

HAINES

GALLERY

ADIA MILLETT

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Lives and works in Oakland, CA

EDUCATION

2000 MFA, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA
1997 BFA, University of California, Berkeley, CA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Reflections on Black*, Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2023 *Wisdom Keepers*, ICA San Jose, CA
2022 *You Will Be Remembered*, Galerie du Monde, Hong Kong
A Force of Nature, Di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA
Emergence, KP Project, Los Angeles, CA
2021 *There is no them, there is only us*, Traywick Contemporary, Berkeley, CA
The Moon is Always Full, Morton Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
A Matter of Time, Galerie du Monde, Central, Hong Kong
2019 *Infinite Edges*, Traywick Contemporary, Berkeley, CA
The Privilege to Breathe, San Jose Quilt and Textile Museum, CA
Breaking Patterns, The California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
2018 *Transition to Freedom*, KP Projects Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2017 *Divide and Connect*, State Space Gallery, San Francisco, CA
The Guest House, Patricia Sweetow, Oakland CA
2016 *Re-Connect*, Pro Arts Gallery, Oakland, CA
2014 *Objects of What Remains*, Mixedgreens, New York, NY
2012 *Portraits of an Escape*, Mixedgreens, New York, NY
2011 *The Room Inside*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2009 *The Birth of Bardo*, Mixedgreens, New York, NY
2007 *Blind Premonition*, Mixed Greens, New York, NY
2006 *Passing Shadows*, Mixed Greens Gallery, New York, NY
2004 *Adia Millett*, Comme Ca, Manchester, UK
Adia Millett, Cherry Delos Reyes Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 (upcoming) *2026 SECA Art Award*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
(upcoming) *Remixed: Entwined Histories and New Forms*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA
2025 *From the Studio: Fifty-Eight Years of Artists in Residence*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Art Auction 2025, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
Reunited, CCA Campus Gallery, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA
ART KALA 2025, Kala Art Institute, Berkeley, CA
2024 *Packing and Cracking: The Art of (and Response to) Gerrymandering*, Saint Joseph's Art Foundation, San Francisco, CA
Knit, Restored, Woven, Healed, Morton Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
Under the Sky, Kala Art Institute, Berkeley, CA
2023 *Mickalene Thomas / Portrait of an Unlikely Space*, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
Fight and Flight: Crafting a Bay Area Life, Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA
Women to Watch 2024: New Suns, curated by Lauren Schell Dickens and supported by the San Francisco Advocacy for the National Museum of Women in the Arts Campus Gallery, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA
Look Again, The Gallery at Apple Park, Cupertino, CA

- 2022 *Unveiling American Genius*, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI
It's My House, The Porch Gallery, Ojai, CA
- 2021 *Altered Perspectives*, Sugar Press Arts, Los Angeles, CA
To Oakland With Love, The Loom/ ProArts, Oakland, CA
Sanctuary: Recent Acquisitions, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Black Refractions, Frye Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2020 *The Option To...*, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA
Sanctuary, The California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *Dust My Broom*, The California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Midsummer Edit, Sarah Shepard Gallery, Larkspur, CA
Black Refractions, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
Water Music, DZINE Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Progress, San Francisco Foundation, San Francisco, CA
Libra Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 *Borderline*, Trestle Gallery, New York, NY
Burning Bright, DZINE Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 *Home Economics*, Woskob Family Gallery, State College, PA
Where is Here, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 *Who is Oakland?*, Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA
- 2014 *Homeland [IN]Security: Vanishing Dreams*, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island, NY
- 2011 *Mini Size Me*, Bakersfield Museum, Bakersfield, CA
Discovery, Stumble Upon, New York, NY
An Exchange with Sol LeWitt, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
An Exchange with Sol LeWitt, Cabinet Magazine, Brooklyn, NY
- 2010 *Open Engagement Conference*, Grotto Gallerie, Portland OR
Process in Product, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Day to Day, Martos Gallery, New York, NY
Some Assembly Required, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *Some Assembly Required*, Sesnon Gallery, Santa Cruz CA
Living Beyond Our Means, UCR Sweeney Art Gallery, Riverside, CA
- 2008 *Stages*, Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, LA
Stretching The Truth, John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, WI
Proofs and Illusions, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2007 *Homegrown*, David Krut Projects, New York, NY
Swab, Barcelona, Spain
Shaken, Not Deterred, New York, NY
The View From Here, Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn NY
- 2006 *REVOLVER*, Plataforma Revolver, Lisbon, Portugal
Beast, Finesilver Gallery, Houston, TX
The Space Between Us, University at Albany Art Museum, NY
The Harlem Arts Project, Saatchi & Saatchi, New York, NY
Harlem Postcards, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 2005 *A Universe of Art 2005*, Credit Suisse First Boston, New York, NY
The Greater NY Show, MoMA PS1, New York, NY
New stArt, Sotheby's, New York, NY
BAM Art, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY
Propeller, Steve Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
African Queen, The Studio Museum in Harlem, NY
- 2004 *Black President*, Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art, Cincinnati, OH
Remembering, The Sweeney Gallery at UC Riverside, CA
Seeds and Roots, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Black President, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
Black President, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
Hubris, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Fade, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA

- 2003 *Undomesticated Interiors*, Smith College Museum of Art, North Hampton, MA
Urban Aesthetics, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Black President, New Museum, New York, NY
Better Homes & Gardens, Zoller Gallery, Penn State University, PA
Living Units, Triple Candie, New York, NY
Off The Record, Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Towards A Low End Theory, Minnesota Center for Photography, Minneapolis, MN
Color, Culture, and Complexity, Museum of Contemporary Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2002 *A Moments Notice*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
Staged/Unstaged, Riva Gallery, New York, NY
Modern Living, Mixed Greens, Philadelphia, PA
The Brewster Project, Brewster, NY
Ironie/Iconic, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Friends and Family, Lombard-Freid Gallery, New York, NY
Material World, Susquehanna Art Museum, PA
- 2001 *Freestyle*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Freestyle, Santa Monica Museum of Art, CA

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2024 Adobe Art Collection at Chase Center, San Francisco, CA
 Bay Area Energy Company, CA
 UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland, CA
 Bayfront Medical Building, UCSF Mission Bay, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 Lowell Park, Oakland, CA
- 2022 O'Dowd High School, Oakland, CA
 Di Rosa Art Center, Napa, CA
- 2021 Facebook, Palo Alto, CA

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Black Space Residency, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 Anonymous Was A Woman Award, NY
- 2018 Artist Residency, Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA
- 2015 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL
- 2010 ThreeWalls Artist Residency, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2009 The Nest, Oakland, CA
 Visiting Teaching Artist, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2007 Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA
- 2006 Teaching Artist, Cooper Union, New York, NY
- 2004 Visiting Teaching Artist Residency, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- 2003 New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, NY
- 2002 Residency, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 2001 Independent Study Program, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
 Van Lier Fellowship, New York, NY
- 2000 Philip Morris Fellowship, Santa Clarita, CA
- 1997 Alumni Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, CA

LECTURES, SYMPOSIUMS AND PANELS

- 2024 Panel Discussion, *Unexpected Connections: Quilting and the Social Fabric*, Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 Artist Talk, San Jose State University, CA
 Panel Discussion, *Locating Identity in the Abstract*, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI
- 2022 Lecture, The Oxbow School, Napa, CA
 Artist Talk, Di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA
- 2021 Panel Discussion, *Black Refractions*, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2020 Artist Talk, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA

- 2019 Panel Discussion, *Real Talk: Speaking to Soul of a Nation*, FOG Design + Art, San Francisco, CA
 Lecture, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI
 Lecture, *Breaking Patterns*, The California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 2017 Panel Discussion, *Where is Here*, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
 2008 Lecture, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
 Lecture/Class, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
 2007 Lecture, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA
 2005 Lecture, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
 2004 Lecture, University of California, Riverside, CA
 Lecture, Albany Center Galleries, NY
 Lecture, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
 Lecture, Penn State, University Park, PA
 2003 Lecture, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
 Artist Speaks, New Museum, New York, NY
 Panel Discussion, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
 2002 Artist's Voice, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
 Interview, New York One, New York, NY
 2001 Interview, Charlie Rose, New York, NY
 Panel Discussion, Santa Monica Museum, CA

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- 2025 Mary Corbin, "From ball courts to Chase Center, Adia Millett captures the visual jazz of interconnectedness," *48hills*, October 30, 2025
 2024 Eric Brooks, "Interactive Art Helps Heal Patients at New Bayfront Medical Building," *UCSF.edu*, September 16, 2024
 Janis Hashe, "Kala's Half-Century Under the Sky," *East Bay Express*, May 28, 2024
 Laura López González, "Local Artist Adia Millett Selected for Benioff Oakland Façade Art," *UCSF.edu*, March 18, 2024
 2023 David M. Roth, "Adia Millett: A Warrior for Beauty and Black Culture," *SquareCylinder.com*, October 27, 2023
 Lauren Brooks, "Zendaya helps refurbish basketball court at West Oakland park," *The Advocate*, September 14, 2023
 Hilarie M. Sheets, "A Portrait Miniature Was Muse to Mickalene Thomas," *The New York Times*, September 9, 2023
 Emily Wilson, "Contemporary Multi-Media Artist Adia Millett," *Art is Awesome with Emily Wilson*, podcast audio, October 10, 2023
 "California College of the Arts Presents Women to Watch 2024 Group Show," *Open Color*, March 27, 2023
 2022 "Celebration of collecting creativity: Porch Gallery, Jan. 13 to March 21," *Ojai Valley News*, January 14, 2022
 2021 Kendra Walker, "Five Textile Artists Exploring Contemporary Quilting," *Cultured*, May 26, 2021
 Isabel Hou, "Interview: Adia Millett," *Interlocutor*, April 8, 2021
 Mark Jenkins, "In the galleries: Acronyms as content encode a powerful commentary," *The Washington Post*, April 2, 2021
 2020 Cara Chen, "Time and time again," *The Standard*, December 18, 2020
 Tim Ku, "Art Talk with Adia Millett," *Sing Tao Daily*, November 17, 2020
 Zabrina Lo, "10 Hong Kong Exhibitions To See November in 2020," *Tatler Asia*, November 2020
 2019 "Adia Millett at the California African American Museum, Los Angeles," *ARTnews*, May 22, 2019
 Jessica Gelt, "Artist Adia Millett on a new generation's quest to pick apart their identities," *Los Angeles Times*, March 27, 2019
 Eli Zeger, "Broken Homes: Adia Millett at the California African American Museum," *Art in America*, March 25, 2019
 2017 "Adia Millett at State, San Francisco," *ARTnews*, October 24, 2017
 2015 Marchell Salgado, "Adia Millett: fountainhead pt. 2," *Lodown Magazine*, August 20, 2015
 Rachel Howard, "Diverse voices from a changing community in 'Who is Oakland?'," *SFGATE*, April 8, 2015

- Angela Hill, "Oakland museum exhibit asks, 'Who Is Oakland?'," *The Mercury News*, April 8, 2015
- 2014 Cynthia Nadelman, "Adia Millett at Mixed Greens," *ARTnews*, September 2014
- 2007 Sarah Schmerler, "Domestic Brew," *The Village Voice*, June 19, 2007
- 2006 Miguel Amado, "(Re)Volver," *Artforum*, October 2006
- 2005 Linda Yablonsky, "Why Small Is BIG," *ARTnews*, December 2005
- Carly Berwick, "Where the Scenes Are," *New York Magazine*, February 2005
- 2004 Leah Ollman, "It's always marching on," *Los Angeles Times*, June 25, 2004
- 2003 Holland Cotter, "Art In Review; 'Off the Record'," *The New York Times*, May 16, 2003
- Derek Murray, "Ironie/Iconic," *Art in America*, March 2003
- 2002 Kelly Klaasmeyer, "Memory Lane," *Houston Press*, November 7, 2002
- Holland Cotter, "Art In Review; 'Ironie/Iconic'—Kira Lynn Harris, Adia Millett and Kehinde Wiley," *The New York Times*, August 2, 2002
- Amelia Jones, "The 'Post-Black' Bomb," *Tema Celeste*, March-April 2001
- 2001 Jerry Saltz, "Post-Black," *The Village Voice*, May 15, 2001
- Holland Cotter, "Art Review; A Full Studio Museum Show Starts With 28 Young Artists and a Shoehorn," *The New York Times*, May 11, 2001

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA
California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Chase Center Art Collection, San Francisco, CA
Credit Suisse
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
Fidelity Investment Group
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA
Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
San Francisco Arts Commission, CA
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
The West Collection, Oaks, PA