

# Gerald Williams

Born 1941, Chicago, IL  
Lives and works in Chicago

## Education

1960-1962 Attended Roosevelt University and Woodrow Wilson Junior College  
1966 Attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Loop College  
1969 Bachelor of Fine Arts from Chicago Teachers College  
1973-76 MFA in Painting from Howard University

## EXHIBITION HISTORY

- 2020 *Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*The Figure in Solitude*, online exhibition, Kavi Gupta  
*Tell Me Your Story*, Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, Netherlands  
*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, TX
- 2019 *Down Time: On The Art Of Retreat*, Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*AFRICOBRA: Nation Time*, Venice Biennale (official collateral exhibition), Venice, Italy  
*Everything Is Connected: Art and Conspiracy*, The Met Breuer, NY, USA  
*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, The Broad, Los Angeles, CA; SFMOMA, SF, CA
- 2018 *AFRICOBRA: Messages to the People*, Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, Miami, FL  
*AFRICOBRA 50*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL  
*The Time is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South Side, 1960-1980*, Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL  
*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY (upcoming)  
*AFRICOBRA: Now*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR
- 2017 *Gerald Williams*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL  
*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, Tate Modern, London, UK
- 2016 Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Logan Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, IL
- 2008 Piccolo Spoleto Festival, Charleston, SC  
African Festival of the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Sumter County Gallery of Art, Sumter, SC
- 2003 Ramo Grande Auditorium
- 1995 Sumter County Gallery of Art, Sumter, SC  
University of South Carolina, Sumter, SC
- 1988 Songtan City Cultural Center, Songtan, Korea
- 1983 District of Columbia City Hall, Washington DC
- 1982 Alma Thomas Gallery, Washington DC  
U.S Department of the Navy, Washington DC  
Moton Institute, Gloucester, VA
- 1981 NOA Gallery, Washington DC  
Lansburgh Cultural Center, Washington DC  
Galerie LaTaj, Alexandria, VA
- 1980 United Nations Secretariat

- Museum of African American Art, Buffalo, NY  
 Lamont Zeno Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 Smith-Mason Gallery, Washington DC  
 American Cultural Center, Dakar, Senegal
- 1979 French Cultural Center, Nairobi, Kenya  
 2nd New World Festival of the African Diaspora, Port of Prince, Haiti  
 Miami University, Oxford, OH  
 Frick Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1977 2nd World Black & African Festival of Arts and Culture, Lagos, Nigeria
- 1975 Center for the Study of Negro Life and History, Washington DC  
 Howard University Gallery of Art, Washington DC
- 1973 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
 Southside Community Center, Chicago, IL  
 Howard University Gallery of Art, Washington DC
- 1972 Rainbow Sign Gallery, Oakland, CA  
 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL  
 Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL
- 1971 PUSH EXPO (Operation Push), Chicago, IL  
 Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY  
 Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
 Haiti Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
 Langston Hughes Center for Visual & Performing Arts, Buffalo, NY  
 National Center for Afro-American Culture, Boston, MA  
 State University of New York, Albany, NY
- 1970 Allan Frumkin Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1969 WJ Studi and Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 Chicago State University, Chicago, IL
- 1968 Southside Community Art Center, Chicago, IL  
 Art and Soul Gallery, Chicago, IL

#### SELECT PRESS

HYPEBEAT, 03.09.2019 - The Broad brings 'Soul of a Nation' Exhibition to West Coast  
 HYPERALLERGIC, 12.19.2018 - Best of 2018 - Our top 20 Exhibitions Across the US  
 GALERIE, 11.30.2018 - Still the Main Attraction: Art Basel Returns to Miami Beach  
 ARTNET NEWS, 11.27.2018 - From a Judy Chicago Retrospective to a Celebration of AFRICOBRA,  
 Here are 11 Shows to See in Miami During Art Basel  
 FORBES, 11.25.2018 - MCA North Miami Shines New Light on AFRICOBRA  
 THE NEW YORK TIMES, 11.08.2018 - 50 Years Later Chicago Artists Are Getting Their Due  
 ARTFIXDAILY, 10.04.2018 - Miami's MOCA Presents Chicag-Based AFRICOBRA Collective During Art  
 Basel 2018  
 THE NEW YORK TIMES, 09.13.2018 - Radiant and Radical: 20 years of Defining the Soul of Black Art  
 NEW CITY, 09.06.2018 - Chicago and the Age of Black Power: An Interview with AFRICOBRA Founding  
 Member Gerald Williams  
 BK READER, 05.30.2018 - 'SOUL OF A NATION,' Critically Acclaimed Exhibition Celebrating Black Pow-  
 er Comes to Brooklyn  
 ART IN AMERICA, 01.01.2018 - GERALD WILLIAMS  
 CULTURE TYPE, 12.08.2017 - Chicago Artist and AFRICOBRA Co-Founder Gerald Williams Debuts at  
 Kavi Gupta Gallery  
 HYPERALLERGIC, 11.12.2017 - For Gereald Williams, A Co-Founder of AFRICOBRA, Transnational Black  
 Aesthetics Are As Relevant as Ever

NEVER THE SAME , 11.01.2011 - GERALD WILLIAMS INTERVIEW