

## **MEQUITTA AHUJA (b. 1976, Grand Rapids, Michigan)**

Lives and works in Weston, Connecticut and Baltimore, Maryland.

### **EDUCATION**

2003 MFA, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

1998 BA, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2023 *Black-word*, Aicon, New York

2020 *Ma*, Aicon, New York

2018 *Notations*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK

2014 *Automythography*, The Dodd Contemporary Art Center, Athens, GA

2013 *Mequitta Ahuja*, Thierry Goldberg Gallery, New York

2012 *Mequitta Ahuja and Robert Pruitt*, Bakersfield Museum of Art, Bakersfield, CA

2010 *Trois*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

*Automythography II*, Arthouse, Austin, TX

2009 *Automythography I*, BravinLee Programs, New York

2008 *Flowback*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX

2007 *Encounters*, BravinLee Programs, New York, NY

2005 *Dancing on the Hide of Shere Khan*, UBS 12X12, MCA, Chicago, IL

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2023 *Presence in the Pause: Interiority and its Radical Immanence*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE

2022 *A Century of the Artist's Studio 1920 - 2020*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

2021-22 *Picturing Motherhood Now*, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH

2021 *All Due Respect*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

2020 *Riff and Relations: African American Artists and the European Modernist Tradition*, The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

2019 *Intricacies: Fragment and Meaning*, Aicon Gallery, New York

2018 *About Face*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

- For Freedom's 50 States Initiative*, Billboard in Des Moines, IA
- Embodied Politics*, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Infinite Spaces: Rediscovering PAFA's Permanent Collections*, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 *The Art World We Want*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- A Space for Thought*, Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy
- American African American*, Phillips, London, UK
- Engender*, Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Lucid Dreams and Distant Visions: South Asian Art in Diaspora*, Asian Society, New York
- Sondheim Exhibition*, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
- Face to Face*, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- Shifting: African-American Women and the Power of their Gaze*, David C. Driskell Center, College Park, MD
- 2016 *Past/Present/Future*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- Champagne Life*, Saatchi Gallery of Art, London, UK
- Statements: African American Art from the Museum's Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
- State of the Art: Discovering America Art Now*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, Mn & Telfair Museum, Savannah, GA
- 2015 *Sondheim Finalist Exhibition*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
- Mythopoeia*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
- 2014 *State of the Art*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
- If You Build It, No Longer Empty*, New York
- Marks of Genius*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, Mn
- Leaves*, Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York
- How the Light Gets In*, Glassell School of Art, New York
- 2013 *Portraiture Now: Drawing on the Edge*, Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC
- War Baby/Love Child*, De Paul Art Museum, Chicago, IO
- Mixtopias*, Visarts, Rockville, MD
- 2012 *The Bearden Project*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York

- In Between*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
- Sleeping Inside Our Bodies*, Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- The Human Touch*, The Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
- Red*, Maison Particuliere, Brussels, Belgium
- 2011 *Collected: Ritual*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
- Drawings for the New Century*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 *Usable Pasts (Artists in Residence Exhibition)*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
- Freedom to Expand*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS
- Body of Work (Women to Watch)*, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC
- Art on Paper*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC
- Weaving in and Out*, No Longer Empty, New York
- Until Now: Collecting the New (1960- 2010)*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- New Works for the Collection*, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
- 2009 *Undercover*, Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts, Atlanta, GA
- Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition*, Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC
- Anomalies*, Rossi and Rossi Gallery, London, UK
- Wonder What the Others Are Up To*, Gallery OED, Cochin, India
- \$timulus Artadia Awardees Exhibition*, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
- The Talented Ten*, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2008 *Houston Collects*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
- 2007 *Global Feminisms*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- Painters and Poets*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS
- 2006 *Chimaera*, Tenri Cultural Institute of New York, NY
- New Art Event*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS
- Spirit and Psyche: The Figure Transformed*, Highland Park Art Center, Highland Park, IL
- 2005 *d'Afrique d'Asie*, Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, New York, NY

*Representations*, Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago, IL

2004 *Baltimore/Chicago*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Curated by Kerry James Marshall, Baltimore, MD

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

2018 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship

2015 Dora Maar House, Artist in Residence, Menerbes, France

2014 Siena Art Institute, Artist in Residence, Siena, Italy

2013 Maryland Individual Artist Award

2011-12 MICA, Stewart-McMillan Artist in Residence, Baltimore, MD

2011 Louis Comfort Tiffany Award

2009-10 Studio Museum in Harlem, Artist in Residence, New York, NY

2009 Joan Mitchell Award

2008 Artadia Award, Houston

Cornelia and Meredith Long Prize, Inaugural Recipient

2006-08 Core Program, Artist in Residence, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

2003 Chicago Civic Arts Foundation, First Place

2002 University of Illinois Diversity Fellowship

## **COLLECTIONS**

Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX

Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

GAE LLC, an affiliate of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, AR

Grand Rapids Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

David C. Driskell Center, College Park, MD

Kiran Nadar Museum, New Delhi, India

Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX

Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African American Art, Asbury, NJ

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

Royal Bank of Canada Wealth Management

Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS

U.S. State Department, Mumbai Consulate, India

U.S. State Department, New Delhi, India

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York