

NARI WARD

Born St. Andrew, Jamaica 1963

Lives New York, NY

EDUCATION

1989 BA, City University of New York, Hunter College, New York, NY

1992 MFA, City University of New York, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *TILL, LIT*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
Nari Ward: Sun Splashed, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
Nari Ward: G.O.A.T., again, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY
- 2016 *Nari Ward: Sun Splashed*, Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 *Nari Ward: Sun Splashed*, Perez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
Breathing Directions, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
So Called, Savannah College of Art and Design Museum, Savannah, GA
- 2014 *Rooted Communities: Nari Ward*, LSU Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2013 Château de Blandy-les-Tours, Blandy, France
Iris Hope Keeper, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
- 2012 *Liberty and Orders*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
- 2011 *We the People*, Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA
Domino Men, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
Nari Ward: Sub Mirage Lignum, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
- 2010 *Nari Ward: Re-Presence*, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
- 2007 *Salvage Research Soul Training*, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- 2006 *The Refinery X: A small twist of fate*, Palazzo delle Papesse - Centro Arte Contemporanea, Siena, Italy
- 2004 *Saint Peter's Odyssey Salon*, Deitch Projects, New York, NY
Great American Revival, Past Presence: Reflection on the Main Line, Main Line Art Center, Lower Merion, PA
- 2002 *Episodes*, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
- 2001 *Attractive Nuisance*, GAM; Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Torino, Italy
Illuminated Sanctuary of Empty Sins, Arte all'Arte, Poggibonsi, Italy
Geography: Bottle Messenger, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2000 *Rites of Way*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 1997 *Nari Ward*, INOVA - Institute of Visual Arts, Milwaukee, WI
- 1996 *Happy Smilers: Duty Free Shopping*, Deitch Projects, New York, NY
- 1995 *Amazing Grace*, Harlem Firehouse Space, New York, NY
- 1994 *Idle/Drift*, Magasin, Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Grenoble, France
- 1993 *Carpet Angel*, The New Museum, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Open Spaces*, The City of Kansas City; Kansas City, MO (forthcoming)
2018 Ceremonial Exhibition: Work by New Members and Recipients of Awards, The American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
Objects Like Us, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT
Worlds Otherwise Unknown, Kemper Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
DeCordova Museum & Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
ICA Collection: Entangled in the Everyday, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston; Boston, Massachusetts
American Landscape, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
Reclamation! Pan-African Works from the Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA
Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, The American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
- 2017 *Out of Sight! Art of the Senses*, Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Now Here is Nowhere, Italian Cultural Institute, New York, NY
Fingerspitzengefühl, Klaus Von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York NY
Artists Need to Create on the Same Scale the Society Has the Capacity to Destroy, Part 1, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ
20/20: The Studio Museum in Harlem and Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
Spots, Dots, Pips, Tiles: An Exhibition About Dominoes, Perez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
UPTOWN: nasty women/bad hombres, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
Uptown, Wallach Art Gallery at Columbia University, New York, NY
Pledges of Allegiance, Creative Time, NY
Alien Nations, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
- 2016 *Spots, Dots, Pips and Tiles: An Exhibition Around the Game of Dominoes*, Hunter College East Harlem Art Gallery, New York, NY
Mortal Things: Portraits Look Back and Forth, Aidekman Arts Center, Tufts University, Medford, MA
Contemporary Art & Design Biennial, Milan, Italy
For Freedoms, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY
March Madness, Fort Gansevoort, New York, NY
Writing Lightly, Work|Release, Norfolk, VA
A Celebration of the Speed Collection, Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY
- 2015 *Bring in Reality*, No Longer Empty, New York, NY
Black: Color, Material, Concept, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
US IS THEM, Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
The Great Mother, The Fondazione Nicola Trussardi, Palazzo Reale, Milan, Italy
Bring in the reality, Nathan Cummings Foundation, New York, NY
New Ways of Seeing: Beyond Culture, Dorsky Gallery Curatorial Programs, New York, NY
Future Seasons Past, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
The Freedom Principle: Experiments in Art and Music, 1965 to Now, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Community of Influence, benefit auction for the Vermont Studio Center, Spencer Brownstone Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *FOOD*, MuCEM - Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée, Marseille, France

- In Plain Sight*, Opa-locka Community Development Corporation, Opa-locka, FL
IN _ WE TRUST: Art and Money, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH
Black Eye, 57 Walker Street, New York, NY
Caribbean: Crossroads of the World, Perez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
FOOD, SESC Pinheiros, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2013 *Surviving Sandy*, Dedalus Foundation, Brooklyn, NY
Justice Blind, Rush Philanthropic Art Foundation's Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Seventh Inning Stretch, Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Nasher Museum and the 50th Anniversary, The Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC
Blacks in Black and White, Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy
NYC 1993: Experimental Jet Set, Trash and No Star, The New Museum, New York, NY
We the People, the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2012 *Wall*, Canzani Center Gallery, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH
FOOD: Reflections on Mother Earth, Agriculture and Feeding, Musée Ariana, Geneva, Switzerland
I Followed You Into the Water, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
28 Days, Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Points of View: Twenty Years of Artists in Residence, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
- 2011 *The Bearden Project*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Galeria Continua, Beijing, China
MuMo (Mobile Museum), L'Art à l'Enfance, Francem Cameroon; Benin; Senegal
Terre Vulnerabili 1/4, Fondazione HangarBicocca, Milan, Italy
- 2010 *Nanjing Biennial*, Nanjing, China
Contemplating the Void: Interventions in the Guggenheim Rotunda, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
REM(A)INDERS, Galleria Continua, Beijing, China
- 2009 *Transparency: Art for Energy*, MACRO - Museo D'Arte Contemporanea Roma, Rome, Italy
30 Seconds off an Inch, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Rockstone and Bootheel: Contemporary West Indian Art, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT
Neo Baroque, University of Western Ontario Art Gallery, London, Canada
NeoHooDoo: Art for a Forgotten Faith, Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL
- 2008 *Prospect 1 New Orleans*, New Orleans, LA
NeoHooDoo: Art for a Forgotten Faith, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX; MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
- 2007 *Dream and Trauma*, Kunsthalle Wien and Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna, Austria
Generation 1.5, Queens Museum of Art, Queens, NY
For the Love of the Game, Race and Sport in America, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT
- 2006 *Wherever We Meet*, Spazio Oberdan, Milan, Italy
Meditations in an Emergency, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
Whitney Biennial Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Be the Artist's Guest, Musee d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
Dirty Yoga: Taipei Biennial, Taipei Museum, Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Echigo- Tsumari Art Triennial, Echigo-Tsumari, Japan
- 2005 *New Labor; Neutral Capital Collection*, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY
Faith, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT
Yokohama Triennial, Yokohama, Japan

- Sharjah International Biennial 7*, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970, Contemporary Arts Museum
 Houston, Houston, TX
- 2004 *Postcards for Cuba: A Selection from the 8th Havana Biennial*, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter,
 Høvikodden, Norway
Garvey Carts Curator's Eye, National Gallery of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica
Monument to Now: The Dakis Joannou Collection, DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art,
 Athens, Greece
- 2003 *Confabulations*, The Bertha and Karl Leubsdorf Art Gallery, CUNY Hunter College, New York,
 NY
Whispering Lights, 8th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
In Honor Of, Arte Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
Pathmarker, Site Lines, The Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA
Landings, Documenta XI, Kassel, Germany
Fortress, Spoleto Festival, Charleston, SC
- 2001 *Transforms*, Roman Theater, Trieste, Italy
The Overexcited Body, Museum of the Arengario Piazza del Duomo, Milan, Italy
Crossing the Line, Queens Museum of Art, Queens, NY
A Room Is a World, Kunsthalle Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
Spiritual America, Audiello Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2000 *Playgrounds & Toys, Art for the World*, UNI Dufour Building, University of Geneva, Geneva,
 Switzerland
Quiet in the Land; Projecto Axe, Museu de Arte Moderna da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil
Emerald Necklace Project, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
Geography; Tree, collaborative work with Ralph Lemon, Yale University, New Haven, CT;
 Repertory Co, New Haven, CT; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; Yerba Buena Center for
 the Arts, San Francisco, CA; Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY
Quotidiana, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Turin, Italy
- 1999 *Streetlife*, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX
Passages: Contemporary Art in Transition, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 1998 *I Love New York; Crossover of Contemporary Art*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
Global Vision; New Art from the 90s, DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, Athens,
 Greece
Invitational Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New
 York, NY
Arkipelag; From Crash Between Islands to In(ter)fection, Sjöhistoriska Museet,
 Stockholm, Sweden
Edge of Awareness, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; United Nations Hall of
 Visitors, New York, NY; MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY; SESC Pompeia, São Paulo, Brazil
- 1997 *Geography*, collaborative work with Ralph Lemon, Yale Repertory, New Haven, CT
 Repertory Co, New Haven, CT; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; Brooklyn Academy of
 Music, Brooklyn, NY
Islas, Centro Atlantico De Arte Moderno, Gran Canaria, Spain; La Granja, Teneriffe, Spain;
 Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporaneo, Seville, Spain
Quiet in the Land: Everyday Life, Contemporary Art, and the Shakers, Institute of
 Contemporary Art, Portland, ME; Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
Untitled Depot, Insite 1997, Tijuana, MEXICO and San Diego, CA
Projects: How to Build and Maintain the Virgin Fertility of Our Soul, MoMA PS1, Long Island
 City, NY
Pursuit of the Sacred; Evocations of the Spiritual in Contemporary African American Art, Betty
 Rymer Gallery, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

COMMISSIONS SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2017 *Breathing Flag*, Creative Time, New York, NY
2016 Friends of the High Line, New York, NY
2015 Whitney Block Party, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
2014 *Sugar Hill Smiles*, No Longer Empty, New York, NY
2011 *Art Unlimited*, Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland
2008 *Voice I, Voice II, and Voice IV*, Commission by New York Department of Cultural Affairs, West Harlem Piers Park, New York, NY

RESIDENCIES

- 2014 Rauschenberg Residency, Captiva, FL
LSU College of Art + Design, Baton Rouge, LA
2000 Walker Residency, MN
1998 Residency program with curator France Morin, ME
1996 Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, New Gloucester, ME
1992 The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

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"9 Art Events to Attend This Week in New York City," *ARTnews*, 12 March.
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- 2017 Jordan, Eliza. "Nari Ward Embraces His Jamaicanness," *Whitewall*, 29 December.
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M. Sheets, Hilarie. "At Socrates Sculpture Park, Slyly Butting Expectations," *The New York Times*, 28 April.
Indrisek, Scott. "The Artist Nari Ward on the Goat as a Symbol of Democracy." *New Yorker*, 9 April.
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Cotter, Holand. "Philadelphia Offers a Full-Fledged Summer of African Art," *The New York Times*, p. C15, 8 July.
Salisbury, Stephan. "Nari Ward brings Mango Tourists and other exotics to the Barnes Foundation," *Philly.com*, 22 June.
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- Museum of Contemporary Art
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 "Past Presence: Contemporary Reflections on the Main Line," Main Line Art Center
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- 2002 Ward, Nari, and Miguel Ángel Mendo. "Old Princess Armonia," Hopefulmonster
 Ander, Heike. "Ausstellungsorte," Hatje Cantz
- 2001 Pace, Alessandra, and Nari Ward. "Nari Ward: Attractive Nuisance," Hopefulmonster
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- 1997 Marcoci, Roxana, Diana Murphy, and Eve Sinaiko. "New Art," H.N. Abrams
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HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2017 Vilcek Prize in Fine Arts, Vilcek Foundation, New York, NY
2015 Joyce Award, The Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL
2013 Nadine Carter Russell Chair, LSU College of Art + Design, Baton Rouge, LA
2012 Rome Prize, American Academy of Rome, Rome, Italy
1998 Willard L. Metcalf Award, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
Bessie Award in Visual Arts, Dance Theater Workshop, New York, NY
1997 Penny McCall Foundation, New York, NY
1996 Pollock Krasner Foundation, New York, NY
1994 The National Endowment for the Arts, Washington DC
Wheeler Foundation Merit Fellowship, New York, NY
1992 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, New York, NY
1990 Enrico Donati Foundation, Ridgefield, NJ

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
GAM, Galleria Civica di Arte, Torino, Italy
Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey
Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
The Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC
New York Public Library, New York, NY
Perez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
University Museum of Contemporary Art, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ