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RESIDENCIES

Château Orquevaux

2022

- Chateau Orquevaux Artist Residency for 4 weeks in November focusing on photography and drawing
- Created photography narrative book titled “The Lady and The Chair”
- Created photography narrative book title “The Pomegranate Journal”

EDUCATION

Academy of Art University

2023-current

- Studying to earn an MA in Fashion Art Direction
 - Select courses include: Digital Photography Concepts and Techniques, Fashion Business: Visual Merchandising: Image and Brand, Fashion Business: Digital Techniques

School of Visual Arts

2015-2019

- Graduated with honors from the BFA Fine Arts program

AWARDS

2024

- Life Framer March 2024 Color competition judged by photographer, Thomas Jackson.

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

2024

- Assisting Designer Pamela Hovland on curatorial project “ColleCTomania” featuring a collection of Swiss posters from Tom Strong and local designers at MoCA Westport.
- Assistant curator to Victoria McCraven with museum show “It Will Go On,” a group exhibition with BIPOC artists who incorporate text as use of resistance within their visual art from March 21st to June 16th, 2024 at MoCA Westport.
- Curated the 9th annual high school art show at MoCA Westport “Through the Lens of Icons: Revisiting the 1960s, theme created by Teens at MoCA in relations to the Westport Public Art Collections “Sixties MOD” exhibition from January 18th to March 3rd 2024. I championed the Teens at MoCA’s interaction with the participating students for this art show to create short interviews to document and archive, created a printable virtual magazine for all participating students, created and managed all promotional graphics and docent walkthroughs.

- Assisted in the curation of the Westport Public Art Collections exhibition "Sixties MOD" at MoCA Westport with the curator, Ive Covaci and the executive director of the museum, Ruth Mannes from January 18th to March 3rd 2024. I handled the loan agreement for the artworks in this exhibition, created the graphics to promote the entire exhibition, filmed and directed a short documentary interview of the exhibition with Kathie Bennewitz, Ive Covaci and Ruth Mannes on the exhibition, promotional graphics, docent training and walkthroughs.

2023

- Assisted in the visual curation of the late Purvis Young's solo exhibition "This is The Life I See" at MoCA Westport with the executive director of the museum, Ruth Mannes from September 14th to December 29th, 2023. I was tasked with creating ADA compliant placards, docent walkthrough or visitor experience, and promotional content. This exhibition is curated by Liz Legget and Ruth Mannes.
- Co-curated "Kaleidoscope" with Erika McGhee, a group exhibition at MoCA Westport displaying artworks from MoCA Westport summer camp as well as their MoCA Gives Back partners like STAR (Darien, Norwalk, and New Canaan) and Norwalk Next Step.

2020

- Curated a two person art exhibition "Beyond Beauty: the ideal form" at The Mad Lab in Norwalk, CT featuring my own art and the art of Bathscheba Derogene.

2019

- Co-curated "Veiled," in the TBG Gallery in New York, NY with Anna Stallone and Soyoung Chang displaying photography, video art, and paintings from all three of us.

2017

- Co-curated "ARE - WE - MORE," in the Living Gallery Outpost in New York, NY with Steven Drake, Haley Peacock, and Vieno James displaying artworks from all of us including our classmates from the School of Visual Arts.

EXPERIENCES

MoCA Westport

2023-current

Head of Exhibitions

- Working directly with the Executive Director. Part time teaching artists with kids as well as adults with disabilities.

Shopify NYC

2023

- Invited by SHOPIFY NYC's team to do portrait drawings at their Build Black Event on 02/05/23.

The Honey Pump

2021-2022

- Represented by The Honey Pump agency in New York, NY.

Jana Haimsohn

2019-2022

Studio Assistant

- I worked with and for Jana Haimsohn in New York, NY. Jana Haimsohn is a visual and performance artist who has performed with many known artists like Don Pullen, Don Cherry

and more. As Jana's studio assistant I archived her performance videos, drawings, reviews, articles, and photographs documentation and updated her website.

Girl Be Heard

2021

Documentary Filmmaking Teacher

- Taught a documentary filmmaking course to young high school students with Girl Be Heard.

St. Nicks Alliance

2020-2021

Teaching Artist

- Taught elementary school students in an after school program with St Nick's Alliance in Brooklyn, NY. That entailed performance art, digital illustration, drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking.

ART COLLECTIONS

2024

- *The Lady and The Chair*, part 11 of 25, 2023 self portrait photograph, featured on Vogue's Best of Photo Vogue March 25, 2024 and PIC OF THE DAY on April 1, 2024. [Vogue Photo](#)
- *Evolved*, 2020 self portrait photograph, 32inx40in, featured on Vogue's Best of PhotoVogue January 22, 2024 collection. [Vogue Photo](#)
- *Midst*, 2020 self portrait photograph, 16inx20in, featured on Vogue's Best of PhotoVogue January 22, 2024 collection. [Vogue Photo](#)

2023

- *I Am Here*, 2023 self portrait photograph, 16inx20in, featured on Vogue's Best of PhotoVogue December 4, 2023 collection. [Vogue Photo](#)
- *Virgin*, 2020 self portrait photograph, 10.8in x 18in, edition 1 of 5AP, featured on Saatchi Art's New This Week 05/29/2023 Collection curated by Rebecca Wilson, chief curator and VP, Art Advisory on the [Saatchi Art home page](#)
- *Evolved*, 2020 self portrait photograph, 16in x 20in, edition 1 of 7AP, featured in Saatchi Art's New This Week 03/20/2023 Collection curated by Rebecca Wilson, chief curator and VP, Art Advisory on the [Saatchi Art home page](#)

2022

- *The Lady and The Chair*, 2022 self portrait photograph still image film (page 14), 11.75in x 8.25in, edition 1 of 7AP, is part of the Chateau Orquevaux permanent collection in their main book
- *Memory Lens*, 2022 pastel on paper, 21.25in x 92.25in, is part of the Chateau Orquevaux permanent collection
- *Lethal*, 2020 black and white digital self portrait photograph, 21in x 38in, edition 1 of 5AP, is part of Arthur Lewis & Hau Nguyen's art collection
- *Pneuma*, 2020 self portrait photograph, 11.25in x 16.25in, edition 1 of 5AP, is part of Arthur Lewis & Hau Nguyen's collection

2021

- *Self Apologetic*, 2020 self portrait photograph, 14.7in x 22in, edition 1 of 5AP, is part of The Seavest Collection

SELECTED GROUP SHOW

2024

- "The Perfect View" curated by Bianca Jean-Pierre featuring 3 select artworks from "The Lady and the Chair" series - part 11, 16 and 22 displayed at Harsh Collective in New York City.
- Select artworks: "I Am Here," "Understanding," and "Parallel" featured in Saatchi's Art new digital exhibition: "Emerge: Contemporary Narratives of African American Expression," curated by Siting Wang.
- "Inner Dialogue" selected artworks: "The Replacement of Pain," "Liberation," and "Acceptance" featured in the 5th Chelsea International Photography Competition exhibition at the Agora Gallery in Chelsea, New York.

2022

- "Inner Dialogue: Solo Show Preview in New York, NY curated by The Honey Pump at the Home Gallery
- "Healing & Hope" in Harlem, NY curated by Dodji Gbedemah

2021

- "Groop Shø" in Brooklyn, NY curated by Raina Mehler
- "Juneteenth: A Celebration of Black Art, Identity, and Freedom," in Brooklyn, NY curated by We Roam Freely team
- "tHP: Beacon," in Brooklyn, NY curated by The Honey Pump art agency in collaboration with the Satellite Art Club

2020

- "Beyond Beauty: the ideal form," in Norwalk, CT curated by Lewis Derogene
- "Bathing in Blackness," in New York, NY curated by Kamra Hakim
- "LIC Live Art," in Long Island City, NY curated by Furusho von Puttkammer

2019

- "Veiled," in the TBG Gallery in New York, NY curated by Lewis Derogene, Anna Stallone and Soyoung Chang
- "Satellite Art Show," in the Pfizer Building in Brooklyn, NY curated by Brian Whiteley
- "GI Portal," on Governor's Island in New York, NY curated by 4 Heads

2018

- "Open Studios," in the School of Visual Arts in New York, NY curated by the BFA Fine Arts department
- "The Antithesis Project," (Fridge Art Fair) in the NU Hotel in Brooklyn, NY curated by Eric Ginsburg and Amanda Acosta

2017

- "ARE - WE - MORE," in the Living Gallery Outpost in New York, NY curated by Lewis Derogene, Steven Drake, Haley Peacock, and Vieno James
- "Salutation Vineyard," in the Powell State Building, New York, NY curated by Anthony Burton

2014

- "Street Seats," in Downtown Stamford, CT curated by Stamford Town

PUBLICATIONS & FEATURES

- Featured in Westport Lifestyle magazine for their “2024 Women of Westport” article by Sara Gaynes Levy with one of my self-portrait photographs from “The Lady and The Chair” series, part 11 of 25 featured on the Letter from the Editor page in 2024.
- Culture Icon zine issue 3 on page 60-61, August, 2022: <https://shopcultureicon.com>
- Featured in Creative Habits visual podcast with Phillip Anthony from based in Washington DC, MD in 2022. <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/creative-habits/episodes/Lewis-Drogne---Phenomenalewis-e1t0pcn/a-a9ega6u>
- “Interview with Haitian Digital Photographer and Artist PhenomenaLewis,” by Jepchumba on African Digital Art site, April 2022: [Interview with Haitian Digital Photographer and Artist PhenomenaLewis | African Digital Art](https://africandigitalart.com/interview-with-haitian-digital-photographer-and-artist-phenomenalewis/)
- Culture Icon zine issue 1 on page 106-107 in tandem with a poem by Victoria Ajao, April, 2021 : <https://shopcultureicon.com>
- "Interview: PhenomenaLewis," by Chunbum Park on the Emerging Artists Collective site, January 2021: <https://www.emergingartistscollective.com/post/interview-phenomenalewis>
- "PhenomenaLewis" written and interviewed by Jana Astanov on CREATRIX, August 2020: <http://www.creatrixmag.com/phenomenalewis/>
- “20/20” SVA BFA Fine Arts, May 2019 (catalog)
- "Portal GI Press Release" Governor's Island, August 2019 (catalog)
- “Here’s A Preview Of Portal: Governors Island, The Wild Art Fair Opening This Saturday On Colonels Row,” by Scott Lynch on the Gothamist website, August 2019: [Here’s A Preview Of Portal: Governors Island, The Wild Art Fair Opening This Saturday On Colonels Row - Gothamist](https://gothamist.com/here-s-a-preview-of-portal-governors-island-the-wild-art-fair-opening-this-saturday-on-colonels-row/)
- "Sounds Like NYC Ep. #019 | Lewis Derogene," by David Lozada, May 22, 2018: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sounds-like-nyc-ep-019-lewis-derogene/id1360186293?i=1000440720229>
- “US: Emerging artists showcase their work at Fridge Art Fair in NY” May 2018: [US: Emerging artists showcase their work at Fridge Art Fair in NY | Arts and Culture | Al Jazeera](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/5/20/us-emerging-artists-showcase-their-work-at-fridge-art-fair-in-ny/)

SKILLS

- Art Curation, Directing, Exhibition Management, Art Installation, Graphic Design, Public Programming, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Aero, Adobe Premiere Pro, Blender, Final Cut Pro X, 3D modeling (Nomad Sculpt), Photography, Copywriting, Cinematography, Documentary Filmmaking, Directing, Creative Directing, Drawing, Painting, Archiving, Installation Art, Sculpture, Wood Work, Metal Work, Soft Sculpture, Textile Art, and 2D Animation