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COMMISSIONS

Creative Time

River Years | October 2022

Audio walk that personifies water as an elder

The Apollo Theater

kuzaliwa | February 2020 - present

A walking tour, art series, and video commissioned by the legendary Apollo Theater to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance

New York Public Design

EPICENTER | August 2017 - February 2023

A walking tour and short film that illustrates the present yet hidden histories of Black people in New York City's public spaces dating back to the making of New Amsterdam in the 17th century.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

As Above So Below | October 2022

A walking tour about the African Burial Ground

The Shed

FIGHTING DARK | December 2020 - March 2021

An audio walk and short film about the 1863 race riots

The Howard Hughes Corporation

Others Built New York mural | July 2019 - October 25th 2019

A 162 foot mural that commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots as a milestone in the expansion of rights for the LGBTQ+ community, and an extension of the rights of others who have contributed to making New York City.

Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy

Sugar Shadow | April 2019 - June 2021

A semi-permanent photography installation at the Van Cortlandt Historic House and the Van Cortlandt Golf House that acknowledges and narrates the presence and legacy of the enslaved Africans who lived on the Van Cortlandt grounds.

BRIC Media

Who is Fort Greene? | November 2018-May 2019

Is a narrative experiment that evolves around the creation of a visceral and ephemeral identity for a neighborhood defined by flux. The community will be engaged with photographic art, walking tours, cinema, and public dialogue that ask the central question without giving an answer.

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Mile-Long Opera

A Walk Through Time | September 2018

A walking tour that features the personal narratives of seven New Yorkers whose routines around 7 o'clock are chronicled through portraits and oral histories shared during a walking tour along the High Line.

BRIC Media

Borders We Carry walking tour | April 2018

A walking tour exploring the borders people carry in physical and psychic spaces and how those borders translate into urban spaces. This tour was part of the BRIC Open Festival that included an exhibition *Bordering The Imaginary* that investigated the diasporic works of artists that are from Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

No Longer Empty

Truth = Process | February – March 2018

A walking tour that pairs with a text-based painting in a group exhibition that investigates the creation of truth.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

River To River Festival | June – October 2017

Public art kiosks displayed on both Gouverneur Lane and Water Street highlighting both history and characters of the Other Side of Wall Street graphic novel project, completed in collaboration with artist William Ellis.

No Longer Empty

Black Solidarity | December 2016

Mixed media text-based painting (36" x 24") honoring the late artist activist Tom Lloyd. In the collection of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies.

EXHIBITIONS

World Trade Center Oculus

Land of the Blacks | February and March 2021 + 2022

Black Gotham Experience

TRAJET | group exhibition | February 15th - 2020

Old Stone House in Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York)

Reimagining Monuments | group exhibition | March 14th – June 15th 2019

Black Gotham Experience (New York, New York)

black inside | solo exhibition | May 10th – August 31st 2018

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Nathan Cummings Foundation (New York, New York)

Hold These Truths | group exhibition | November 13th 2017 – March 14th 2018

Black Gotham Experience (New York, New York)

#INSIDEBLACKGOTHAM PT. II | solo exhibition | June 10th – August 10th 2017

No Longer Empty (New York, New York)

Re(Mix) Re(Memory) | group exhibition | December 3rd – December 18th 2016

Arsenal Gallery (New York, New York)

America: The Legacy of African American Public Service | group exhibition
January 20th – February 26th 2016

Civil Service Café (Brooklyn, New York)

#INSIDEBLACKGOTHAM PT. I | solo exhibition | July 24th – August 30th 2015

Sweet Lorraine Gallery (Brooklyn, New York)

Exposed | group exhibition | March 15th – March 30th 2014

Warehouse Gallery (Brooklyn, New York)

Bed Stuy Story | group exhibition | January 17th – February 1st 2014
Exhibition+Archive of Bed Stuy photographs

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The Apollo | June 2022

The Barnes Foundation | June 2022

Columbia University | April 2022

Museum of the City of New York | March 2022

Color Compton | October 2021

Apple Store (Flagship Fifth Avenue New York) | February 2020

Black Portraiture[s], New York University | October 2019

Amsterdam City Archives (Netherlands) | September 2019

Paramount Pictures Creative Speaker Series | August 2019

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Center for the Study of Africa and the African Diaspora (CSAAD) NYU | May 2019

American Folk Art Museum "Making Gotham" | May 2019

NYASA (New York African Studies Association) Conference | April 2019

The Public Theater | Democracy Festival | April 14th 2019

SXSW | Nerdy Thursdays at Capital Factory | March 7th and 14th 2019

African American Museum of Philadelphia | November 2018

Brown University | November 2018

California Library Association Keynote | Santa Clara, CA | 2018

Yale University | October 2018

Lincoln's Cottage | October 2018

Johns Hopkins University | October 2018

The New School | October 2018

Municipal Art Society Summit | October 2018

Weeksville Heritage Center | July 2018

Etsy Headquarters | July 2018

New Netherland Institute | June 2018

ThinkOlio at The Strand Bookstore | June 2018

American Folk Art Museum | May 2018

SXSW | Edu + Interactive | March 2018

BRIC Stoop Series | February 2018

Museum of the City of New York | February 2018

MetroPlus Health Plan Headquarters | February 2018

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The Schomburg Center for Research In Black Culture | January 2018

New York University | Center of the Humanities | October 2017

Center for Architecture | nycoba NOMA + Architect Institute of American | October 2017

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Community Breakfast Keynote | September 2017

New Museum's IdeasCity New York | September 2017

ThinkOlio at The Strand Bookstore | September 2017

Brooklyn Book Festival | September 2017

Creative Control Fest | September 2017

American Association for State and Local History Conference | September 2017

Blerd City Conference | July 2017

Borough of Manhattan Community College + Goldman Sachs | May 2017

Columbia University | History in Action Project Award | January 2017

Van Alen Institute | October 2016

Arsenal Gallery | February 2016

PRESS & MEDIA

Gothamist | March 2023

WNYC | March 2023

Good Day NY | August 2022

Broadway World | February 2020

Curbed | October 2019

The New York Times | June 2019

Bklyner | February 2019

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Amsterdam News | March 2018

WNYC | February 2018

Hyperallergic | February 2018

ABC News | October 2017

The Atlantic | Summer 2017

WNPR | August 2017

The Bowery Boys | June 2017

The New York Times | April 2017

Huffington Post "Black Voices" | February 2017

WNBC Positively Black | October 2016

NBC Black | March 2016

New York Observer | October 2015

AWARDS

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's *Michael Richards* Visual Arts Award

Downtown Alliance

Guides of New York

Village Democrats