

zakkiyyah najeebah dumas-o'neal

b.1991

EDUCATION

2010 -2015

University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, United States

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *the work of devotion, and soon my whole body*. Washington University. St. Louis, MI.
(forthcoming spring 2024).

2023 *The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born*. Arts Incubator, Arts and Public Life, University of Chicago.
Chicago, IL

to render the infinite. Lubeznick Center for the Arts. Michigan City, IN.

2021 *This Irrepressible Need To Fulfill Myself in Every Way Possible*. Cook Center for Public Arts and
Humanities, Indiana University. Bloomington, IN.

2020 *A Deep Feeling*. South Bend Museum of Art. South Bend, IN.

We Cannot Be Comprehended Except By Our Permission. Blanc Gallery. Chicago, IL

2019 *A Different Kind of Love Story: For Us*. ADDS DONNA. Chicago, IL.

2017 *Five Works: Zakkiyyah Najeebah*. Mana Contemporary Chicago, IL.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Ce qui est déjà là (That Which is Already There)* by Atelier Medicis. Centre Pompidou. Paris,
France.

Contours of the Interior. VisArts. Rockville, MD.

2022 *In Focus at EXPO Chicago*, Hyde Park Art Center, EXPO. Chicago, IL

All That Light (2012 - 2022). Arts and Public Life, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL

2021 *Present Artifacts*. Ralph Arnold Gallery. Chicago, IL

NEW WITNESSES. Arts and Public Life, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL

RAISIN. 6018North. Chicago, IL

2020 *A Mirror, A Dish, A Window*. Goldfinch Gallery. Chicago, IL

The Petty Biennial. Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College. Chicago, IL

2019 *Homecoming*. Zhou B Art Center. Chicago, IL.

Close, Afar. Dfbrl8r . Chicago, IL.

Oh, Maker. Heaven Gallery. Chicago, IL.

2017 *WILD Family*, Border Patrol Gallery. Portland, ME.

Ritual, 2nd Floor Rear Exhibition Space. Chicago, IL.

Old Black Magic, Chicago Art Department.

2016 *Yelling at the Sky*, Chicago Artists Coalition x Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation.

Our Duty to Fight, Gallery 400 (University of Illinois at Chicago).

2015 *Aesthetics of Wellness*, Woman Made Gallery. Chicago, IL

AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

2024 Camargo Foundation, 3Arts Residency Fellowship. Cassis, France. (forthcoming spring 2024)

2023 Albertine Foundation. Chicagoland Seen Laureate Awardee. Chicago, IL.

2022 3Arts Awardee, Gary & Denise Gardner Fund. Chicago, IL

2021 Artist Run Chicago Fund Grant. Concerned Black Image Makers. Chicago, IL

- Chicago Artist Coalition, SPARK Grant. Chicago, IL
 Artist-In-Residence. Indiana University. Bloomington, IN
 Artist-In-Residence. Arts and Public Life, UChicago Arts. Chicago, IL
 2020 Jackman Goldwasser Residency. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, IL
 2019 Propeller Fund Grant. Concerned Black Image Makers. Chicago, IL
 ProjectArt - Artist in Residence. Chicago, IL
 2017 SPACE - Artist in Residence. Portland, ME.

PARTNERSHIPS/COMMISSIONS

- 2023 Not Just Another Pretty Face, Commissioned artist. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, IL
 2021 Chicago Humanities Festival. Commissioned artist. Chicago, IL.
 Hyde Park Art Center Gala. Auction
 NADA (New Art Dealers Alliance). Auction.
 2019 EXPO Chicago x DCASE (Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events). Commissioned artist. Chicago, IL.
 2018 Art Design Chicago. Commissioned artist. Chicago, IL.
 2016 Queer, Ill & Okay: Art AIDS America + Alphawood Foundation. Commissioned artist. Chicago, IL.

CURATORIAL

- 2022 *To Trouble, Escape & Exceed. Curated cinema shorts from CBIM.* Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL.
 2021 *Jazmine Harris: A Quiet Impression.* The Silver Room.
 2020 *Andrea Coleman: For Memory, These Are Deities in My Eyes.* Blanc Gallery.
 2019 *Relearning, With Mentions.* Chicago Art Department.
BETWEEN VISION + PRINCIPLE. Arts and Public Life, University of Chicago.
 2018 *Tonika Lewis Johnson: Everyday Englewood.* Exhibition statement. Loyola University Museum of Art. Chicago, IL.

PERFORMANCE

- 2019 *In Progress: Derrick-Woods Morrow.* Museum of Contemporary Art. Chicago, IL
 2017 *Oh, Mother Mother Me.* Performative reading. Compound Yellow. Chicago, IL

PRESS/STATEMENTS

- 2023 [A meditation on the flow of being](#), Exhibition Review.
 2022 [This Irrepressible Need to Fulfill Myself In Every Way Possible](#), Exhibition Review.
 2022 [3Arts Awards marks 15 years with nearly \\$500,000 in grants to women, artists of color and artists with disabilities](#)
 2021 [There Is This We.](#) Belt Magazine.
 2020 [More Urgent Than The Determination of Dates. Quarantine Times Featured Artist. Art Alliance Illinois: Artist Feature](#)
 2019 [Six visual art shows that made 2019 bearable](#)
[Art on the Highway: EXPO Chicago's Override Takes Over Chicago Billboards](#)
[Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers](#)
[Speaking Volumes on Black America, A Review of "Oh, Maker" At Heaven Gallery](#)
[Seeing Womanism Through the Artist's Lens: A Review of Zakkiyyah Najeebah at Adds Donna.](#)

2018 [Southside Stories: Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs.](#)

SELECTED PROGRAMS/SCREENINGS

- 2022 *to render the infinite*. Block Museum of Art, Northwestern. Evanston, IL
- 2021 *to render the infinite*. Imagining Chicago's Future: Film Screening. Chicago Humanities Festival. Chicago, IL.
Visiting Artist Talk. Eskenazi Museum of Art. Bloomington, IN.
A Line Into Infinity, Visiting Artist Talk. Center for Black Diaspora. Depaul University. Chicago, IL
Concerned Black Image Makers. Portraits in the Park. Art Institute of Chicago x Dusable Museum. Chicago, IL
Concerned Black Image Makers. In Conversation with Bernard Lumpkin. Gallery 400. Chicago, IL
Concerned Black Image Makers. *CBIM Presents* (7 part series virtual program).
- 2020 Concerned Black Image Makers. *In Conversation with Loren Toney*. Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, IL
- 2019 Concerned Black Image Makers. *Through a Lens Intimate* (2 part series). Comfort Station. Chicago, IL
- 2018 *EXPOSURE X Black Radical Imagination: FUTURE ENCLAVES*. Film shorts screening. Heaven Gallery. Chicago, IL
In Progress: Black Photo Futures. MCA (Museum of Contemporary Art). Moderator + Facilitator. Chicago, IL
- 2017 *DE(LIBERATELY)*. Film Screening. SPACE Gallery. Portland, ME.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 -
- 2022 SPACE - School Partnership for Art and Civic Engagement. Senn Highschool x Museum of Contemporary Art. Chicago, IL
- 2018 - TRACE - Teens Re-imagining Art, Community, and Environment. Chicago Park District. 20
- 2016 - Teaching Artist Guide. Museum of Contemporary Art. Chicago, IL 19
- 2013 - Museum Educator. Jane Addams Hull House Museum. Chicago, IL 15

COLLECTIONS:

Private collections
Eskenazi Museum of Art, Indiana University.
Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University.
Chicago Film Archives.