



CANDIDA ALVAREZ

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Education

2010-12 ABD Communications Media, European Graduate School, Saas-Fee, CH
1995-97 MFA in Painting and Printmaking, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT
1981 Skowhegan School of Painting/Printmaking, Madison, ME
1973-77 BA School Art/Liberal Arts, Fordham University, Lincoln Center, NY

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Candida Alvarez: Circle, Point, Hoop*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
2024 *Candida Alvarez: Stretching, Nesting, Reaching, Feeling*, Monira Foundation, Chicago, IL
2023 *Multihyphenate*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
2021 *Palimpsest*, GAVLAK Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, Palm Beach, FL
2020 *Estoy Bien*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
2019 *De Colores*, GAVLAK Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL
2017 *Candida Alvarez: Here*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; curated by Terry R. Myers
2012 *Mambomountain*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2003 *Paradise*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2002 *I Will Always Remember You*, TBA Exhibition Space, Chicago, IL
1996 *Candida Alvarez: New/Now*, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
1993 *Polyptychs*, June Kelly Gallery, New York, NY; catalogue essays by Rebecca Walker, Jock Reynolds
1992 *Candida Alvarez Recent Paintings*, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY
1991 *Candida Alvarez, Paintings and Works on Paper*, The Queens Museum, Flushing, NY
1990 *John Street Series*, Galerie Schneiderei, Cologne, DE, Catalogue
1989 *Candida Alvarez Paintings and Drawings*, June Kelly Gallery, New York, NY; essay by Elizabeth Murray
1985 *Ringside Gallery: Candida Alvarez*, Exit Art, New York, NY; curated by Jeanette Ingberman, Papo Colo
1983 *The Hybrid Series*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, Brochure
Cows and Other Things, The Cayman Gallery, New York NY; Brochure; essay by Lowery Sims

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 *Diasporican Abstraction: Identities Beyond Representation*, Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (forthcoming)
2025 *25!*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Real Monsters in Bold Colors: Bob Thompson and Candida Alvarez, GRAY Gallery, New York, NY
El Vaivén: 21st Century Art of Puerto Rico and Its Diaspora, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

- The Sea and the Sky, and You and I, the Shepherd*, Detroit, MI
- 2024 *Cosmic Geometries II*, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL
Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA
- 2023 *To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, El Espacio Twenty Three, Miami, FL
Studio of the South/Van Gogh Club, Fondation Vincent Van Gogh Arles, Arles, FR
Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, ICA Boston, Boston, MA
Entre Horizontes: Art and Activism Between Chicago and Puerto Rico, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL; curated by Carla Acevedo-Yates and Iris Colburn
Color Effects, Galerie Lelong, New York, NY
The Feminine in Abstract Painting, The Milton Resnick and Pat Passlof Foundation, New York, NY; curated by Jennifer Samet and Andrea Belag
- 2022 *no existe un mundo poshuracán: Puerto Rican Art in the Wake of Hurricane Maria*, Whitney Museum of Art, New York, NY
Evergreen: Art From the Collection, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
Forecast Form: Art in the Caribbean Diaspora, 1990—Today, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, American Academy of Arts and Letters
SAIC Alumni, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Reimagined Landscapes, Calderón Gallery, New York, NY
- 2021 *In the Eyes of the Storm*, Z33, Hasselt, BELG
Estamos Bien—Trienal 20/21, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
LatinXAmerican, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
LatinXAbstract, The BRIC, Brooklyn, NY
The Long Dream, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Nasty Women*, GAVLAK GALLERY, Los Angeles, CA
Anarquía y dialectico en el deseo, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Juan, PR
A Very Anxious Feeling: 20 years of Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection, taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA
Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago!, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Inaugural Exhibition*, GAVLAK GALLERY, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 *Out of Easy Reach*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL; curated by Allison Glenn
- 2017 *Magnetic Fields: Expanding American Abstraction, 1960s—Today*, Kemper Museum, Kansas City, MO; curated Erin Dziedzic and Melissa Messina, Catalogue
Outside the Lines, CAM, Houston, TX; curated by Valerie Cassel-Oliver
- 2003 *Splat, Boom, Pow: The Influence of Cartoons in Contemporary Art*, CAM, Houston, TX, Catalogue; curated by Valerie Cassel-Oliver
- 2000 *Words-Objects-Acts*, Museum of the City of Skopje, MKD, Catalogue; curated by Susana Milevska
- 1999 *Choice 99*, Exit Art, New York, NY, Catalogue; curated by Papo Colo
- 1995 *Artists Talk Back: Visual Conversations with El Museo, Reaffirming Spirituality*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY, Catalogue; curated by Susana Torruella Leval
- 1991 *Third International Biennial of Painting*, Cuenca, EC, Catalogue
- 1990 *Working on Paper: Contemporary American Drawing*, The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- 1989 *The Blues Aesthetic*, The Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, DC; curated by Dr. Rick Powell
- 1988 *Autobiography, In Her Own Image*, Intar Gallery, New York, NY; curated by Howardena Pindell
- 1987 *Masters and Pupils: The Education of the Black Artist in New York*, The Jamaica Arts Center, Queens, NY, Brochure; curated by Kellie Jones

- 1986 *New Visions*, Soho 20, New York, NY; curated by Kellie Jones
- 1985 *Artists-In-Residence Exhibition*, The Studio Museum in Harlem Surplus, Exit Art, New York, NY: catalogue by Papo Colo
- 1983 *The Re-gentrified Jungle*, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY; catalogue, curated by Joe Lewis
- 1980 *International Studio and Workspace Program*, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, LIC, NY
- 1979 *Recollections: Candida Alvarez/Vincent Smith*, The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 1977 *Confrontation, Ambiente y Espacio*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY

Grants, Awards & Fellowships

- 2024 Trellis Art Fund Award Grantee
- 2023 Professor Emeriti, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Laura Owens and Luna Foundation Resident Artist, Studio of the South, Arles FR
- 2022 Ford, Mellon Foundation Latinx Artist Fellowship, New York, NY
Arts and Letters Award in Art by the American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
- 2021 Helen Frankenthaler Award for Painting; Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, NY
William Bronson Mitchell and Grace Slovet Mitchell Enhancement Fund, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters and Sculptors Grant
- 1999 International Artist's Studio Program in Stockholm, Sweden, IASPIs
- 1988 Mid-Atlantic-NEA Regional Fellowship
- 1986 New York Foundation for the Arts Artist Fellowship
- 1980 International Studio and Workspace Program PS 1, Contemporary Art Center, LIC, NY (MOMA/PS1)

Residencies

- 2023 Laura Owens and LUMA Foundation Resident Artist, Studio of the South, Arles, FR
Residency Mentor, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME
- 1998 Pilchuck Glass School, Session 5, Residency
- 1994 Pollock Krasner Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Artist Residency
- 1993 The Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Artist Residency, Andover, MA
- 1986 MacDowell Colony Artist Residency
- 1985 The Studio Museum in Harlem, Artist Residency
- 1981 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME

Teaching

- 2024 Alex Katz Chair in Painting, Cooper Union, New York, NY
Whitney Museum's Independent Study Program Faculty, The Whitney Museum, New York, New York
- 2023-present Professor Emerit, The School of the Art Institute Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2019-2023 FH Sellers Professor in Painting, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010-2012 Interim Dean, Painting and Drawing Department, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1998-2019 Professor, Painting and Drawing Department, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Public Commissions

- 2023 *Rosemont Fashion Outlets Mural*, Rosemont Mall, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *DCASE*, City of Chicago, IL; *Howlings-Soft Painting*, 27 ft. x 200 ft., Latex ink on PVC mesh, at Riverwalk under Walker Drive
- 2006 MTA, Bronx Park East Station, NY; *B is for Birds in the Bronx*, Faceted glass windscreens

1994 Percent for Art Commission, P.S. 306, NY; *What do you see?*, six stained glass windows with atrium

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Moore, Charles. "Bob Thompson and Candida Alvarez," The Brooklyn Rail. June 3
Quinton, Jared. "Review: Candida Alvarez's 'Circle, Point, Hoop'," e-flux. May 29
Carollo, Elisa. "Candida Alvarez's Maps a Life in Color at El Museo Del Barrio," Observer. May 23
Fishman, Elly. "Candida Alvarez's Full Life in Living Color," The New York Times. May 22
Cuddy, Alison. "The Mystery of Color: Candida Alvarez is Having a Full-Circle New York Moment," Newcity Art. May 16
Vidal Egea, Ana. "Cándida Álvarez: 'Hago arte sin buscar reconocimiento, no quiero desperdiciar mi energía en otra cosa,'" El País. April 26
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Riva, Emma. "Celebrate Life: A Conversation About 'Multihyphenate' at moniquemeloche with Candida Alvarez," Newcity Art. November 27
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"'Candida Alvarez: Multihyphenate' Exhibit at Monique Meloche Gallery," La Voce di New York. November 5
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Scott, Chadd. "Caribbean art seen anew at ICA Boston," See Great Art. September 27
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Mercado, Melody. "MCA's 'Entre Horizontes' Exhibition Highlights Chicago's Role In Puerto Rican Activism and Art," Block Club Chicago. August 15
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Donaghue, Katy. "Marcela Guerrero Curates Her Most Personal Show Yet at the Whitney," Whitewall. May 10
Godfrey, Mark; Siegel, Katy; Dean, Aria. "Marking Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection," Shah Garg Collection. May 2
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Permanent Collections

University of Michigan Lending Collection, Ann Arbor, MI
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
LUMA Foundation, Arles, FR
Mellon Foundation, New York, NY
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Perez Museum of Art, Miami, FL
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
The Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
The Brandywine Workshop, Philadelphia, PA
The Printmaking Workshop, New York, NY
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
The University of Delaware, Newark, DE
The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY