

Monica J. Brown

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EDUCATION:

MA 2013, Interdisciplinary Arts, **Columbia College**, Chicago, IL
BFA 1991, Painting, **Otis College of Art & Design**, Los Angeles, CA

GRANTS & AWARDS:

2016 City of Chicago DCASE **Individual Artist Program Grant**
2014 Illinois Arts Council Agency **Individual Artist Support (IAS) Grant**
2013 **Albert P. Weisman Award**, a private trust affiliated with Columbia College
2011/2012 **Ragdale Foundation**, Residency, Lake Forest, IL. Jan. 2011 & May 2012
2006-2013 **Lillian E. Smith Center for Creative Arts**, Residency, Clayton, GA
2010 Illinois Arts Council **Individual Artist Support (IAS) Initiative**
2009 **President's Purchase Award**, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
2006, 2007 Illinois Arts Council **Special Assistance Grant**
1992, 1993 City of Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs' **CAAP Grant**
1991 African-American Alliance **Achievement Award**

PERFORMANCES:

2016 **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:

2016 **It Happened When the Light Moved In**, *ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL*
2014 **The Path of Memory**, *ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL*
The Path of Memory, *G1349, 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, UIC, Chicago*
2007 **The Cycle and the Search**, *African-American Cultural Center, UIC, Chicago*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

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 **Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series Regional Finale**, *Gallery Guichard, Chicago, IL*
Rising Stars, *DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, IL*
She Be Me, II, *Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center, Detroit, MI*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (cont'd):

- 2010 **Black Creativity**, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL
 2009 **NOW: A Celebration of Feminist Art**, EP Theater, 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
Soul of a Woman, South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
 2004 **The Hormone Show**, Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery, Grand Marais, MN
 2003 **Hubbard Street Mural Project**, Hubbard/Racine, Chicago, IL
 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

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:

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**, Arts & Travel, Section H, (April 22, 2007): 1
 Wendy Donahue, "Art by the Mile," **Chicago Tribune**, Q section, (Sept. 26, 2004): 5
 Wanda Coleman, "Against a Wall," **LA Times**, On the Town, (July 30, 1995): 5

CATALOGUES / PUBLICATIONS:

ARC Gallery 40th Anniversary Exhibition Catalog, 2013
Marginalia, contributing blog writer, 2012-13.
My Myriad Muse, WordPress blog author, 2012-14. www.mymyriadmuse.com
Venus Envy Exhibition Catalog, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2007
 "Kindred Spirits," **Yoga Chicago**, (Jan/Feb 2012).
 "Divine Feminine Art," **BLAC Detroit**, (March 2011).
 Woman Made Gallery, **Her Mark: a journal of art + poetry 2009**, Chicago, 2008
Chicago Reader, Galleries & Museums listings, artwork featured: March 9, 2008;
 Nov. 15, 2007; March 9, 2007; June 16, 2000, August 28, 1998, June 7, 1996
Freedom Rag magazine, Cover art, Fall Edition, 1994

2012-2016

GALLERY AFFILIATION: ARC Gallery Member Artist