

# INMAN GALLERY

## DEMETRIUS OLIVER

Born 1975, Brooklyn, NY  
Lives and works in New York, NY

## EDUCATION

2004 M.F.A. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
2004 Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture  
1998 B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Pneumato*, Klaus Von Nichtssagend Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2017 *Aeriform*, Seed Space, Nashville, TN  
2015 *Anemometer*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Eclipse*, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle WA  
2014 *Canicular*, Print Center, Philadelphia, PA  
2013 *Terrestrial*, Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, MN  
2012 *Azimuth*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
2011 *Orrery*, D'Amelio Terras, New York, NY  
*Penumbra*, Light Work, Syracuse, NY  
2010 *Jupiter*, a commissioned temporary installation for the High Line, New York, NY  
*Albedo*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
2009 *Mare*, FAB Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA  
*Sidereal*, Clough-Hanson Gallery, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN  
2008 *Observatory*, D'Amelio Terras, New York, NY  
*Firmament*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
2006 *Demetrius Oliver*, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA  
*Perspectives 153/ Compass*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX  
*Extracts*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Demetrius Oliver*, P.S.1 project space solo exhibition, P.S.1, New York, NY  
2004 *Dawn til Dusk*, Amistad Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
2003 *New Work*, Graduate Student Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA; traveled to Contemporary Art Museum,

- Houston TX; Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR;  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver CO  
*Works on View*, Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 *Mask*, Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *The Assembly: Photography from Houston Galleries*, FotoFest at Silver Street, Houston, TX  
*The Sheltering Sky*, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA  
*All That is Solid Melts Into Air*, Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 *I Won't Let You Say Goodbye This Time*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Third Space/Shifting Conversations About Contemporary Art*, Birmingham Museum Of Art, Birmingham, AL
- 2016 *Explode Every Day: An Inquiry into the Phenomena of Wonder*, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA  
*Hadley Holliday, Demetrius Oliver, Dario Robleto*, ACME., Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 *I AM, THE POSTER PROJECT* Presents, New York, NY and the World Wide Web  
*SUNSET HAIRCUT*, Inman Gallery, Houston TX  
*Works of Paper II*, Acme, Los Angeles, CA  
*Skyward*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC
- 2014 *Three Thousand Times, Each Hour, a Different Terrain: Titus Kaphar, Wardell Milan, Demetrius Oliver*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Save It For Later*, Sotheby's Gallery, New York, NY  
*Rituals*, Larm Galleri, Copenhagen Denmark
- 2013 *Touch the Moon*, Louis B. James Gallery, New York, NY  
*11 Dimensions*, Louis B. James Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Order of Things*, NUTUREart, New York, NY, curated by Jamillah James  
*Interval Measures*, 143 Reade Street, New York, NY, curated by Lucien Terras
- 2012 *Bearden Project*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Affinity Atlas*, Wellin Museum Of Art, Hamilton, NY
- 2011 *Sculpted, Etched and Cut: Metal Works from the Permanent Collection*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*In Context*, Roberts & Tilton, Culver City, CA
- 2010 *Collected. Reflections on the Permanent Collection*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Mequitta Ahuja, Demetrius Oliver, Dawit L. Petros and Xaviera Simmons*, Clifford Change, New York, NY, curated by Jacob Robichaux  
*Cantilever*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2009 *30 Seconds off an Inch*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Harsh Terrain*, Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles, CA  
*Collected Works*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Your Gold Teeth II*, curated by Todd Levin, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY  
*Gravity*, curated by Marisa Sanchèz, Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle, WA  
*1992009*, D'Amelio Terras, New York, NY
- 2008 *Houston Collects: African American Art*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX  
*Zero Zone*, curated by David Hunt, Tracy Williams, Ltd., New York, NY  
*Learning by Doing: 25 Years of the Core Program*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX  
*Black Is Black Ain't*, Renaissance Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL;  
Traveled to; Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI and H & R Block

- Artspace Kansas City, MO  
*The Morton Collection: Selected Works*, UAB Visual Arts Gallery, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
- 2007 *Blur: Titus Kaphar, Wardell Milan II, Demetrius Oliver*, Arndt & Partner, Berlin, Germany  
*Midnight's Daydream*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Taking Aim: Selections from the Elliot Perry Collection*, Clough-Hanson Gallery, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN  
*Crossing the Line: African American Art in the Jacqueline Bradley and Clarence Otis, Jr. Collection*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL  
*Life is But a Dream: Contemporary Figurative Photography*, Space 301, Mobile, AL  
*Making Do 2*, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT  
*World View*, The Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*Artadia...Reprised*, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
- 2006 *Represent: Selections from The Studio Museum in Harlem*, New York State Museum, Albany, NY  
*Impossible Exchange*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX  
*Now!*, Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC  
*Black Alphabet – Contexts of Contemporary African American Art*, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland  
*Leg*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX  
*CORE Residency Exhibition*, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX
- 2005 *Frequency*, curated by Thelma Golden and Christine Kim, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY (catalogue)  
*Bebe Le Strange*, D'Amelio Terras, New York, NY  
*CORE Residency Exhibition*, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX
- 2004 *Round 21*, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX  
*Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition*, Gallery Siano, Philadelphia, PA
- 2003 *A Celestial Event of Zero Importance*, Fox Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*MFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Preview Show*, Meyerson Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*Passion of Saint Joan*, Meyerson Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*Thirty Bucks*, Charles Adams Building, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*Penn Summer Faculty Show*, Charles Adams Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*Things Fall Part* (a sculpture exhibition based on the novel by Chinua Achebe) Meyerson Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*GSFA 1<sup>st</sup> Year MFA Exhibition* Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 *Flipside*, Fox Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*GSFA 1<sup>st</sup> Year MFA Preview Exhibition*, Charles Adams Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*BFA Exhibition*, Woods Gerry Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
- 1997 Group Show, Jaffe Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL

## RESIDENCIES

- 2009 Light Work AIR, Syracuse, NY
- 2008 Steep Rock Arts Residency, Washington, CT
- 2006-07 Artist in Residence, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 2004-06 Core Artists in Residence, The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
- 2004-05 Artist in Residence/ Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

## AWARDS

- 2020 The Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant
- 2012 The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Philadelphia Exhibitions Initiative Grant
- 2007 Rema Hort Mann Foundation
- 2006 Artadia, Houston, TX

## LECTURES

- 2015 The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
- 2009 Rhodes College, Memphis, TN  
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2007 Union College, Schenectady, NY
- 2006 Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX  
Princeton University (undergraduate class), Princeton, NJ  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

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- 2018 Baker, R.C., "Crown Jewels of the Tenements: Demetrius Oliver's Ascending Visions", *Village Voice*, Feb. 6, 2018
- 2017 Schreiber, Barbara. "Simple Passion, Complex Vision: The Darryl Atwell Collection of African-American Art," *The Charlotte Observer*, December 27.  
Molloy, Audrey, "Demetrius Oliver: Aeriform", *Nashville Arts Magazine*, September 2017
- 2016 Jen, Alex. "'Explode Everyday' Underscores the fun, the Inexplicable in Art," *The Williams Record*, September 21.
- 2015 "Demetrius Oliver: Canicular," *The Print Center*, Philadelphia, PA; essays by Michelle White, Derrick Pitts, John Caperton (exhibition catalogue).  
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- 2010 "LightWork Annual," Contact Sheet: Number 157, essay by Anne Wilkes Tucker, 2010, pp. 4-9.  
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- 2009 Smith, Roberta, "A Beating Heart of Social Import" *New York Times*, Dec 10, 2009, pg. C29, C32.  
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 Brown, Becky, "Your Gold Teeth II", *Brooklyn Rail*, Sept.  
 Thorson, Alice, "Provocative 'Black is, Black Ain't probes issue of race", *Kansas City Star*, Jul 4.  
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 Horodner, Stuart, brochure essay, "Demetrius Oliver", *Atlanta Contemporary Art Center*.  
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 Smith, Nick, "This Is Our Youth", *Charleston City Paper*, November 8.  
 Sharbaugh, Patrick, "Now! And Then", *Charleston City Paper*, October 11.  
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## **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH  
Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA  
International Center of Photography, New York, NY  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
RISD Museum of Art, Providence, Rhode Island  
Tang Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY  
The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
The Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH  
The Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas, Austin, TX  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX  
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY