

I N M A N G A L L E R Y

DAVID McGEE

Born 1962, Bernice, LA
Lives and works in Houston, TX

EDUCATION

1985 Attended Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *David McGee: The Griot and the Nightingale*, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC
- 2023 *The Tarot Cards and The Gloria Paintings*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2022 *Black Star*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2019 *Black Paintings*, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
- 2018 *The Telling and the Told*, The Gallery of the University of Texas, Arlington, TX
New Paintings, South Texas College, McAllen, TX
- 2017 *The Telling and the Told*, Houston Museum of African American Culture, Houston, TX
Urban Dread and the Complications of Water, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2014 *The Return of MOFO*, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2010 *Ready Made Africans*, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX (Special presentation within the Surrealism galleries)
- 2008 *Prints*, Mumbo Jumbo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *El Sonador Elegante*, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
- 2005 *Paintings and New Works on Paper*, Stefan Stux Gallery, New York, NY
Black Narcissus, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
David McGee: Black Rider, Weber State University, Ogden, UT
- 2004 *Tetelestai – Notebooks of the Black Sea*, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
- 2001 *15 Minutes*, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
- 2000 *Black Flies and Socialites*, David Beitzel Gallery, New York, NY
Bacchus: A Biography, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 1999 *Recent Paintings*, American Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 *Black Comedies and Night Music*, Contemporary Art Museum Houston, Houston TX; traveled to the Southeast Center for Contemporary Art, Winston Salem NC
New Paintings, University of Colorado Art Gallery, Boulder, CO
- 1996 *Stepin Fetchit Amongst the Nobles*, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX
- 1995 *The Nobility Within the Negro Opera: The Dallas Paintings*, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX

- 1994 *The Wastelands*, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
David McGee: Landscapes of the Soul, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX
- 1992 *New Paintings*, Bob Mier Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1991 *New Paintings*, Irene Pagan Gallery, Houston, TX
Recent Works, GvG Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1988 *Jazz and Other Serious Matters*, Midtown Art Center, Houston, TX
David McGee, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX
Selected Works of David McGee, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX
- 1986 *New Paintings*, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Figurative Histories*, Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX
Terms and Conditions: The Promise vs. The Reality, University Museum at Texas Southern University, Houston, TX
- 2024 *Kids Without the Internet*, Massey Klein Gallery, New York, NY. Curated by Thea Smolinski.
- 2023 *SANKOFA 23: The Sankofa Project Exhibition 2020–2023*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
Art in Words: Prints from the 20th Century to Today, Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2022 *Figurative Art in Houston: 2000–2021, The Glassell Connection*, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
- 2021 *ICONIC*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2017 *The Big Show*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2016 *Contemporary Portraiture*, The Gallery, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX
- 2015 *The Secret of the Hanging Egg: Salvador Dalí at the Menil*, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX
Defining the Body: Contemporary Figuration on Paper, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Known and Unknown, One Allen Center, Houston, TX
Collision – Representation vs. Abstraction in African American Art: An Examination of Artists' Engagement with Society, Houston Museum of African American Culture, Houston, TX
Point by Point, Homeland Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2012 *About Face*, ACME Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
From the Museum Collection, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
- 2011 *Go West 1*, Maison de l'UNESCO, Paris, France; traveled to Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, TX
Earth Paint Paper Wood: Recent Acquisitions, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX
- 2009 *Now: Where Are We Going? Contemporary Artists Address Issues of the 21st Century*, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, TX, organized by Dana Friis-Hansen
- 2008 *Houston Collects: African American Art*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

- 2007 *The Sirens' Song: Contemporary Narrative Painting*, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin, TX
- 2006 *New Zealand Artist in Residence Project*, in collaboration with Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2005 *Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
- 2004 *Perspectives@25: A Quarter Century of New Art in Houston*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
Art, Artists, and the Addison: Building a Collection, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
- 2000 *2000 Clowns*, University Galleries at Illinois State University, Normal, IL
Déjà Vu: Reworking the Past, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY
Summer Group Exhibition, David Beitzel Gallery, New York, NY
W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1999 *Re/Righting History: Counternarratives by Contemporary African-American Artists*, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY
The Stroke, Exit Art, New York, NY
Other Narratives, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
Exile Off Main Street: David McGee and Benito Huerta, Center for Research in Contemporary Art, University of Texas, Arlington, TX
- 1998 *Storylines*, CU Art Gallery, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
Commitment to Image: Recent Figurative Painting, University of North Texas Art Gallery, Denton, TX
- 1997 *Candice Breitz, David Levinthal, and David McGee*, Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Oktobertfest, Texas Gallery, Houston TX
- 1996 *Breaking into the Mainstream: Texas African American Artists*, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
Reconfigured: Six Approaches to Figurative Painting, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
- 1995 *1995 New Orleans Triennial*, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
Evidence, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
Link, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX
Summer Serial, Texas Gallery, Houston, TX
Ruins, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
Re-Collection, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX
- 1994 *I Remember: Images of the Civil Rights Movement, 1963-1993*, Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Houston, TX
Project Row Houses: The Artists, Robert McClain & Company, Houston, TX
Heights Exhibition, Lambert Hall, Houston, TX
- 1993 *The Language of Drawing*, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX
The Passionate Eye, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX
Texas Between Two Worlds, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX; traveled to Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and The Art Museum of South Texas,

- Corpus Christi, TX
Blacks And White Together: A Conversation for Racial Harmony, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX
- 1992 *Fresh Visions/New Voices*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX; traveled to Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX, and Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
- 1991 *CVG Group Show*, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX
Art + Soul = Jazz, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX
A Meeting of Two, Commerce Street Artists' Warehouse, Houston, TX
Toni Jones Gallery, Houston, TX
Forerunners and Newcomers Revisited, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
Out of Town, Coral Joyce Gallery, New York, NY
- 1990 *Six Houston Artists*, Artistic Reflections Gallery, Houston, TX
Forerunners and Newcomers, Clear Lake Art Gallery, University of Houston, Clear Lake, TX
Martin, Ann Taylor Gallery, Dallas, TX
Hall-Barnett Group, Hall-Barnett Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Chicago Annual, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL
- 1989 John B. Coleman Gallery, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX
Two Hand, Treebeards Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1988 *Four Houston Artists*, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; traveled to George Washington Carver Museum, Austin, TX
- 1987 Community Music Center, Houston, TX
Group Show of Gallery Artists, Barnes-Blackman Galleries, Houston, TX
New Artists in Houston, Treebeards Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1985 El Centro Community College, Dallas, TX
- 1984 Houston Public Library, Julia Idelson Building, Houston, TX
- 1983 Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN
- 1982 *My Creative Cup Runneth Over*, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Podcast: #9 With David McGee: Black Panther-Glasstire
Podcast: #9 With David McGee: The Eastman Effect
- 2005 "Deep Wells and Reflecting Pools," The Menil Collection, Houston, TX in conjunction with the exhibition *Double-Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970*, organized by the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (*very abbreviated*)

- 2025 Knudson, Rainey. *The MFAH 100*. Houston, TX: Museum of Fine Arts, pp. 114-115.

- Coppleman, Alyssa Ortega. "On View in Houston: Figurative Histories," *Oxford American*, June 18, 2025.
- 2023 Knudson, Rainey. "David McGee Does Kehinde Wiley Better," *Glasstire*, October 29.
Becker, Chris. "Opening Saturday, a New Inman Gallery Exhibit Shows the Good Fortune of Treasured Artist David McGee," *CityBook Houston*, September 14.
- 2020 Powell, Richard, J. "Going There: Black Visual Satire," *Yale University Press*, p. 36-37.
2019 Becker, Chris. "From Urban Dread to Holy Water: Painter David McGee's manifesto for survival," *beckermusic.blogspot.com*, January 9.
- 2017 Myong, Elizabeth. "The Telling and the Told Tells a Story of Its Own," *Houstonia*, November 9.
Glentzer, Molly. "Artist David McGee having whale of a moment," *Houston Chronicle*, October 13.
Gregory, Casey. "Moving Forward, Looking Back: David McGee at Texas Gallery and HMAAC," *Arts and Culture Texas*, September 21.
- 2016 Becker, Chris. "The Most Wanted," *CityBook Houston*, November 20.
Arning, Bill. "Up Close: Houston Loves Eccentrics," *Art in America*, May 23.
Glentzer, Molly. "The MFAH exhibits art from its African-American collection," *Houston Chronicle*, April 1.
- 2015 Glentzer, Molly. "Rothko retrospective sheds light on Houston's favored artist," *Houston Chronicle*, September 19.
- 2011 Marmaduke, Lauren. "100 Creatives: David McGee," *Houston Press*, March 11.
- 2010 Anson, Catherine D. *Texas Artists Today*. Seattle: Marquand Books.
- 2007 Franklin Sirmans. Word Play: David McGee's Drawings for Lorenzo (pg. 94)
Margo Handwerker. David McGee: Drawings for Lorenzo (pg. 106) Gulf Coast Journal: Summer/Fall 2007
Schulze, Troy. "'To 25!' and 'David McGee: El Soñador Elegante,'" *Houston Press*, October 10.
- 2006 Johnson, Patricia C. "David McGee explores physical perceptions and connections," *Houston Chronicle*, January 11.
- 2005 Johnson-LeBlanc, Felicia. "Black Like Me," *Houston Press*, January 27.
- 2004 *Perspectives@25: A Quarter Century of New Art in Houston*. Houston, TX: Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, exhibition catalog.
Thomas, Lorenzo. "David McGee: Tetelestai: Notebook of the Black Sea," *ARTLies*, Winter, (pg. 86)
Devine, John. "Jazz Show," *Houston Press*, January 22.
- 2003 Johnson-LeBlanc, Felicia. "My Life in Oils," *Houston Press*, December 4.
Johnson, Patricia C. "The Restless Eye," *Houston Chronicle*, Sunday, November 30, *Zest Magazine*, pp. 8-9, 17.
- 2001 Johnson, Patricia C. "Black art exhibits help define America," *Houston Chronicle*, November 19.
Leffingwell, Edward. "David McGee at David Bietzel," *Art in America*, January, v. 89, n. 1, p. 114-15

- 1999 Saltz, Jerry. "Finders Keeper," *The Village Voice*, May 25.
 Prose, Francine. "The Artist as Curator," *The Wall Street Journal*, May 20.
 Lombardi, D. Dominick. "Black Artists Confront History," *The New York Times*, May 9.
- 1998 Dewan, Shaila. "Mau-Mauing the Art Collectors," *Houston Press*, February 12.
- 1994 Kalil, Susie. "What Moves Us Deeply?" *Houston Press*, March 17.
 Kalil, Susie. "Black on Black," *Houston Press*, February 17.

SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial Competition Award
 2017 Texan-French Alliance for the Arts Award
 2014 Joan Mitchell Foundation CALL (Creative a Living Legacy) Award
 2006 Joan Mitchell Painters & Sculptors Grant
 2005 Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (TALA) Artist of the Year
 1998 CACCH Grant
 1997 CACCH Grant
 1994 Mid-American Grant

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The Menil Collection, Houston, TX
 Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
 Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
 Grand Rapids Museum of Art, Grand Rapids, MI
 Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
 Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
 Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
 Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
 Seattle Civic Art Collection, Seattle, WA
 Houston Museum of African American Culture, Houston, TX
 Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
 Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas, Austin, TX
 W.E.B. DuBois Research Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA