

Kennedy Yanko

b. 1988, St. Louis, MO

Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

EDUCATION

2008 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Epithets*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY
Retro Future, Salon 94, New York, NY
- 2023 *Soul Talk*, Salon 94, Miami, FL
She is a Verb, Salon 94, Paris, France
Humming on Life, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *By Means Other Than the Known Senses*, Art Basel Unlimited. Basel, Switzerland
Moving Weight, CFHILL, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2021 *I am flower, I am water, and I am that*, 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

- 2026 IN MINOR KEYS, VENICE BIENNALE, CURATED BY KOYO KOUOH, VENICE, ITALY
ASCENDANCY: THE SELF IN CONTEMPORARY ART, MATTATUCK MUSEUM, WATERBURY, CT
Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys, Traveling
- 2025 Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
Brooklyn Abstraction: Four Artists, Four Walls, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn NY
The Abstract Future, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA
Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Gazing Bodies, CF Hill, Stockholm, Sweden
In an effort to be held, The Shepherd, Detroit, MI
Stories that need to be told, Firestorm Collection, Stockholm, Sweden
The Beauty of Diversity, the Albertina Modern, Vienna, Austria
Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023 Keith Sonnier: Live in Your Head, Franklin Parrasch, Los Angeles, CA.
Chromazones, Analog Diaries, Beacon, NY
About Art, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
Surface Level, Dimin, New York, NY.
Frontline, Swivel Gallery, New York, NY.
Search and Rescue, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, Kentucky

- 2022 Forthcoming installation. The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Set It Off, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
- 2021 *The Artsy Vanguard*, Mana Contemporary, Miami, FL
- 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

- 2022 *Surface is Only a Material Vehicle for Spirit*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL
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

Phaidon Editors, with an introduction by Lisa Le Feuvre, *Great Women Sculptors*, 2024 Phaidon Press, London, United Kingdom
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