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Kiyan Williams

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Education

- 2019 MFA, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2013 BA, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 “Between Starshine and Clay,” Peres Projects, Seoul, South Korea
“A Past That is Future Tense,” Peres Projects, Milan, Italy
“A Crack Beneath the Weight of It All,” Altman Siegel, San Francisco, CA
- 2022 “Between Starshine and Clay,” Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
“Un/earthing,” Lyles & King, New York, NY
- 2021 “Reaching Towards Warmer Suns,” The Anderson Collection, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2020 “something else (Variations on Americana),” Recess Art, New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 “Vertigo,” Art Omi, Ghent, NY
“Yes, Chef,” Water Street Projects, New York, NY
“Flags,” Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY
“vītatio,” co-organized by K.R.M. Mooney, Altman Siegel, San Francisco, CA
“Whitney Biennial 2024: Even Better Than The Real Thing,” Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 2023 “Full and Pure: Body, Materiality, Gender,” curated by Mara Hassan, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX
“Heaven is a Different Kind of Thing,” Unclebrother, Hancock, NY
- 2022 “Indisposable: Tactics for Care and Mourning,” Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY
“Put It This Way: (Re)Visions of the Hirshhorn Collection,” Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, D.C.
“52 Artists: A Feminist Milestone,” curated by Amy Smith-Stewart, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT
“Symbionts: Contemporary Artists and the Biosphere,” curated by Selby Nimrod, MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, MA
“Black Atlantic,” Public Art Fund, Brooklyn, New York, NY
“The Tale Their Terror Tells,” Lyles & King, New York, NY
- 2021 “Bodies in Conflict,” Visual Arts Center of Clarington, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada
“How to Cook a Wolf,” Center for Book Arts, New York, NY
“Unfinished Live,” Haus der Elektronischen Künste, Basel, Switzerland and The Shed, New York, NY
“The Skin I Live ‘In,’” Lyles & King, New York, NY
“Land Akin,” Smack Mellon, New York, NY
“Dissolution,” Leslie Lohman Museum, New York, NY

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- “Between Starshine and Clay,” The Art Gallery at Westchester Community College, Westchester, NY
“Indisposable Bodies,” Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY
2020 “Listening to the Unsaid,” David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
“In the Beginning: Media Art and History from the Hirshhorn’s Collection,” Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, D.C.
“For Which It Stands,” Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY
“Call and Response: Making Monuments Now,” Socrates Sculpture Park, New York, NY
“Up Close,” The Shed, New York, NY
2019 “Open Call,” The Shed, New York, NY
“Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Art 50 Years After Stonewall,” The Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY
Columbia MFA Thesis Exhibition, Wallach Art Gallery, New York, NY
“In Practice: Other Objects,” SculptureCenter, New York, NY
2018 “The Least Orthodox Goddess,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
“feel that other day running underneath this one,” Times Square Space, New York, NY
“Pride & Loss,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
Columbia MFA First Year Exhibition, Wallach Art Gallery, New York, NY
2017 “Marlon Riggs and ‘No Regrets’: Disclosure, Performativity, and Legacy,” The 8th Floor Gallery, New York, NY
“Black Light,” The Wattis Institute for Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA
“New Half Full,” Qulture Collective, Oakland, CA
“Queer Exceptionality,” SOMArts, San Francisco, CA
2015 “Squirts: New Voices in Queer Performance,” La Mama Experimental Theater Club, New York, NY
2014 “Raw Honey,” La Mama Experimental Theater Club, New York, NY

Curatorial and Public Programing Projects

- 2019 “Trans/gression: An Evening of Performance,” curated by Kiyon Williams, Queer Disruptions III (QD3) Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY
2017 “Revolution ‘67 Film Screening and Discussion,” organized and moderated by Kiyon Williams, Gallery Aferro, Newark, NJ

Awards & Honors

- 2024 New York State Council on the Arts & New York Foundation for the Arts Artist Fellow
2023 Jerome Fellowship Awardee
2021 Graham Foundation Research and Development Grant
2020 Socrates Annual Fellowship, Socrates Sculpture Park, Queens, NY
2019 The Fountainhead Fellowship, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
2018 Queer Artist Fellowship, Leslie Lohman Gallery, New York, NY
Museum Education Practicum, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
2017 Visual Arts Scholarship, Columbia University School of The Arts, New York, NY
New Jersey Council on The Arts Award, Trenton, NJ
Davis-Putter Scholarship, New York, NY
Astraea Foundation Global Arts Award, New York, NY

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- 2016 Stanford Arts Institute Award, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
Trans Justice Funding Project Award, New York, NY
- 2014 EMERGENYC, Hemispheric Institute for Performance and Politics, New York University, NY, NY
- Artist Talks and Lectures*
- 2024 “Ecologies of Anti/Blackness,” Elemental Media Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2023 “Kiyan Williams in Painting and Printmaking,” Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
“Artist’s Talk: Kiyan Williams,” Columbia University Institute for the Study of Sexuality and Gender, New York, NY
- 2021 “What the soil remembers,” NYU GSAS Music Colloquium Series, New York University, New York, NY
“Beyond Representation: Black Queer Disruptions in Fine Art,” Queer.Art.Matters: A Symposium, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
“Creative Cookbook: Kiyan Williams and Rashaad Newsome in Conversation,” Leslie Lohman Museum, New York, NY
- 2020 “Art and Soil: Artist Talk with Kiyan Williams,” Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
“Art In Our Moment: Kiyan Williams and Gioncarlo Valentine in Conversation,” Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2019 Artist Lecture, Virginia Commonwealth University, New York, NY
“Summer of Know: Kiyan Williams and Ericka Hart in Conversation,” Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
“In Conversation: Kiyan Williams with Darnell Moore,” Presented by The Studio Museum in Harlem and New York Public Library Trans Oral History Project, Gavin Brown’s Enterprises, New York, NY
Artist Talk, Bedford Library - Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York, NY
Panelist, Creative Black Futures, Interplanetary Festival, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM
Visiting Artist Lecture, Portland State University, Portland, OR
Artist Talk, Pratt Institute, New York, NY
“Queer Art/Queer Theory: In Conversation with Dr. Tavia Nyong’o,” Queer Disruptions 3, Conference, Columbia University, New York, New York
“Race, Sex & Cinema: The World of Marlon Riggs,” Brooklyn, New York
- 2018 Artist Talk and Workshop, “Grounding,” Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Artist Lecture, “Reflections: Performing Black and Queer Archives,” Allied Media Conference, Detroit, MI
- 2017 “Marlon Riggs & “No Regret”: Disclosure, Performativity, & Legacy: Kiyan Williams, Ni’Ja Whitson and Tavia Nyong’o In Conversation,” The 8th Floor, New York, York
Guest Lecturer, Black Studies and the Black Radical Tradition Reading Group, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Guest Lecturer, Intersectional Feminism and Performance Course, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

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Public Collections

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Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, D.C.
Zabludowicz Collection, London, UK