

## MARY LOVELACE O'NEAL

### BORN | DIED

1942 Jackson, MS  
2026 Merida, Mexico

### EDUCATION

1964 BFA, Howard University, Washington, DC  
1969 MFA, Columbia University, New York, NY

### SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Mary Lovelace O'Neal: Blacker Than a Hundred Midnights Down in a Cypress Swamp*, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA

2024 *New Works: Mary Lovelace O'Neal*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*HECHO EN MÉXICO—a mano*, Marianne Boesky gallery, New York, NY

2023 *Frozen in Time*, Frieze NY, New York, NY

2020 *Chasing Down the Image*, Mnuchin Gallery, New York, NY

2007 Togonon Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2002 *Mary Lovelace O'Neal*, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS; The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS; Delta State University, Cleveland, MS; Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS; University of Maryland Art Gallery, College Park, MD; and Stella Jones Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2001 Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
University Art Gallery, California State University, Stanislaus, CA

2000 *Muestra de la Coleccion de Arte Contemporaneo del Instituto*, Instituto Chileno Norte Americano, Santiago, Chile  
Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1998 *Muestra de la Coleccion de Arte Contemporaneo del Instituto*, Instituto Chileno Norte Americano, Santiago, Chile  
Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1997 Isabelle Percy West Gallery, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA  
Stella Jones Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
Holy Names College, Oakland, CA  
Meridian Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1996 Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS  
Bomani Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Porter Randall Gallery, La Jolla, CA

1995 Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS  
Instituto Chileno Norte Americano de Cultura, Santiago, Chile

1994 Instituto Chileno Norte Americano de Cultura, Santiago, Chile  
Cité International des Arts, Paris, France  
*Muestra de la Coleccion de Arte Contemporaneo del Instituto*, Instituto Chileno Norte Americano, Santiago, Chile  
Cité International des Arts, Paris, France



- 1993 French Cultural Services, French Embassy, New York, NY  
1992 Porter Randall Gallery, La Jolla, CA  
1991 Muestra de la Colección de Arte Contemporáneo del Instituto, Instituto Chileno Norte Americano, Santiago, Chile  
Instituto Chileno Norte Americano de Cultura, Santiago, Chile  
1990 De Saisset Museum, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA  
Floyd Huddleston Gallery, New York, NY  
1989 Zimmerman/Saturn Gallery, Nashville, TN  
1988 Rolando Castellon Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
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Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS  
1984 Jeremy Stone Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
1982 Gallery of Art, College of Fine Arts, Howard University, Washington, D.C.  
1979 Foyer Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA  
*George C. Longfish and Mary L. O'Neal, Works on Canvas*, The Museum of Modern Art  
San Francisco, San Francisco, CA  
1977 Isabelle Percy West Gallery, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA

## SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Hard Art*, MoMA PS1, Queens, NY  
*Revelation: A Journey into Abstraction*, National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.
- 2025 Art Basel Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL  
*People Make This Place: SFAI Stories*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
Art Basel, Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
*Paris Noir: Artistic circulations and anti-colonial resistance, 1950-2000*, The Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2024 *Expanded Horizons: American Art in the 70s; Thaddeus Ropac*, Paris, France  
*Edges of Ailey*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*Making their Mark: Works from the Shah Garg Collection*, Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA  
*Whitney Biennial 2024: Even Better Than the Real Thing*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Art Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, CH
- 2023 Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami, FL  
Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- 2022 *Revisiting 5 + 1*, Zuccaire Gallery, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
- 2022-23 Art Basel, Miami, FL  
*10 x 10: Ten Women. Ten Prints*, Mary Porter Sesnon Gallery, Santa Cruz, CA  
Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland  
EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Frieze LA, Los Angeles, CA  
FOG Design+Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 Art Basel, Miami, FL
- 2019-20 *Generations: A History of Black Abstract Art*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
*The Shape of Abstraction: Selections from the Ollie Collection*, Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO



- 2017-18 *Magnetic Fields: Expanding American Abstraction, 1960s to Today*, Kemper Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC; and Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2012 *African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center*, University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
*Choose Paint! Choose Abstraction! Celebrating Bay Area Abstract Artists*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 Togonon Gallery, San Francisco, CA
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- 2004-06 *Images of America, African American Voices: Selections from the Collection of Mr. And Mrs. Darrel Walker*, Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville, NC; Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY; California African America Museum, CA; Lowe Museum, University of Miami, FL; Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; and Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA
- 2005 National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC
- 2004 The Phillips Museum of Art, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA
- 2003 Gallery of Contemporary Art, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2002 Galerie Sho, Tokyo, Japan  
The Mint Museum, Charlotte African American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC  
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
- 2001 Biennale Internazionale Dell'Arte Contemporanea 2001, Florence, Italy
- 2000-01 Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Amadora 2000 VII Bienal 1<sup>st</sup> Internacional de Gravura, Amadora, Portugal  
Muestra de la Coleccion de Arte Contemporaneo del Instituto, Instituto Chileno Norte Americano, Santiago, Chile
- 1999 Kuala Lumpur Fine Art Museum, Malasia  
Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME  
de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA  
Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History & Culture, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- 1998-99 Spellman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlantic, GA  
The Mint Museum, Charlotte African American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC  
Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MI
- 1998 Erie Museum, Erie, PA  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 1997 Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA  
Leo Castelli Gallery, New York, NY  
Musée d'Art Contemporaine de Chemalieres, Chemalieres, France
- 1996 Galerie Municipale du Toulouse, Toulouse, France  
Galerie d'Art Contemporaine du Montpeilier, Montpeilier, France
- 1995 Horwitch Lew Allen Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
Boulder Museum of Modern Art, Boulder, CO  
Galeria de Art Contemporaneo, Amadora, Portugal  
Galerie Minicipale du Issoire, Issoire, France  
Galerie Minicipale du Aubiere, Issoire, France  
United Nations 4<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Women, Beijing, China
- 1994 Galerie Municipale Du Riom, Riom, France  
Espace Triennale Du Royat, Royat, France  
Galerie d'Art Contemporaine S.A.G.A., Paris, France



- Galerie Municipale, Claremont Ferrand, France  
Museum of Modern Art, Krakow, Poland  
Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
Galerie d'Art Contemporaine du Volvic, Volvic, France  
Musée d'Art Contemporaine de Chemalieres, Chemalieres, France  
Museo Nacional de Arte Contemporaneo y Diseño, San José, Costa Rica  
1993 Galerie de L'Ifan, Soweto, South Africa  
Kenkeleba Gallery, New York, NY  
Centre Culturel Francaise St. Exupery, Libreville, Gabon  
University of Hawaii, Hilo, HI  
1992 National Gallery des Artes, Dakar, Senegal  
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, Chile  
Jamaica Arts Center, Jamaica, NY  
California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
1991 College Art Gallery, State University of New York, New Paltz, NY  
Reinberger Galleries of the Cleveland Art Institute, Cleveland, OH  
Kenkeleba Gallery, New York, NY  
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, Chile  
1990 Albuquerque Museum of Art, Albuquerque, NM  
The Bronx Museum of Arts, Bronx, NY  
Orlando Art Museum, Orlando, FL  
The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
Kenkeleba Gallery, New York, NY  
California Afro-American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
1989-91 African American Museum of Fine Art, San Diego, CA  
Brandywine Printmaking Workshop, Philadelphia, PA  
1989-90 *Introspectives: Contemporary Art by Americans and Brazilians of African Descent*,  
California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
1989 Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE  
Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, NY  
Museum of Asilah, Asilah, Morocco  
1988 South Dade Regional Library, Miami, FL  
1986 Portsmouth Museum, Portsmouth, VA  
Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL  
Leonardia Di Mauro Gallery, New York, NY  
San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA  
*Choosing; An Exhibition of Changing Perspectives In Modern Art and Art Criticism by  
Black America 1925- 1985*  
National Museum, Managua, Nicaragua  
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
1985 The Museum of African-American Art, Los Angeles, CA  
John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
1984-85 Pennsylvania State Univerisity, University Park, Pennsylvania  
Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, Virginia  
*Since The Harlem Renaissance: 50 Years of Afro-American Art*, Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg, PA  
1984 University of Maryland, College Park, MD



- East/West: Contemporary American Art*, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Al Kasabah Art Gallery, Asilah, Morocco  
Allan Stone Gallery, New York, NY  
A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY  
Kenkeleba Gallery, New York, NY  
1983 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
1982 Belca House, Kyoto, Japan  
Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
1981-82 Joslyn Museum of Art, Omaha, NE  
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN  
1981 Alternative Museum, New York, NY  
*Forever Free: An Exhibition of Art by African-American Women 1962 – 1980*, Center for the Visual Arts Gallery, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois  
The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY  
1979 The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
George C. Longfish and Mary Lovelace O'Neal: works on Canvas, San Francisco  
Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
1977 International Arts Festival, Lagos, Nigeria  
1976 The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
1975 *Black Image*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
1974 The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
*Black Image*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

## SELECT COLLECTIONS

Achenbach Fine Arts Museum, San Francisco, CA  
Al Kasabah Art Gallery, Asilah, Morocco  
Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History & Culture, Washington, DC  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York, NY  
Arizona State University Museum, Tempe, AZ  
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL  
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
California Afro-American Museum Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
Centro de Gravura da Amadora, Lisbon, Portugal  
Cité International des Arts Paris, Paris, France  
de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA  
Fisk University, Nashville, TN  
Howard University, Washington, DC  
Instituto Chileno Norte-Americano de Cultura, Santiago, Chile  
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO  
Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Mills College, Oakland, CA  
Ministry of Culture, Rabat, Morocco  
Mott-Warsh Collection, Flint, MI  
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC  
National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington, DC  
National Museum of Contemporary Art and Design, San José, Costa Rica  
National Museum of Fine Arts, Santiago, Chile

Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA  
 Saint Lawrence University, Canton, NY  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
 San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, CA  
 Smithsonian American Museum, Washington, D.C.  
 South Bend Regional Art Museum of Indiana, South Bend, IN  
 The Mississippi Museum, Jackson, MS  
 Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS  
 Tubman African America Museum, Macon, GA  
 Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State Museum, Wichita, Kansas  
 University Museum of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA  
 University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA  
 Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA  
 Wallach art Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY  
 Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

## SELECT PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

City of Oakland Cultural Arts Division, the Alice Theatre Project, Oakland, CA  
 General Services Administration, Federal Office Building, Oakland, CA  
 Walter & Elise Haas Foundation, Creative Work Fund Commission, San Francisco, CA

## AWARDS

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| 2025 | The Murray Reich Distinguished Artist Award, New York Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY                                                                                                                             |
| 2022 | On the Edge Benefit, Honoree, The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA<br>Excellence in Visual Art, Governor's Arts Award, Mississippi Arts Commission<br>Anonymous Was a Woman Grant, National Endowment of the Arts |
| 2018 | Lifetime Achievement Award, 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual James A. Porter Colloquium, Howard University, Washington, D.C.                                                                                                     |
| 2006 | Distinguished Artist Achievement Award, Brandywine Workshop, Philadelphia, PA<br>Appointed Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, CA                                                                   |
| 2005 | Honored Artist Award, State of Mississippi                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1999 | Walter and Elise Haas Creative Work Fund Grant<br>Appointed Chair of the Department of Art Practice, University of California, Berkeley, CA                                                                             |
| 1993 | Artiste en France Award, French Government, Paris, France                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1989 | Humanity Research Grant, Morocco, Egypt, and Chile                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1963 | Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME                                                                                                                                                               |

## TEACHING

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| 1979-2006 | University of California, Berkeley, CA                                                                                                              |
| 1970-79   | San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA<br>California College of Arts and Crafts, San Francisco, CA<br>Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA |



## SELECT FILM DOCUMENTARIES

- 1993-94     *African American Artists on Video*, 1993.  
              *Blue Light Productions*, 1993.
- 1992        *Senegal Productions*, 1992.
- 1991        *Mary Lovelace O'Neal, Two Deserts, Three Winters*. Produced by: Bruce Schmiechn,  
              North Africa footage by Patricio Moreno Toro, 1991.  
              Instituto Chileno Norte Americano de Cultura, Santiago, Chile 1991.
- 1990        *Contemporary American Artists Series*, Inc., New Rochelle, New York, NY, 1990.