

Chiffon Thomas

Born 1991, Chicago, IL

Lives and works in New Haven, CT

EDUCATION

2020 MFA Painting, Yale University, New Haven, CT

2018 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan

2014 BFA Art Education, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 Jenkins Johnson, New York, NY, forthcoming

Monique Meloche, Chicago, IL, forthcoming

Antithesis, Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2019 *Fractured Reality*, Goldfinche, Chicago, IL

2018 *Soft Show*, Roman Susan, Chicago, IL

2015 *Roots & Culture*, "Yr It," Gallery Frayed, Chicago, IL

Stitched Perception, Intelligentsia Coffee, IL

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Surface is only a Material Vehicle for Spirit*, forthcoming, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL

Recovery, PPOW, New York, NY

our constellations: astral embraces and tactual consciousness, Emerson Dorsch, Miami, FL

In Practice: You may go, but this will bring you back, Sculpture Center, New York, NY

2020 *A Chance Encounter*, curated by Tunji Adeniyi-Jones, Parts & Labor, Beacon, NY

myself, curated by Joshua Friedman, Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

I Want to Feel Alive Again, Lyles & King, New York, NY

Shag: Provocative Textiles, curated by Laura Hutson Hunter, Nashville Scene, Nashville, TN

Armory Show, Kohn Gallery LA, New York, NY

2019 *Young, Gifted, and Black: Limpkin-Boccuzzi Family Collection of Contemporary Art*, Lehman College Art

Gallery, Bronx, NY, traveling

Hand & I, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY

The Poetics of Relation, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, Chicago, IL

Big Painting, organized by Jonathan Travis, Patrick Perish Gallery, New York, NY

Paraíso Perdido, Theiry Goldberg Gallery, New York, NY

Art Basel Miami Beach, Kohn Gallery LA, Miami, FL

EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL

2016 *Art Wanted*, Visual Culture Exhibition, Throop Studios, Chicago, IL

2015 *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

Fresh JuJu, Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL

2014 MLK Mural Competition, International Hostel, Chicago, IL

2013 BFA Exhibition, Sullivan Galleries, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

New Visions, South Side Community Art Center, Chicago, IL

Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

New Visions Art Exhibition, South Side Community Art Center, Chicago, IL

2012 *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

MLK Mural Competition, International Hostel, Chicago, IL

School of the Art Institute of Chicago Accreditation Show, Chicago, IL

2011 *Don*, stop-motion animation film screening, ExFest, Chicago, IL

SUGS Projects Exhibition, Chicago, IL

MLK Mural Competition, International Hostel, Chicago, IL

RESIDENCIES

- 2020 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL
- 2019 Yale Critical Practice Fellowship Travel Grant, Palazzo Monti, Italy
- 2018 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2017 ACRE, Steuben, WI

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, forthcoming
- 2018 Hull House Creative Space, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Visiting Artist Talk, Fiber Materials, King College Prep, Chicago, IL
Civil Rights Legacy Workshop, University of Chicago Lab School, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Art Incubator, Intersectionality Critique Exchanges, Chicago, IL
Chicago Student Art Education, Intramurals, Chicago, IL

SELECT COLLECTIONS

- Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection, Palm Beach, FL
- Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH
- Iceberg Projects Collection of Dr. Daniel Berger, Chicago, IL
- Diaspora Rhythms Collective, Marvin Wells and Patricia Wells, Chicago, IL
- Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- ICA Museum, Miami, FL
- Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL

AWARDS

- 2015 Best in Mixed Media, Best in Ceramics, *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Best Animated Short Film for *Don*, ExFest, Chicago, IL
- 2011 1st Place in Youth Category, *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

PRESS

- 2020 Melinda Baker. "Three Art Exhibitions to See this November in Nashville." *Tennessean*, October 29. <https://www.tennessean.com/story/life/arts/2020/10/29/three-art-exhibitions-to-see-this-november/3758162001/>
- Iman Vakil. "Kohn's Gallery Group Exhibition 'myselfs' Explores the Construction of Identity." *Harper's Bazaar*, October 10. <https://www.harpersbazaararabia.com/culture/art/kohn-gallery-s-group-exhibition-myselfs-explores-construction-of-identity>
- Daniela Morpugo. "Chiffon Thomas in Conversation with Daniela Morpugo." ODDA, October 8. "myselfs at Kohn Gallery, LA." *Art of Choice*, September 26.
- Margaux Bang. "27 Emerging Artists Reflect on the Impacts of Isolation on Selfhood and Community." *L'Officiel*, September 14. <https://www.lofficielusa.com/art/myselfs-exhibition-artists-reflect-isolation-2020>
- Yaniya Lee. "Inside 'Young, Gifted, and Black': A Project Celebrating the Great Black Artists of Our Time." *Vogue UK*, August 28. <https://www.vogue.co.uk/arts-and-lifestyle/article/inside-young-gifted-and-black>
- 2019 Antwaun Sargent. *Young, Gifted, and Black: A New Generation of Artists*. DAP.
- Elliot Reichart. "Breakout Artists 2019: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers." *NewCity*, April 24. <https://art.newcity.com/2019/04/24/breakout-artists-2019-chicagos-next-generation-of-image-makers/5/>
- Lauren DeLand. "Chanel Chiffon Thomas." *Art in America*, April 1. <https://www.artnews.com/art-in-america/aia-reviews/chanel-chiffon-thomas-62656/>
- Amarie Gibson. "Chanel Chiffon Thomas: Fractured Reality // Goldfinch Projects." *The Seen: Chicago's*

International Journal of Contemporary and Modern Art, February 23. http://theseenjournal.org/art-seen-chicago/chanel_thomas/