

# MONICA J. BROWN

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## EDUCATION:

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

## GRANTS & AWARDS:

2022/2019/2014 Illinois Arts Council Agency *Individual Artist Support (IAS) Grant*  
2021/2018/2016 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:

2021 **Atlantic Center for the Arts**, Residency #181 with Sibyl Kempson, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
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, MCA, 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

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2021 **Roots, Branches: Ancestor(s) Stones**, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL  
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

## 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

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2022 **2022 Int'l Juried Exhibition**, (Juror: Erin Jenoa Gilbert) *The Center for Contemporary Art*, Bedminster, NJ
- 2022 **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Int'l Drawing Discourse Exhibitions**, (Juror: Catherine Murphy), *UNC Asheville*, NC
- 2021 **Bad@assery**, *Koehnline Museum of Art*, Des Plaines, IL
- 2021 **American Memory: Inside Out** (Curator: Tracey Kikut), *Ucross Art Gallery*, Ucross, WY
- 2021 **The Souls of Black Folk: Bearing Our Truths** (Curator: Donna Jackson), *Scarab Club*, Detroit, MI
- 2019 **2<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Open** (Juror: Amy Galpin), *Woman Made Gallery*, 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
- 2012 **Members Exhibition**, *ARC Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2011 **Rising Stars**, *DuSable Museum of African American History*, Chicago, IL
- 2011 **She Be Me, II**, *Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center*, Detroit, MI
- 2010 **Black Creativity**, *Museum of Science and Industry*, Chicago, IL
- 2009 **NOW: A Celebration of Feminist Art**, *EP Theater*, Chicago, IL
- 2008 **Soul of a Woman**, *Black Harvest Film Festival*, *Gene Siskel Center*, Chicago, IL
- 2008 **Her Mark**, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2007 **Venus Envy**, *Bucktown Center for the Arts*, Davenport, IA
- 2006 **Falling Leaves**, *Presidents' Gallery*, *Chicago State University*, Chicago, IL
- 2005 **Women of the African Diaspora**, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2005 **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 **Black Creativity**, *Museum of Science & Industry*, Chicago, IL
- 1998 **The Way of the Goddess**, *Indianapolis Art Center*, IN

## CATALOGUES / PUBLICATIONS:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Int'l Drawing Discourse Exhibition**, *Exhibition Catalog*, *UNC Asheville*, NC, 2022
- Bad@assery**, *Exhibition Catalog*, *Koehnline Museum of Art*, Des Plaines, IL, 2021
- American Memory: Inside Out**, *Exhibition Brochure*, *Ucross Art Gallery*, 2021
- Nevertheless She Persisted**, *Exhibition Catalog*, *Koehnline Museum of Art*, 2018
- ARC Gallery 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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:

- Deanna Isaacs, "Looking for YOHMN, with Monica Brown," **Chicago Reader**, (July 7, 2021): 10 <https://bit.ly/3iRzskn>
- LaToya Cross, "Souls of Black Folk: Bearing Our Truths @ Scarab Club," **Detroit Art Review**, (March 2021)
- 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, (September 26, 2004): 5
- Times Staff Writer, "Women works focus of exhibit," **nwtimes.com** (February 12, 2003) <https://bit.ly/3widwDF>
- Wanda Coleman, "Against a Wall," **LA Times**, On the Town, (July 30, 1995): 5