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RESIDENCIES

2022

- Chateau Orquevaux Artist Residency for 4 weeks in November focusing on photography and drawing

EDUCATION

- Class of 2019 from the School of Visual Arts, graduated with honors from the BFA Fine Arts program

ART COLLECTIONS

2024

- *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

- Select artworks: "I Am Here," "Understanding," and "Parallel" featured in Saatchi's Art new digital exhibition: "Emerge: Contemporary Narratives of African American Expression."
- "Inner Dialogue" select 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

CURATORIAL WORK

2024

- 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

- 2023 to current - Head of Exhibitions at MoCA Westport, working directly with the Executive Director. Part time teaching artists with kids as well as adults with disabilities.

- 2023 - Invited by SHOPIFY NYC team to do portrait drawings at their Build Black Event on 02/05/23.

- 2022 - Featured in Creative Habits visual podcast and they are based in Washington DC, MD.

- 2021 and 2022 - Represented by The Honey Pump agency in New York, NY.

- 2019 and 2022 -I worked with and for Jana Haimsohn in New York, NY. Jana Haimsohn is a 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.

- 2021 -Taught documentary filmmaking to young high school students with Girl Be Heard.

- 2020 - 2021 -I taught elementary school students in an after school program with St Nick's Alliance in Brooklyn, NY. That entails performance art, digital illustration, drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Interview with Haitian Digital Photographer and Artist PhenomenaLewis," by Jepchumba on African Digital Art site, April 2022: <https://www.africandigitalart.com/interview-with-haitian-digital-artist-phenomenal-lewis/>

- "Portraiture of PhenomenaLewis: Reclaiming Africanity," by Mariyam Fatima on The Curator Mag site, May 2021: <https://thecuratormag.com/thp-phenomenalewis/>

- Culture Icon zine issue 1, 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>

- Artnet page with The Honey Pump:
<https://www.artnet.com/galleries/the-honey-pump/artist-phenomenalewis/>
- Artsy page with The Honey Pump: <https://www.artsy.net/the-honey-pump/artist/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: <https://bit.ly/2Lg7qy9>
- "Sounds Like NYC Ep. #019 | Lewis Derogene," by David Lozada, May 22, 2018:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sounds-like-nyc/id1360186293>
- "US: Emerging artists showcase their work at Fridge Art Fair in NY" May 2018: <https://bit.ly/2UseVVG>

SKILLS

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