

DANNY SIMMONS (1953)
Born Jamaica, Queens, NY

EDUCATION

New York University, NY, B.A.
Long Island University, NY, M.A.
Long Island University, NY, Honorary Ph.D.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 - Danny Simmons, Highland Park,
2024 - Danny Simmons, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore, MD
2022 - Danny Simmons: The Long and Short of It, Westwood Gallery NYC
2022 - Danny Simmons: Homecoming, Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, Jamaica, Queens, NY
2022 - Town and Culture Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2022 - Hudson Guild Gallery, New York, NY
2022 - August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Pittsburgh, PA
2021 - The Houston Museum of African American Culture, Houston, TX
2021 - In Liquid Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2018 - Arthur Rose Museum, Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC
2017 - Harlem School of the Arts, New York, NY
2015 - African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA
2014 - Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2014 - Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
2010 - The Art Gallery of Queensborough Community College, New York, NY
2010 - Tabla Rasa Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2009 - Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA
2009 - Bill Hodges Gallery, New York, NY
2009 - Spanierman Gallery, East Hampton, NY
2008 - Pinnacle Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA
2007 - Lana Woods Gallery, New York, NY
2006 - University College Art Gallery, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ
2005 - Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, Roxbury, MA
2004 - Ellen Powell Tiberino Memorial Museum of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
2003 - South Side Community Art Center, Chicago, IL
2003 - Tubman African American Museum, Macon, GA
2003 - Parish Gallery, Washington DC
2002 - Merz Gallery, Sag Harbor, NY
2002 - Iandor Fine Arts, Newark, NJ
2001 - Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
2001 - Hammonds House Museum, Atlanta, GA
2000 - UFA Gallery, New York, NY
2000 - Bridgehampton Cultural Center, Bridgehampton, NY
2000 - Kubatana Gallery, Atlanta, GA
1999 - UFA Gallery, New York, NY
1999 - Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ

1999 - Bridgehampton Cultural Center, Bridgehampton, NY
1999 - Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
1999 - Marion Alexander Gallery, New York, NY
1998 - Ricco/Maresca Gallery, New York, NY
1998 - Montclair State University Art Gallery, Montclair, NJ
1997 - Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
1995 - Thought Forms Underground Gallery, New York, NY
1994 - Gallery Annex, New York, NY
1993 - Yale University, New Haven, CT

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 - Parallels and Rupture, Curated by Matthew Garrison, Freedman Gallery, Albright College, Reading, PA
2023 - Free Your Mind, Curated by Shenna Vaughn, Jamaica Center for Arts, Queens, NY
2023 - Each One Teach One: Preserving Legacy in Perpetuity, Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ
2022 - Bill Hodges Gallery, New York, NY
2022 - The Arts Center Gallery, Fayetteville, NC
2021 - Bill Hodges Gallery, New York, NY
2021 - Mariposa Museum, Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, MA
2021 - Imlay Gallery, Montclair, NJ
2020 - September Gray Fine Art Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2020 - Tabla Rasa Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
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2020 - University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI
2019 - An Essential Presence: The Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African American Art, curated by Berrisford Boothe, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA
2013 - Southampton Cultural Center, Southampton Village, NY
2012 - Strivers Gardens Gallery, New York, NY
2004 - Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
2003 - Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2002 - Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
2002 - Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
2002 - National Museum of Ghana, Accra, Ghana
2002 - Yassine Art Center, Dakar, Senegal
2002 - Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY
2001 - Skoto Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY
2001 - Fairleigh Dickerson University, Teaneck, NJ
2000 - Hampton University Museum, Hampton, VA
2000 - Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
2000 - Hudson Guild Galleries, New York, NY
2000 - The Art Center of Northern New Jersey, New Milford, NJ
2000 - UFA Gallery, New York, NY
2000 - Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1999 - Jewish Museum, New York, NY
1999 - George Adams Gallery, New York, NY
1999 - Gayle Gates Gallery, New York, NY
1999 - Peter Findlay Gallery, New York, NY
1999 - African American Museum, Hempstead, NY

1999 - Grand Army Plaza Arch Gallery, New York, NY
1999 - Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1999 - Anacostia Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.
1998 - Schomburg Center for Black Culture, New York, NY
1998 - Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1998 - Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1997 - Peter Findlay Gallery, New York, NY
1997 - Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, NY
1997 - Longwood Arts Gallery, Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY
1996 - Steinberg Museum of Art, Long Island University, Brookville, NY
1996 - Rush Arts Gallery, Rush Arts Foundation, New York, NY
1994 - Gallery Annex, New York, NY
1994 - St. John the Divine Cathedral, New York, NY
1994 - The Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY
1994 - Gallery Annex, New York, NY
1993 - Broome Street Gallery, New York, NY
1993 - Harlem Street Gallery, New York, NY
1992 - Uhdo Gallery, New York, NY
1992 - Broome Street Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Air Products Corp
Brooklyn Academy of Music
Brooklyn Museum
Houston Museum of African American Culture
Chase Manhattan Bank
David Driscoll Collection
Deutsche Bank
Montclair State Museum
Muscarelle Museum
New Jersey State Museum
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art
Petrucci Family Foundation
Queensboro College
Revlon
Schomburg Center for Black Culture
Smithsonian
United States State Department, Suriname Embassy
United Nations
William and Mary College
Woodmere Museum

SELECTED PRESS

2023 - September 15, Afro News - The Reginald Lewis Museum welcomes philanthropist Danny Simmons as he blends poetry, art and jazz to honor Derrick Adams in WordSmith series during Artscape weekend

2023 - September 7, The Green-Wood Cemetery - Danny Simmons and Wordsmith present From Canvas to Stage: A Tribute to Basquiat

2023 - September 2, New York 1 - Danny Simmons Interview, From Canvas to Stage: A Captivating Evening of Music, Poetry, and Visual Art at The Green-Wood Cemetery

2023 - August 19, Lehigh Valley Press - Danny Simmons featured in the publication "Shifting Time: African American Artists 2020-2021"

2023 - July 15, Crystal Bridges Museum of Art - The Dirty South Weekend: Opening Performance with Danny Simmons, Vernon Reid, and Dwayne Dolphin

2023 - April 27, Mural Arts - Danny Simmons receives the 2023 Visionary Artist Award from Mural Arts Philadelphia, Presented by visual artist Derrick Adams

2023 - March 17, Morris Museum - Danny Simmons included in Each One Teach One: Preserving Legacy in Perpetuity at the Morris Museum of Art

2022 - December 1, Forbes - Danny Simmons and Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation Receive Grant from Cordell Broadus

2022 - September 25, ArtLyst - Danny Simmons: The Long and Short of It, Tribeca and Noho's Best Exhibitions by Ilka Scobie

2022 - July 28, Vineyard Gazette - Danny Simmons and Def Poetry Jam Reunion on Martha's Vineyard

2022 - June 30, Black Art in America - Danny Simmons featured in "Can Black Culture Survive as a Platform for Constructing Power? And Why Rush Arts Needs Us ASAP!" by Debra Hand

2022 - June 19, JCAL Awards - Danny Simmons receives Honoree Award from NYC Arts Commissioner Laurie Cumbo

2022 - June 8, Art BreakOut - Danny Simmons: Early Days & Latter Days Continues at the Jamaica Center for the Arts

2022 - January 12, Queens Daily Eagle - JCAL celebrates 50 years with Danny Simmons exhibit

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2022 - Danny Simmons: The Long and Short of It, Texts by Susan E. Cahan, James Cavello, Margarite Almeida, Danny Simmons, Published by Westwood Gallery NYC

2022 - Homecoming: The Art and Poetry of Danny Simmons, Texts by Dianne Smith, Danny Simmons, Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, Jamaica, NY

2022 - Shifting Time: African American Artists 2020-2021, Artworks from the Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African American Art, Texts by Berrisford Boothe, Danny Simmons, et al.

2021 - Danny Simmons: Studio Time, Text by Danny Simmons, Philadelphia, PA

2010 - House of the Spirit: The Work and Collection of Danny Simmons, Text by Donna Page and Danny Simmons, QCC Art Gallery, CUNY, Queens, NY

2009 - Danny Simmons: From There to Here, Text by Lisa N. Peters, Spanierman Gallery, East Hampton, NY

2006 - Danny Simmons: Recent Paintings, Bill Hodges Gallery, New York, NY