

Michi Meko

Born 1993, Florence, AL
Lives and works in Atlanta, GA

EDUCATION

1999 BFA, Painting, University of North Alabama

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *So Black and So Blue*, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA
Under the Flickering Light of the North Star, Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago, IL
- 2023 *While I'm Here... A Different South*, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 *Dark Was The Night, Cold Was The Ground*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Black and Blur*, Clark Atlanta University Art Museum, Atlanta, GA
When It's Black Outside, Chimento Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
Out Here by Myself, Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 *KAZUKO*, Cress Gallery, University of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN
Like a Weird Sweet Spot, Westobou Gallery, August, GA
It Doesn't Prepare You for Arrival, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 *One Last Smile Before the Undertow*, Dodd Galleries, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2016 *Circle of Rivers*, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA
Before We Blast off: The Journey of Divine Forces, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 *Pursuit: Almost Drowned*, Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 *Navigating this American Landscape*, Archetype Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2009 *Fear Kills Pursuit: A Mighty Roar and the Magic Inside*, Beep Beep Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 *Comfort Kills Pursuit: Fight!!!*, Eyedrum, Atlanta, GA

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Door to the Cosmos*, Mariane Ibrahim, Paris, France
UNBOUND: Art, Blackness & the Universe, Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), San Francisco, CA
- 2023 *The Burden of Wait*, Susan Inglett Gallery, Chelsea, NY
The Alchemist, Johnson Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA
My Presence is Present: Interpretations of Afrosurrealism from the American South, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Art + Culture, Charlotte, NC
- 2022 *Flow Tuscaloosa*, The University of Alabama Gallery Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, Tuscaloosa, AL
The Dirty South, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, CO
The Dirty South, Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, AR
- 2021 *Realms of Refuge*, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL
The Dirty South, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
- 2020 *We Are More Than A Moment*, Gallery 51, North Adams, MA
- 2019 *Urban Wild*, Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Mobile, AL
PROJECT, Temporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 *This is where you'll find me*, Kress on Dexter, Montgomery, AL
- 2017 *Gut Feelings*, Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
RSVP, Hammonds House Museum, Atlanta, GA
In Time of Silver Rain, Day & Night Projects, Atlanta, GA
- 2016 *Historicode: Scarcity & Supply*, Nanjing Art Fair, Nanjing, China
Abstraction Today, MOCA GA, Atlanta, GA
All Tomorrow's Parties, Hathaway David Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
Route to (re)settlement, Mann Simmons Museum, Columbia, SC
- 2015 *Boom City*, Dashboard Co-Op, Detroit, MI

2014 *The Introduction*, Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta, GA
2012 *Baptism by Fire*, Barbara Archer Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2011 *Relics*, Marietta Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA
2010 *Pure/Surrender*, Beep Beep Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2009 *Green Works*, The Art Dept., Atlanta, GA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2017 Joan Mitchell Painters & Sculptors Grant
Artadia Award
MOCA GA Working Artist Fellowship
2015 DashBoard Co-Op Residency Grant
2013 Flux Projects Grant
Wonderroot CSA Grant
2011 Studio Artist In Residence, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center
2010 Idea Capital Grant
BeltLine Atlanta Grant
2008 Forward Arts Foundation, finalist
2005 Forward Arts Foundation, finalist

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

2023 Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, Atlanta, GA, Presented by American Express
2013 *The Job of Resurrectors is to Wake Up the Dead*, Flux Projects, Atlanta, GA
Blackburn Farms White Gold, WonderRoot CSA, Atlanta, GA
2011 *Waterworks: The Passing of Knowledge*, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
2010 *Coexist: Bio Mimicry*, Atlanta Beltline, Atlanta, GA
White Gold, Idea Capital, Atlanta, GA
Say it Loud, Living Walls, Atlanta, GA

WRITINGS & PUBLICATIONS

Meko, Michi and Sarah Higgins. "Studying the Silences: A Conversation." *Gut Feelings*. Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, 2017.
Meko, Michi. "Cast Iron." *Art Papers*. May/June 2016.

SELECT PRESS

Smith, TK. "A Cosmos of Southern Black Expression: 'The Dirty South' at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts." *Art in America*, July 20, 2021
Maa, Gerald. "A Lower Deep." *The Georgia Review*. Winter 2019.
Mintz, Donna. "After a Frustrated Seach in Nature, Atlanta Artist Michi Meko Seeks to Create a Sense of Peace at MOCA GA." *ArtsATL*, November 29, 2018.
Feaster, Felicia. "Michi Meko's Work is 'The Contemporary Experience of Black Life and Survival.'" *Atlanta Magazine*, February 28, 2018.
Alexander, Andrew; Sullivan, Karley, "A Studio Visit with Michi Meko." *ArtsATL*, January 22, 2018.
Lockner, Logan. "Hunger Games: Gut Feelings at the Zuckerman Museum of Art." *Burnaway*. March 28, 2017.
Robinson, Shantey. "Reflection in Deep Waters." *The Third Eye*, August 15, 2015.
Davis, Maggie. "Michi Meko's Nautically Themed 'Pursuit.' an Ambitious High Water Mark at Alan Avery." *ArtsATL*, August 3, 2015.
Feaster, Felicia. "Powerful Exhibit Showcases Southern Artist with Complex Take on Race." *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, July 13, 2015.
Cullum, Jerry. "Artists Question Southern Art at Georgia State's Welch Gallery." *Burnaway*, July 20, 2010.
Laura Moore. "Art on the Beltline Project Explores Issues of Gentrification." *Burnaway*, May 20, 2010.
Abernathy, Jeremy. "Declaration(s) of Independence: Two Exhibitions Worthy of Comparison." *Burnaway*, July 2, 2009.
Abernathy, Jeremy. "Comfort Kills: I will." *Ghostmap*. April 11, 2008.

RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Artist-in-Residence, Joan Mitchell Center, New Orleans, LA
- 2023 International Artist-in-Residence, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 Mass MoCA Residency, North Adams, Mass
Hambidge Artist Residency, Rabun County, GA
- 2017 Cabin Time 8, E. Sierras, CA
- 2015 Studio Artist, Pony Ride, Detroit, MI
- 2014 Studio Artist-in-Residence, SCAD Print Department, Atlanta, GA
- 2011 Studio Artist, Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA

COLLECTIONS

- CW Network, Atlanta, GA
- High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- King & Spalding, Atlanta, GA
- NCR, Atlanta, GA
- McKinsey & Company, Atlanta, GA
- Metro Park USA Inc., Atlanta, GA
- Scion (Toyota Motor Corporation), Los Angeles, CA
- The Jones Group, Atlanta, GA
- Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA