

# Kennedy Yanko

b. 1988, St. Louis, MO

Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

## EDUCATION

2008 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Forthcoming exhibition, Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2021 Forthcoming exhibition, Rubell Museum, Miami, FL  
*Three Generations*, Salon 94, New York, NY  
*Postcapitalist Desire*, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 *Salient Queens*, Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
*Because it's in my blood*, Marco Poggiali Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2019 *Before Words*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI  
*HANNAH*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*HIGHLY WORKED*, Denny Dimin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Chasing Time*, Leyendecker Galería, Tenerife, Canary Islands
- 2013 *Alchemy in Silent Spaces*, Idiosyncrasy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Permutations*, Paragon Theater, Saint Louis, MO
- 2010 *Paroxysm*, Art Monster, Saint Louis, MO
- 2009 *Wu-Wei*, Abstrakt Gallery, Saint Louis, MO

## SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *We Are More Than A Moment*, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) Berkshire Cultural Resource Center and Gallery 51, North Adams, MA, curated by Genevieve Gaignard  
*Life During WarTime*, University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL, curated by Christian Vieveros  
*SITE: Art and Architecture in the Digital Space*, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI  
*ABSTRACT! From Minimalism to Now*, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *IMPLIED BODY*, Assembly Room, New York, NY, curated by Emily Alesandrini  
*Harlem Perspectives*, Faction Art Space, New York, NY  
*PARALLELS AND PERIPHERIES: Migration and Mobility*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, MI, curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah
- 2018 *Cry of Victory and Short Walks to Freedom*, Projects+ Gallery, Saint Louis, MO, curated by Modou Dieng  
*Outside in 2*, Michael David Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*PARALLELS AND PERIPHERIES*, Art Center South Florida, Miami, FL  
*The Barn Show 2018*, Johannes Vogt Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Alchemy*, BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn, NY  
*Senses and Perceptions*, MANA Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ, curated by Mashonda Tifrere  
*The Aesthetics of Matter*, VOLTA, New York, NY, curated by Mickalene Thomas  
*Out of Line*, Long Gallery, Harlem, NY
- 2017 *PROJECTS*, PULSE Contemporary Art Fair, Miami, FL  
*Hidden in Plain Sight*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, curated by Derrick Adams
- 2016 *Full Circle*, Mason Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *AART*, Joseph Gross Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *I Kan Do Dat*, Rush Art Galleries, New York, NY  
*Art Now*, Poppington Gallery, New York, NY

## PUBLIC ART

2019-21 Sculpture, *3 Ways*, funded by the Helis Foundation, Poydras Corridor, New Orleans, LA  
2019-20 Installation and film, *Our Valence*, Art in Buildings by Time Equities, Detroit, MI

#### AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

2021 Artist in Residence, Rubell Museum of Art, Miami, FL  
2020 Finalist, Creative Time Open Call, Creative Time  
2019 Recipient, Colene Brown Art Prize, BRIC Arts Media  
2018 Nominee, Painters & Sculptors Grant Program, Joan Mitchell Foundation, New York, NY  
Nominee, Emerging Artist Grant, Rema Hort Mann Foundation, New York, NY  
Artist Residency, Galeria Leyendecker. Tenerife, Canary Islands  
2017 Artist Residency, Fountainhead, Miami, FL  
2013 Artist Residency, Idiosyncrasy Gallery, New York, NY  
2010 Artist Residency, Atlantic Center of the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
2009-12 Resident Performer, The Living Theatre, New York, NY

#### PERFORMANCES

2009-11 *History of the World, Korach, Red Noir, and Eureka*, The Living Theater, New York, NY

#### CURATOR

2021 *Realms of Refuge*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL

#### TALKS

2019 Artist Talk, Philadelphia Academy of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
*Conversations with Artists* series, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

#### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Espacio Tacuari, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Rubell Museum, Miami, FL  
The Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, FL

#### PUBLICATIONS

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