

## **DIDIER WILLIAM**

Born 1983, Port-au-Prince, Haiti Lives and works in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **EDUCATION**

2009 Yale School of Art, Painting and Printmaking, MFA

2007 Maryland Institute College of Art, Painting, BFA

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2024 "Fire Flight", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, June 8 – July 26

"Interventions", Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick, US, Jan. 31 -July 31

2023 "Things Like This Don't Happen Here", James Fuentes Gallery, Los Angeles, US

2022 "Nou Kite Tout Sa Dèyè", Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, US (ex. cat.)

"Paul Gardère and Didier William", Soft Network, New York, US

Frieze Art Fair, London, UK

2021 "Dance, Without Incident", M+B, Los Angeles, US

"Siklon", Altman Siegel, San Francisco, US

"Lakou", Figge Art Museum, Davenport, US, cur. Andrew Wallace (ex. cat)

2020 "Pulse", M+B, Los Angeles, US

"Pulse", James Fuentes Gallery, New York, US

2019 "Broken Skies", Art Basel Miami, NOVA Section, Miami, US

2018 "Curtains, Stages, and Shadows, Act 1", James Fuentes Gallery, New York, US

"Curtains, Stages, and Shadows", Act 2, Anna Zorina Gallery, New York, US

2017 "We Will Win", Tiger Strikes Asteroid, New York, US

"Swarm", PRIZM Art Fair, Miami, US (with Nestor Armando Gil)

2015 "Camouflage", Hap Gallery, Portland, US

2010 "Didier William", Galerie Schuster, Berlin, Germany

"Didier William", Galerie Schuster, Miami, US

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2024 "Prospect.6: the future is present, the harbinger is home, New Orleans, US, Nov. 2 – Feb. 25

"A Study in Form (Chapter Two)", James Fuentes Gallery, New York, US, cur. Arden Wohl

"Conversation Galante", Pilar Corrias, London, UK, Jan. 16 – Feb. 24

2023 "{UNDER}flow", Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw, US

"Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage", Frist Art Museum, Nashville, US

"The Other Side of the Mirror is Home", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, Sept. 1 – Oct. 12

"45 (Between the Seams)", PM/AM, London, UK

Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, 1990s–Today, ICA Boston

2022 "The Armory", New York, US

"Evade or Ensnare: Decorative Illusionism in Historic and Contemporary Painting", Pennsylvania

Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, US

"Heroic Bodies", Rudolph Tegnens Museum, Dronningmølle, Denmark

"Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, 1990s–Today", MCA Chicago, Chicago, US

"Augurhythms", Hesse Flatow, New York, US

"Art Brussels", M+B, Brussels, Belgium

2021 10, PM/AM, London, UK

"Victoria Miro x OUT Collective", Victoria Miro Online

"Phantom Body", Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, US

"Dancing in Dark Times", Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK

2020 "Afrocosmologies: American Reflections", Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, US

"There will come soft rains", Stellar Projects, New York, US

"Painting Is Its Own Country", The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Art + Culture,

- Charlotte, US, cur. Dexter Wimberly  
"State of the Art II", Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, US  
"Building a Better Monument", Art at a Time Like This, online exhibition, cur. Seph Rodney  
"Theft & Found", MiM Gallery, Los Angeles, US
- 2019 "The Gag", De Buck Gallery, New York, US, cur. Devan Shimoyama,  
"Coffee, Rhum, Sugar & Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox", Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, US  
"They Gaze", James Fuentes Gallery, New York, US  
"As long as we are flyin' all this world ain't got no end, Luce Gallery, Torino, Italy  
"Bed", Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, US
- 2018 "ZIG ZAG ZIG", DC Moore Gallery, New York, US  
"Swarm", Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, US  
"Strange Looks", Gildar Gallery, Denver, US  
"ISNESS", curated by Austin Thomas, Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, US  
"Aesthetics of Matter", Volta Art Fair, NY, cur. Mickalene Thomas and Racquel Chevremont,
- 2017 "Fold Ten", C.R Ettinger Studio, Philadelphia, US  
"Passenger Pigeon Press Anniversary Show, La Maison D'Art, New York, US  
"Accordion Space, Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts, Union College, Schenectady, US  
"Relational Undercurrents, as part of the Getty Museum's Pacific Standard Time initiative, at the Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, US
- 2016 "Enlarged Fern", Moskowitz Bayse
- 2015 "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter", The Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, US, cur. Katy Grannan,  
"Bronx Calling, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York, US, cur. Hatuey Ramos-Fermin and Laura Napier
- 2014 "No More Place", Alferro Gallery, Newark NJ Improvised Showboat, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012 "Mark, Scrape", Wipe, Shape, Brooklyn, US, org. Spaceshifter Projects, cur. Sangram Majumdar and Karla Wozniak
- 2011 "Artquake", Organized by Haiti Cultural Exchange, Brooklyn NY  
"Momenta Art Benefit", Loretta Howard Gallery, New York, NY  
"Intersecting Cultures/Virtual Worlds", Underground Gallery at The Betsy Hotel, Miami, FL
- 2010 "I'll let you be in my dreams, if I can be in yours", Fredericks & Freiser Gallery, New York, NY "Nice to meet you", Sloan Fine Art, New York, NY  
"Artquake", Renaissance Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2009 "The Open", curated By Dodie Kazanjian and Deitch Projects Directors, Deitch Projects Long Island City, New York, US  
Summer Exhibition, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, US
- 2008 "New Akademiks", Galerie Schuster, Berlin, Germany  
"Transformers", Gateway/BlackBox Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, US

### **CURATORIAL PROJECTS**

- 2022 "OffSight", curated by Didier William, James Fuentes Gallery
- 2019 "Proximity", curated by Josephine Halvorson and Didier William, Anna Zorina Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 "Map", curated by Josephine Halvorson and Didier William, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 "Play Book: a Selection of Work from the MFA Programs "at Boston University and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Art, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY, 2017

### **Public Collections**

- Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburg  
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville  
Denver Art Museum, Denver  
de Young Museum, San Francisco  
Figue Art Museum, Davenport  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami

The JPMorgan Chase Art Collection  
Mandeville Gallery at Union College, Schenectady  
Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis  
SFMOMA, San Francisco  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2023 Key to the City, North Miami  
2022 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial Grant  
2021 Pew Fellow, The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage  
2020 Joan Mitchell Grant Recipient  
2019 The Fountainhead Residency, Miami  
2018 Rosenthal Family Foundation Award in Art  
2014 Artist in the Market Place, The Bronx Museum of Art  
201 Artist in Residence. Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation Space Program, Brooklyn  
2009, 2010, 2011 Hearst Foundation Grant Recipient  
2009 Toby Devan Lewis Fellowship for Painting  
2007,2008 MFA Student Fellowship, Yale University School of Art  
2006, 2007 Maryland Citation for Excellence in the Arts, Office of Senator Verna Jone  
2007 Morris Louis Award for Excellence in Painting

## **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

2023 "10 Art Shows to See in LA This May," Matt Stromberg, Hyperallergic  
"10 Artists on Picasso's Enduring, Confounding Influence," Jason Fargo, Will Heinrich, Roberta Smith and Yinka Elujoba, New York Times  
"13 events, pop-ups and launches to get active in L.A. once spring finally arrives," Los Angeles Times  
"A painter reimagines his Haitian childhood through magical realism," Margarita Lila Rosa, i-D,  
"A Portfolio: Didier William," Juxtapoz  
"Artist Didier William Wants Surprise, Not Closure, From The Canvas," Devan Díaz, Cultured Magazine  
"Weekly Countdown: Bonus round: 'Didier William: Things Like This Don't Happen Here,'" Steven Vargas, Los Angeles Times  
"Didier William," Alpesh Kantilal Patel, Art Forum  
"Didier William: artist who gouges deep into his heritage," Caroline Roux, Financial Times  
"Didier William with Charles M. Schultz (Transcript)," Charles M. Schultz, Brooklyn Rail  
"Didier William Comes Home for His Solo Exhibition at MOCA," Isabella Marie Garcia, Miami New Times  
"Didier William: Nou Kite Tout Sa Dèyè," exhibition catalogue, Erica Moiah James and Sampada Aranke. Edited by Adeze Wilford, Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami  
"Didier William: Unearthing Black Immigrant, Queer Narratives Through Art," Ashely Miznazi, The Haitian Times  
"Didier William's New Body of Work Combining Personal Narratives and Mythology Take Over James Fuentes," Hesper Cane, Widewalls, 2023 "Episode 362/Didier William," Sound & Vision Podcast  
"James Fuentes Gallery | Didier William's 'Things Like This Don't Happen Here' Inaugural Show," Isaac Dektor, Flaunt Magazine  
"Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation announces 2022 Biennial Grants," e-flux  
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"Shows to See in the US this January," Monica Uszerowicz, Frieze  
"This exhibition of LGBTQ+ artists uses clay to embrace identity and community," Steven Vargas, Los Angeles Times  
"Wet Paint in the Wild: Gallerist James Fuentes Sets Up Shop in L.A. and Takes Us Behind the Scenes of Painter Didier Williams's Opening Show," Annie Armstrong, Artnet  
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- "Didier William Is Using His Art to Offer Black, Queer Immigrants Hope," Francesca Aton, ARTnews
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- "NOU LA Didier William's Spaciousness," Gina Athena Ulysse, Sugarcane Magazine
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- "SPOTLIGHT: Victoria Miro x OUT Collective," Artforum
- "Tarry with Me: Reclaiming Sweetness in an Anti-Black World," Oxford American
- "Terreurs De Frontière: Le Massacre Des Haïtiens En République Dominicaine En 1937," Les Publications Du Centre Challenges
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"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," ArtPractical  
2012 "Painting Lives: Mark, Scrape, Wipe, Shape, at Spaceshifter," The Huffington Post

## TEACHING

- 2019-Present Assistant Professor of Expanded Print, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers  
2016-2019 University Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Chair of the MFA Program  
2018 University of Pennsylvania, Penn Design, Visiting Critic  
2015 Columbia University, School of the Arts, Graduate Critic  
  
2010-2016 Vassar College, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Drawing and Printmaking  
2013 Yale University School of Art, Lecturer/Critic, Printmaking Seminar and Grad Core Critic  
2011- 2015 Yale Norfolk Summer School of Art, Residential Faculty, Experimental Printmaking and Studio Critic,  
2012-2014 SUNY Purchase School of art and design, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2D Processes, Basic Drawing, Figure Drawing