

WESTWOODGALLERY

NEW YORK CITY

DANNY SIMMONS (b. 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

2026 – *Danny Simmons: The Journey of Spirit*, Westwood Gallery NYC

2026 – *Danny Simmons: Visual Expressions*, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown OH

2024-25 – *Danny Simmons: The Journey to Everything*, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore, MD (Traveled to the Houston Museum of African American Culture, Houston, TX, August 29–December 15, 2025)

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, NYC

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, NYC

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, NYC

2010 – Tabla Rasa Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2009 – Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA

2009 – Bill Hodges Gallery, NYC

2009 – Spanierman Gallery, East Hampton, NY

2008 – Pinnacle Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA

2007 – Lana Woods Gallery, NYC

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, NYC

2000 – Bridgehampton Cultural Center, Bridgehampton, NY

2000 – Kubatana Gallery, Atlanta, GA

1999 – UFA Gallery, NYC

1999 – Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ

1999 – Bridgehampton Cultural Center, Bridgehampton, NY

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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 – *Westwood Gallery NYC: 30 Years*, Westwood Gallery NYC, NY
2024 – *8 – Diary of Time*, Westwood Gallery NYC, NY
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, NYC
2022 – The Arts Center Gallery, Fayetteville, NC
2021 – Bill Hodges Gallery, NYC
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
2020 – September Gray Fine Arts Gallery, Atlanta, GA
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, NYC
2004 – Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
2003 – Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2002 – Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
2002 – Jack Tilton Gallery, NYC
2002 – National Museum of Ghana, Accra, Ghana
2002 – Yassine Art Center, Dakar, Senegal
2002 – Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY
2001 – Skoto Gallery, Chelsea, NYC
2001 – Fairleigh Dickerson University, Teaneck, NJ
2000 – Hampton University Museum, Hampton, VA
2000 – Studio Museum in Harlem, NYC
2000 – Hudson Guild Galleries, NYC
2000 – The Art Center of Northern New Jersey, New Milford, NJ
2000 – UFA Gallery, NYC
2000 – Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1999 – Jewish Museum, NYC
1999 – George Adams Gallery, NYC
1999 – Gayle Gates Gallery, NYC

1999 – Peter Findlay Gallery, NYC
1999 – African American Museum, Hempstead, NY
1999 – Grand Army Plaza Arch Gallery, NYC
1999 – Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1999 – Anacostia Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.
1998 – Schomburg Center for Black Culture, NYC
1998 – Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1998 – Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
1997 – Peter Findlay Gallery, NYC
1997 – Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC
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, NYC
1994 – Gallery Annex, NYC
1994 – St. John the Divine Cathedral, NYC
1994 – The Bronx Council on the Arts, Bronx, NY
1994 – Gallery Annex, NYC
1993 – Broome Street Gallery, NYC
1993 – Harlem Street Gallery, NYC
1992 – Uhdo Gallery, NYC
1992 – Broome Street Gallery, NYC

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Air Products Corp
Brooklyn Academy of Music
Brooklyn Museum
Houston Museum of African American Culture
Chase Manhattan Bank
Columbus Museum
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

- 2024 – “The Journey to Everything: Danny Simmons Alchemizes Beauty, Power, and Spirit,” November 25, BmoreArt
- 2023 – “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,” September 15, Afro News
- 2023 – “Danny Simmons and WordSmith present From Canvas to Stage: A Tribute to Basquiat,” September 7, *The Greenwood Cemetery*
- 2023 – “Danny Simmons Interview, From Canvas to Stage: A Captivating Evening of Music, Poetry, and Visual Art at The Green-Wood Cemetery,” September 2, *New York 1*
- 2023 – Danny Simmons featured in the publication “Shifting Time: African American Artists 2020-2021,” August 19, *Lehigh Valley Press*
- 2023 – “The Dirty South Weekend: Opening Performance with Danny Simmons, Vernon Reid, and Dwayne Dolphin,” July 15, Crystal Bridges Museum of Art
- 2023 – “Danny Simmons receives the 2023 Visionary Artist Award from Mural Arts Philadelphia, Presented by visual artist Derrick Adams,” April 27, *Mural Arts*
- 2023 – “Danny Simmons included in Each One Teach One: Preserving Legacy in Perpetuity at the Morris Museum of Art,” March 17, *Morris Museum*
- 2022 – “Danny Simmons and Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation Receive Grant from Cordell Broadus,” December 1, *Forbes*
- 2022 – “Danny Simmons: The Long and Short of It, Tribeca and Noho's Best Exhibitions by Ilka Scobie,” September 25, *ArtLyst*
- 2022 – “Danny Simmons and Def Poetry Jam Reunion on Martha's Vineyard,” July 28, *Vineyard Gazette*
- 2022 – Danny Simmons featured in “Can Black Culture Survive as a Platform for Constructing Power? And Why Rush Arts Needs Us ASAP!” by Debra Hand, June 30, *Black Art in America*
- 2022 – “Danny Simmons receives Honoree Award from NYC Arts Commissioner Laurie Cumbo,” June 19, *JCAL Awards*
- 2022 – “Danny Simmons: Early Days & Latter Days Continues at the Jamaica Center for the Arts,” June 8, *Art BreakOut*
- 2022 – “JCAL celebrates 50 years with Danny Simmons exhibit,” January 12, *Queens Daily Eagle*
- 2017 – “Danny Simmons | ‘Art Saves Lives, It’s That Simple’,” *GROIT*, March 14

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 – *Danny Simmons: The Journey of Spirit*, Texts by James Cavello, Margarite Almeida. Published by Westwood Gallery NYC, Published by Westwood Gallery NYC
- 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
- 2007 – Simmons, Danny, *I Dreamed My People Were Calling But I Couldn't Find My Way Home*
- 2006 – *Danny Simmons: Recent Paintings*, Bill Hodges Gallery, NYC

AWARDS

Tony Award for the Broadway version of his HBO show Def Poetry Jam

New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship

Lifetime Achievement Award from the African American Women in the Arts organization