

Felandus Thames

Born 1974, Mississippi

Lives and works in New York Area

EDUCATION

2010 MFA in Painting/Printmaking, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

2008 BA in Painting and Graphic Design, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

SOLO/TWO MAN EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Oops Up Side Your Head* Amherst College, Eli Marsh Gallery, Amherst, MA*

We shed oceans of tears, our waters contains our sorrows, Colgate University, Clifford Gallery, Hamilton, NY

2021 *The Things That Haunt Me Still*, Real Art Ways, Main Gallery, Hartford, CT 2016

Whereabouts Unknown, works by Felandus Thames, University of New Haven, Seton Gallery, New Haven CT

2014 *stuck between lizabeth Taylor's toes*, School of Liberal Arts Gallery, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

Spook Gallery 1, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

2013 *built environments, Inaugurations.* works by Felandus Thames and Derek Fordjour Curated by Rich Blint, Columbia University, Russ Berrie Medical Science Pavilion, New York, NY

2012 *Mixtape*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY

2011 *Utopia*, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY

2008 *Works by Felandus Thames*, Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS

2003 *Here & There*, Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, Jackson, MS

2001 *Missing*, Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, Jackson, MS

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Get in the Game*, curated by Seph Rodney, and Kathy Siegel, Perez Art Museum of Miami, Miami, FL*

2025 *Hood Ornament*, curated by Charles Moore, The Container Museum, Santa Fe, NM*

Diasporic Memory, curated by Elena Platonova, Plato Gallery, New York, NY

Beachum Family Collection, Yale Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, CT

2024 *The Shape of Water*, curated by Jaynelle Hazard and Terrick Gutierrez, Virginia Art Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA

Pieces of Us: Selections from the Dameon and Kim Fisher Collection, co-curated by Fahamu Pecoul & the Fisher Family, The African Diaspora Art Museum of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Get in the Game, curated by Seph Rodney, and Kathy Siegel, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

The Sink, curated by Jodi Hayes, Tinney Contemporary, Nashville, TN

Don't Touch My Hair Hannah Traore Gallery, New York, NY

Entwined, curated by Frank Mitchell, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT

2023 *Spectrum: On Color & Contemporary Art*, Museum of African Diaspora of San Francisco, curated by KeyJo Lee, San Francisco, CA

There Within Lie the Gospel: Truth, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, Galerie Myrtis, Baltimore, MD

Title IX, curated Charlotte Grussing, The Hole Gallery (Bowery), New York, NY

29 Million Dreams co-curated by Daveen Trentman and Teddrick Gutierrez, Museum of Broken Windows (pop-up show), New York, NY

The Afro-Futurist Manifesto: Blackness Reimagined, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore, MD

The Afro-Futurist Manifesto: Blackness Reimagined, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, James E. Lewis Museum of Art - Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

The Alchemists, Curated by Seph Rodney and Donovan Johnson, Bill Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2022 *The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse*, Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, Denver, CO

- Unmasking Masculinity for the 21st Century*, Curated by Rehema Barber and Larry Ossei-Mensah, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- (RE)CONTEXT: Artists Reconstructing Words*, Curated by Ramon Cardenas, Rubins Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX
- The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse*, Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
- Ontology: Communal Expressions of Being*, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, Galerie Myrtis, Baltimore, MD
- Currents and Constellations: Black Art in Focus*, Curated by Key Jo Lee, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
- The Afro-Futurist Manifesto: Blackness Reimagined*, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, Palazzo Bembo, Venice Biennale International Art Exhibition, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *Phillips x House of Crowns*, Curated by Anwarri Musa and Storm Ascher, Phillips Auction House - Mezzanine Gallery, Manhattan, NY
- Dionne Warwick: Queen of Twitter*, Curated by Peter "Souleo" Wright, Newark Arts Festival, Newark, NJ
- The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse* Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Houston Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, TX
- Black Lives Matters*, Curated By Victoria Mann, 193 Gallery, Paris, France
- "Literary Muse,"* Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, UTA Artist Space, Beverly Hills, CA (September)
- Somethin To Say*, Curated by Key Jo Lee and Felandus Thames, Galerie Myrtis, Baltimore, MD
- The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse*, Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA
- Unapologetic Conversations of Hair and Nonconformity*, Curated by Tia Santana, The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE
- On The Road: Chocolate Cities*, Curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah, Tone HQ, Memphis, TN
- 2020 *Black Abstraction*, Heather James Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- Racism: The Other America Pandemic*, Curated by Yulia Tikhonova, Online exhibition, Easton, CT
- Renaissance Noir*, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, UTA Artist Space, Beverly Hills, CA
- The View from Here*, Curated by Sarah Fritchie, Artspace, New Haven, CT
- 2019 *New Symphony of Time*, Curated by Dr. Roger Ward and Elizabeth Abston, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- Blackface: A Reclamation of Beauty, Power and Narrative*, Curated by Myrtis Bedolla and Jessica Stafford Davis, Baltimore, MD
- Unruly Bodies*, Curated by Aden Weisel, Stevenson University, Owings Mills, MD
- Spring Selections*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 *Black Pulp*, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 *Black Pulp*, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- Black Pulp*, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, Contemporary Art Museum - University of South Florida Tampa, FL
- 2016 *Black Pulp*, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, International Print Center, New York, NY
- Arresting Patterns: Race and the Criminal Justice System*, Curated by Sarah Fritchey African American Museum of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- Black Pulp*, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, Yale University - Edgewood Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 2015 *Conversation II*, Curated by Laura Marsh, No Pop Gallery, New Haven, CT
- Well Worn Truths*, Curated by Benjamin Hickey and Vitus Shell, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA
- Art By Choice*, Curated by Caitlin Podas and Steven Chevalier, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- Flood*, Curated by Inger Price, The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, Yuba City, CA
- POP UP SHOW*, Curated by Renee Cox, ARTIZ Group, New York, NY 2014
- Perception, Illusion, Magic*, Curated by Juried by Elizabeth Koehn and Julia Mechtler, Westport Art Center, Westport, CT
- POP UP SHOW*, Curated by David West, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS

- 2013 *Art By Choice*, Curated by Dan Piersol and Beth Baton, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS “Visions of Our 44th President,” Essence Festival 2013, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 *Visions of Our 44th President*, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI
Artists by Artists Curated by David Lambert and Robin Dietrick, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
Get It on the Record, Curated by Yulia Tikhonova, Caldwell College - Visceglia Gallery, Caldwell, NJ
Photography Now, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
All In Line, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY
Face To Face, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY
Voices of Home, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Winter Salon, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Voices of Home, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Art By Choice*, Curated by Dan Piersol & Beth Baton, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS “Uncommon Commencement,” Heather James Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
T_XT_RT, Curated by Courtney Johnson, Jenkins Johnson Gallery New York, NY
“Celebrate Summer,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
The Black Portrait, Curated by Hank Willis Thomas and Natasha L. Logan, Rush Art Gallery, New York, NY
Guy Show, Curated by Gerald Saladyga, Art Place, Fairfield, CT
- 2010 *Uncommon Commencement*, Heather James Fine Art, Jackson, WY
Else, Curated by Derrick Adams & Jack Tilton, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
Art Crush, Aspen Museum of Art, Aspen, CO
American Iconography, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY
Gathering Together, Kravets | Wehby Gallery, New York, NY
Yale M.F.A Thesis Show, Yale University/Green Hall Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 2009 *Yale Second Year Comprehensive Show*, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Summer Group Show, Lemieux Galleries, New Orleans, LA
Yale Peer Show, Yale University/Green Hall Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 2008 *100 Hundred Years of Richard Wright*, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Relationships and Love, Walker’s Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI
- 2007 *Winter Group Show*, Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS
Fall Group Show Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
Signs, Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
Black History Group Exhibition, Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS
- 2006 *Southern Kaleidoscope*, Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
35th Anniversary Show, Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
Kitchen, The Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
- 2005 *Windows*, Annual Theme Show, The Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
- 2003 *Emerge*, Municipal Art Gallery, Jackson, MS
Mississippi Collegian Competition (Juried), Meridian Museum of Art
Highway 61 Annual Theme Show, The Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
- 2002 *Self Portrait Show*, Gallery 119, Jackson, MS
- 2001 *Mississippi Collegian Competition (Juried)*, Mississippi Museum of Art

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2025 Louis Comfort Tiffany Prize
- 2023 Hapro Foundation, Artist Grantee
- 2022 Art In Embassies Program, U.S. Department of State, Dakar, Senegal
- 2010 Yale School of Art Scholarship
- 2007 Greater Jackson Arts Council - Grant
- 2005 Mississippi Arts Commission - Individual Artist Fellowship
- 2003 Greater Jackson Arts Council - Individual Artist Fellowship
- 2003 Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition - Best in Category
- 2002 Greater Jackson Arts Council - Travel Grant

ARTIST TALKS/PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 2024 Online Artist Talk with MIT Art Department
- 2023 Reginald F. Lewis Museum, “Afro-Futurist Manifesto: Blackness Reimagined Artist Panel – Part II” Felandus Thames, M. Scott Johnson, Arvie Smith, and Morel Doucet - moderated by Myrtis Bedolla - Baltimore, MD
Yale Art Gallery, Yale University - “My Body Remembers: A Conversation on Materials and Memory” HBCU - SMITAH Keynote conversation with Kiese Laymon and Felandus Thames - New Haven, CT
Clifford Art Gallery, Colgate University - “We shed oceans of tears, our waters contains our sorrows” - conversation with Kiese Laymon and Felandus Thames - Hamilton, NY
- 2022 Georgetown University - “There’s Light: Artworks & Conversation Examining Black Masculinity, Identity & Mental Well-Being,” panel discussion with contributing artist moderator Glenn Lutz - Washington, DC
In Studio Artist Talk with Yale Sculpture Department - West Haven, CT
Online Artist Talk with Yale Sculpture Department - Online
- 2021 UTA Artist Space - “Literary Muse,” walk thru with exhibiting artist moderated by Arthur Lewis and Myrtis Bedolla, Beverly Hills, CA - Artist Talk
Galerie Myrtis - “Somethin To Say” panel discussion with Michi Meko, Vitus Shell, Felandus Thames, and Cullen Washington moderated by KeyJo Lee
Hook Art / Kavi Gupta Gallery - “Know Your Place: An examination of America’s Caste System” online panel discussion with Wesley Clark, Michi Meko, Sheila Prebright, Shanequa Gay, and Felandus Thames moderated by Alfred Conteh
The Delaware Contemporary “Unapologetic Conversations of Hair and Nonconformity,” Curated by Tia Santana - Wilmington, DE
Real Art Ways - “The Things That Haunt Me Still” panel discussion with Kiese Laymon, Charlie Braxton, and Felandus Thames moderated by Noel Anderson
- 2020 UTA Artist Space Online - “Renaissance Noir,” panel discussion with exhibiting artist and moderated by Arthur Lewis - Beverly Hills, CA
- 2018 Grace Farms Foundation - New Caanan, CT, “Practicing Joy” - Lecture “Humor as Resistance”
Monclair University - Monclair, NJ, Visiting Lecture, “Color Theory in Practice”
Mississippi Museum of Art, “Race and Abstraction” panel discussion with Torkwase Dyson, Sheila Prebright, LeRonn Brooks, and Felandus Thames - Jackson, MS
2017 Rhode Island School of Design - Providence, RI, Artist Talk
- 2016 University of New Haven - Seton Gallery
- 2014 Jackson State University - School of Liberal Arts, Jackson, MS, conversation
- 2012 Jenkins Johnson Gallery - New York, NY, gallery conversation with Halima Taha
Conversation Among Friends - Museum of Modern Art, NYC - Studio Visit/Talk
Junior Associates - Museum of Modern Art, NYC - Studio Visit/Talk

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2024 Special project for “Get in the Game” exhibition at SF Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
- 2024 Flo Gris Museum (formerly Florence Griswold Museum), Old Lyme, CT
- 2023 Project for “Entwined” exhibition at Mystic Seaport Museum, Smoke Signal
- 2003 Portrait, Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children
- 2003 Public Art, City of Jackson, Mississippi Office of the Mayor
- 2001 Portrait, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

NOTABLE COLLECTIONS

John Friedman Family Collection San Antonio Spurs
Studio Museum of Harlem
Duke Ellington School of The Arts
Mississippi Museum of Art
The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
Smith - Robertson Museum and Cultural Center
Arthur Lewis and Hau Nguyen
Suzanne McFayden
Mystic Seaport Museum

Hort Family Collection
 Draymond & Hazel Green Family Foundation
 AC and Thelma Hudgins Collection
 Anthony Terrana
 The Perry Art Collection Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African - American Art
 Christy and Bill Gautreaux Collection
 Bernard Lumpkin and Carmine D. Boccuzzi Family Collection
 Tilton Family Collection

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