The National Arts Club, New York, NY
Anthology: Contemporary Narrative Art from the Lise Curry Collection Exhibition, Pace University Art Gallery, New York, NY
In Their Hands, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2024 *The Culture From Which I Sprang*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
The Photography Show presented by AIPAD, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
Trust Me, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
New Directions: Recent Acquisitions, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY
I'll Be Your Mirror: Reflections of the Contemporary Queer, Mighty Real Queer Detroit Biennial, Detroit, MI
Hit Me With Your Best Shot, Pen + Brush Gallery, New York, NY

- Images on which to build*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
 FOG Design + Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
 Paris Photo, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, France
 The Photography Show presented by AIPAD, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
 Frieze Los Angeles, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
100 Years of Harlem: Resonating Around the World, Irwin House Gallery, Detroit, MI
Picturing Black Girlhood: Moments of Possibility, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
 The Photography Show presented by AIPAD, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
 Frieze Los Angeles, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy of Art, London, UK
- 2020 *Isolation to Revolution/Rebirth to Dissent*, Pen + Brush Gallery, New York, NY
Visions 1020, Kenkelaba Gallery, New York, NY
In Conversation: Visual Mediations on Black Masculinity, African American Museum in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 Prizm Art Fair, Miami, FL
Utopian Imagination, Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY
Art After Stonewall, 1969 – 1989, Grey Art Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Into The Light: Photographs Of Women By Women*, Daniel Cooney Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2016 *Pure Photography from Film to Digital*, 1978 Gallery, Maplewood, NJ
- 2014 Nathan Cummings Foundation, New York, NY
- 2013 The Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2012 *En Foco/In Focus: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection at Aliira*, Aliira, a Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
- 2011 Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ
- 2010 New Orleans Photo Alliance Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 Tisch School of Art, New York University, New York, NY
- 2009 Advocate & Gochies Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 Silverstein Photography Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 SPE National Conference, Miami, FL
 Creative Arts Workshop (CAW), New Haven, CT
 Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

COLLECTIONS

- 2025 Cincinnati Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH
- 2024 Hood Museum of Art, Hanover, NH
 The National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Pennsylvania, PA
- 2023 Harvard Art Collection, Cambridge, MA
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
 John Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 Princeton University Museum of Art, Princeton, NJ
- 2022 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
 The Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art, New York, NY
 George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY
- 2021 National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C
- 2021 Museum of Modern Art Collection, New York, NY
- 2020 The Whitney Museum Collection, New York, NY
- 2018 Brooklyn Museum Collection, Brooklyn, NY

1993 Victoria & Albert Museum Collection, London, UK

AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

2025 Anonymous Was a Woman Award Grantee, USA
 AIRIE Artist in Residence on Everglades, Everglades National Park, Florida
 2024 The Visual AIDS Vanguard Awards, New York, NY
 2022 AIRIE Artist in Residence on Everglades, Everglades National Park, Florida
 2021 Art Matters Grant, USA
 2021 BOFFO Fire Island Residency (Aug.'21), Brookhaven, NY
 2019 Center for Photography at Woodstock Residency, Kingston, NY
 2015 Alice Yard, Trinidad-Tobago, Caribbean
 2011 Art Matters Grant, USA
 2009-2015 Anonymous Was a Woman Award Nomination, USA
 2008 Light Work Residency, New York, NY
 1993 London Arts Board Grant, London, UK

PUBLICATIONS

2026 Gillespie, Ben, "January Programs at the Archives of American Art", *Smithsonian Magazine*, January 16, 2026.
 2025 Lola Flash, Aldo Hernandez, Agosto Machado, Pamela Sneed, Idris Mignott, Thea Quiray Tagle, "My Friends Gave Me Their Love": Remembering New York City's AIDS Crisis Together", *Museum of Modern Art*, June 3, 2025.
 2024 Rosen, Miss, "How wBlack women transformed British photography", *Huck Magazine*, April 25, 2024
 Westall, Mark, "Pollock-Krasner Foundation Awards \$3 Million to 97 Artists and Nonprofit Organizations", *FAD Magazine*, July 25, 2024
 Velie, Elaine, "Lola Flash Has Got Some Stoies to Tell", *Hyperallergic*, June 20, 2024
 2023 "How Lola Flash Transformed the Language of Sexuality, Race and Gender", *Blind Magazine*, August 11, 2023
 2022 "Looking Forward: Lola Flash and Sadie Barnette in Conversation", *The Getty Center and Online*, October 9, 2022
 2021 Dingle, Joicelyn, "Lola Flash: Somethin' Else", *Ebony*, March 25, 2021
 Gorce, La, Tammy, "How Lola Flash, Photographer, Spends Her Sundays", *The New York Times*, June 25, 2021
 McCabe, Allyson, "Photographer Lola Flash is honored for creating images that challenge invisibility", *WAMU American University Radio*, December 14, 2021
 2020 "See Artist Lola Flash's Powerful Photographs of new York City's Coronavirus Lockdown and Black Lives Matter Protests", *ARTnews*, July 7, 2020
 Rosen, Miss, "Lola Flash's Afrofuturist Photographs Yearn for a Future without Mass Incarceration", *Artsy*, July 28, 2020
 Krieger, Deborah, "A Look Into The Future: Four Pivotal Queer artists Discuss Their Most Powerful Work", *Them Magazine*, June 25, 2020
 2019 Durón, Maximiliano, "'To Know That There Were Lesbians Before Us Was So Immense': Artists Joan E. Biren (JEB), Lola Flash, and Tiona Nekkia McClodden on Lesbian Visibility", *ARTnews*, July 3, 2019
 "10 Years of Photography, and Lens", *The New York Times*, May 22, 2019
 Valentine, L., Victoria, "Black Female Artists Are Headlining Exhibition Throughout London This Summer", *Culture Type*, July 21, 2019

- Hirsch-Abel, Hannah, "I want my subjects to be seen, not scrutinized", *British Journal of Photography*, July 2, 2019
Desk News, "Queer | Art Announces 2019-20 Mentors", *ArtForum*, April 25, 2019
"Lola Flash: [sur]passing", *The Eye of Photography*, May 22, 2019
Gosling, Emily, "Lola Flash uses her creative talents to spotlight underrepresents LGBTQ+ communities", *Creative Boom*, April 24, 2019
2018 Lynne, Jessica, "Lola Flash is Ready for Her Moment", *Aperture*, February 27, 2018
Gonzalez, David, "Beauty, Pride and Power in Photos by Lola Flash", *The New York Times*, March 8, 2018
Editors of ARTnews, "Lola Flash at Pen + Brush, New York", *ARTnews*, February 9, 2018
Manatakis, Lexi, "Lola Flash's photography immortalises queer, black New Yorkers", *Dazed*, April 24, 2019

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2024 Gordon, Theo, Dunster, Flora, "Photography: A Queer History", Flora Dunster and Theo Gordon, February 22, 2024
Gregory, Joy, "Shining Lights: Black Women Photographers in 1980s-90s Britain", February 2, 2024
2023 Flash, Lola, "Believable: Traveling With My Ancestors", February 2023