

MONICA J. BROWN

EDUCATION:

MA Interdisciplinary Arts, **Columbia College**, Chicago, IL
BFA Painting, **Otis College of Art & Design**, Los Angeles, CA

GRANTS & AWARDS:

2019/2014 Illinois Arts Council Agency *Individual Artist Support (IAS) Grant*
2018/2016 City of Chicago DCASE *Individual Artist Program Grant*
2013 *Albert P. Weisman Award*, a private trust affiliated with Columbia College Chicago
2010 Illinois Arts Council *Individual Artist Support (IAS) Initiative*
2009 *President's Purchase Award*, Harold Washington College Chicago, IL
2007/2006 Illinois Arts Council *Special Assistance Grant*
1993/1992 City of Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs' *CAAP Grant*
1991 *African-American Alliance Achievement Award*

RESIDENCIES:

2019 *Atlantic Center For the Arts*, Residency #174 with Nicole Mitchell, New Smyrna Beach, FL
2019/2018/2017 *Dorland Mountain Arts Colony*, Temecula, CA
2018 *Ucross Foundation*, Clearmont, WY
2017 *Popps Packing*, Hamtramck, MI
2016 *Spread Art*, Detroit, MI
2012/2011 *Ragdale Foundation*, Lake Forest, IL
2006-2013 *Lillian E. Smith Center for Creative Arts*, Clayton, GA

PERFORMANCES:

2019 *InsideOUT*, *Atlantic Center for the Arts*, New Smyrna Beach, FL
Nicole Mitchell – Master Artist Outreach, *Timucua White House*, Orlando, FL
2016 *Branch & Bough*, *Dare to Be Heard*, *Columbus Performing Arts Center*, Columbus, OH
Women Mobilized for Change, collaborative performance, *Chicago Park District*
2015 *Notes on Empty Chairs: Parts I & III*, performer in work by Kirsten Leenaars,
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
2013 *Grace's Pistol*, DP presents *Character Flaws*, *Jackalope Theater*, Chicago, IL
Branch & Bough, *Venus Envy 2013*, *Bucktown Center for the Arts*, Davenport, IA
Branch & Bough, *RhinoFest 2013*, *Prop Theater*, Chicago, IL
2012 *Love Me*, *Prop Theater*, Chicago, IL
2011 *Memory Came*, *Mag Twelve Presents...*, *Hamlin Park Theater*, Chicago, IL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2018 *Moving Toward Abstraction*, *Charles Schridde Gallery*, Grosse Pointe, MI
Mythical Memory/Abstract Lens, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
The Path of Memory, *Harold Washington Library*, Chicago, IL
2017 *Paintings*, *Charles Schridde Gallery*, Grosse Pointe, MI
2016 *It Happened When the Light Moved In*, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
2014 *The Path of Memory*, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
2013 *Ancestors*, *ArtSpace Gallery*, Black Hawk College, Moline, IL
The Symbiotic Nature of Trees, *Midcoast Fine Arts Gallery West*, Rock Island, IL
2011 *The Symbiotic Nature of Trees*, *African-American Cultural Center*, University of Illinois at Chicago
2007 *The Cycle and the Search*, *African-American Cultural Center*, University of Illinois at Chicago

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2019 **2nd Midwest Open** (Juror: Amy Galpin, Chief Curator, Frost Art Museum at FIU Miami, FL), *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago IL
Black Creativity, *Museum of Science and Industry*, Chicago, IL
- 2018 **Nevertheless She Persisted**, *Koehnline Museum of Art*, Des Plaines, IL
- 2017 **TEXT**, *Slate Arts and Performance*, Chicago, IL
- 2016 **Dare to Be Heard**, *Columbus Cultural Arts Center*, Columbus, OH
- 2015 **ARC 40th Anniversary Members Exhibition**, *Beverly Arts Center*, Chicago, IL
- 2013 **Identity, Place & Text**, *Jiujiang University*, Jiujiang, China
ARC 40th Anniversary Members Exhibition, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2012 **Members Exhibition**, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2011 **Rising Stars**, *DuSable Museum of African American History*, Chicago, IL
She Be Me, II, *Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center*, Detroit, MI
The Arts League of Michigan's Black History Month Exhibition, *Farmington Hills Library*, MI
- 2010 **Black Creativity**, *Museum of Science and Industry*, Chicago, IL
- 2009 **NOW: A Celebration of Feminist Art**, *EP Theater*, Chicago, IL
Venus Envy, *Bucktown Center for the Arts*, Davenport, IA
- 2008 **Soul of a Woman**, *Black Harvest Film Festival*, *Gene Siskel Center*, Chicago, IL
Her Mark, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago, IL
Black Creativity, *Museum of Science and Industry*, Chicago, IL
- 2007 **Venus Envy**, *Bucktown Center for the Arts*, Davenport, IA
- 2006 **Falling Leaves**, *Presidents' Gallery*, *Chicago State University*, Chicago, IL
From There to Here, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2005 **Women of the African Diaspora**, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago, IL
Chicago Artists Month: Hubbard Street Mural Project, *Feather Building*, Chicago, IL
Hot Images for Cold Times, *Fourth Presbyterian Church*, Chicago, IL
Soul of a Woman, *South Shore Cultural Center*, Chicago, IL
- 2004 **The Hormone Show**, *Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery*, *Grand Marais*, MN
- 2003 **Making Our Mark**, *Christopher Gallery*, *Prairie State College*, *Chicago Heights*, IL
- 2002 **Wish You Were Here**, *Wood Street Gallery*, Chicago, IL
Black Creativity, *Museum of Science & Industry*, Chicago, IL
- 2000 **Uptown Multi-Cultural Art Center Exhibition**, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 1998 **Potluck**, *Hyde Park Art Center*, Chicago, IL
The Way of the Goddess, *Indianapolis Art Center*, IN

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS:

- 2018 **Live6 Detroit Neighborhood Arts (DNA) Project**, Mural, 16827 *Livernois*, Detroit, MI
- 2003/2004 **Hubbard Street Mural Project**, *Hubbard/Racine*, Chicago, IL

2012-19 **GALLERY AFFILIATION:** ARC Gallery Affiliate Member

CATALOGUES / PUBLICATIONS:

- Nevertheless She Persisted Exhibition Catalog**, *Koehnline Museum of Art*, 2018
- ARC Gallery 40th Anniversary Exhibition Catalog**, 2013
- Marginalia**, contributing blog writer, 2012-13. <http://blogs.colum.edu/marginalia/meet-the-bloggers/mbrown/>
- My Myriad Muse**, WordPress blog author, 2012-18. www.mymyriadmuse.com
- Venus Envy Exhibition Catalog**, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2007
- "Divine Feminine Art," **BLAC Detroit**, (March 2011). <http://www.blacdetroit.com/BLAC-Detroit/March-2011/Divine-Feminine-Art/>
- Woman Made Gallery*, **Her Mark: a journal of art + poetry 2009**, Chicago, 2008
- Chicago Reader**, Galleries listings, art featured: Mar 9, 2008; Nov 15, 2007; Mar 9, 2007; June 16, 2000, Aug 28, 1998, June 7, 1996
- Freedom Rag** magazine, Cover art, Fall Edition, 1994

COLLECTIONS:

Tony Fitzpatrick, Chicago, IL: Patric McCoy, *Diasporal Rhythms*, Chicago IL; Lillian E. Smith Center for Creative Arts, Clayton, GA; Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Frank Mitchell, "INTERVIEW: Monica J. Brown @ ARC," artCoterie.com/monica-j-brown, (August 2018)
David Weathersby, "Soul of a Woman," *Black Harvest Film Festival*, Gene Siskel Center, Chicago, IL (August 2008)
Katie Vaughn, "Womanhood to be celebrated through art, dance, music," *Quad City Times*, (April 22, 2007): 1
Wendy Donahue, "Art by the Mile," *Chicago Tribune*, Q section, photo of mural in article on Hubbard Street Mural Project (September 26, 2004): 5
Times Staff Writer, "Women works focus of exhibit," nwitimes.com (February 12, 2003)
https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/women-works-focus-of-exhibit/article_0ab03ed9-eb56-5404-9fe7-88b835a08d5d.html
Wanda Coleman, "Against a Wall," *LA Times*, On the Town, (July 30, 1995): 5