



Alisha B. Wormsley

Alisha B. Wormsley (b.1978)
Inter Disciplinary Artist

Education

MFA candidate Bard College Film/Video
Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
Photography and Digital Media, International Center of Photography, New York, NY

Awards/Grants/Residencies

- 2017** Residency Grant at AIR Pittsburgh Foundation
Artup Artist Selection travel to **South Africa**
- 2016** AW Mellon Fund for **afronauta**: DVD Magazine
City of Pittsburgh Mayor's award for Public Art
- 2015** **Nominated for a USA Artist Fellowship**
Investing in Professional Artists Grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation
Pittsburgh Foundation Advancing Black Art Grant
- 2014** Heinz Award for Homewood Artist Residency Program
Artist in Residence, Studio XX, Montreal Canada
Featured Artist for HTMLLES Feminist Digital Art Festival, Montreal Canada
Pittsburgh Arts Council Artist Opportunity Grant for travel to Montreal
Sprout Seed Award for *afronaut(a): an exploration in film*, Pittsburgh PA
Heinz Endowments Small Arts Initiative Funding for **afronaut(a)**
Selected Artist for **CSA PGH**, <http://www.csapgh.com>, Pittsburgh PA
Flight School Fellowship: Pittsburgh Center for the Arts/Pittsburgh Filmmakers
- 2013** Artists in Residence, 2 month summer residency, Arts League, Houston TX
AW Mellon Fund for **afronauta**: an Exploration of Futurist films
Pittsburgh Foundation Award for film series *Children of NAN*
- 2012-13** Artist in Residence at the **Andy Warhol Museum**, Pittsburgh PA
- 2012** Artist in Residence, Unity Lodge, Accra, Ghana
- 2011** Pittsburgh Foundation Artist Award, **Reverse Migration Project**:
- 2010-11** August Wilson fellow, The August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh PA
- 2010** Lyman Fund for **Found Art and Excess** global project
- 2009** Tribeca Film School projects grant with Romare Bearden Foundation
- 2009** Artist in Residence, Galeria Arte, Santiago de Cuba
- 2009** Southern Exposure Teaching Artist Grant
- 2008-10** 3 year Multi-Media Arts Residency, Project Row House, Houston TX
- 2003** Awarded NYFA project grant to finish writing project in France
- 2002** UC Berkeley Kroeber Travel Grant- photo-documentary in Santiago de Cuba
- 1998** Rotary Student Discovery Scholarship to travel to Germany, Spain, France, England, Prague, Italy and Morocco

Public Art Installations

- 2018**
Selected Market Square Public Artist
- 2017**
Larimer Well Project, Lead Artist Public Art Installation, Pittsburgh PA
Hillman Photography Initiative, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA
August Wilson Park, *We Came From the Stars*, Lead Artist, Hill District, Pittsburgh PA
Activist Print, *We Live*, Solo Print Installation, Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh PA



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Exhibitions/Screenings

2018

Artup exchange South Africa, Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh PA

2017

The People Are The Light, Hillman Photography Initiative, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA

Resident Artist Show, Artist Image Resource, Pittsburgh PA

Activist Print, We Live, Solo Print Installation, Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh PA

2016

afonaut(a) film series DVD Magazine, UNDERGROUND

John Reigert, Group Show, SPACE gallery, Pittsburgh PA

2015

Hands Up, group show, Pittsburgh arts for Social Practice, Pittsburgh PA

HereAfter, with Ryan Lammie, ArtSpace 616, Sewickley PA

Children of NAN screening, Charles H. Wright Museum, Detroit MI

Children of NAN featured film, Inkanyiso collective, Johannesburg South Africa

2014

Performing Whiteness/Performing Blackness, Allegheny College, Meadville PA

PROOF, Solo show, Studio XX, HTMLLES Festival, Montreal Canada

Solo Video works Screening, **Cinema Politica**, Concordia University, Montreal Canada

Afronaut(a) 2.0 film Salon Series, Kelly StrayHorn Theater, Pittsburgh PA

PROOF, Art League, Houston TX

Braddock Art Lending Library, on rotation as part of Transformazium arts collective

@ Carnegie International, CMA, Pittsburgh PA

CSA PGH @ Fieldwork, Pittsburgh PA

Afrofuturist Affair @ Yell Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2013

Afronaut(a) film Salon Series, Kelly StrayHorn Theater, Pittsburgh PA

On Paper, 4925 Penn Ave Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

Fresh Works @ the Alloy, Pittsburgh PA

Divine Intersections, Iona Gallery, College of New Rochelle, NY

Unnamed, Multi Media Performance Exhibition, Arts League, Houston TX

Intersections, Arts League of Houston, TX

Studio Enertia @ the Beauty Box, Project Row House, Houston TX

There Are Black People In the Future, Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh PA

Octavia E. Butler Celebration of the Fantastic Arts, Spelman University, Atlanta GA

Black ExistentialismS: Situating Black Existential Philosophy, Duquesne University, PA

2012

For Autistic Black Boys Who Are Too Curious, La Maison Fleur, Detroit MI

Salon II, Maison Fleur, Detroit MI

Hear Now, Kelly StrayHorn Theater, Pittsburgh PA

Errare, SXSW, Austin TX

Sonando En Color, Rush Arts Gallery, New York, NY

Fashioned in Time, Corridor Gallery, New York, NY

Willow, Trig and Track, etown Gallery, Honolulu HI

2011

Cry of the Third Eye, Director of Photography for film by Lisa Harris, Project Row Houses, Houston TX

Gertrudes Lot, Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, PA, - Pittsburgh Biennial

Transformation of Oshe, August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Stacks, Sewickley Arts Initiative, Pittsburgh, PA



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My Mythos, Fe Gallery, Pittsburgh PA
Rush/Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY - group show

2010

Architecturally, Hendershot Gallery, New York, NY

2009

Lilith, Project Row House, Houston TX

New Century, Brecht Forum, New York NY

Group Show, Romare Bearden Foundation, New York NY

Group Show, Bowery Poetry Club, New York NY

Found art installation, Moraine Park, PA

Espacio Entramada, Galeria Arte Universal, Santiago de Cuba

2008

Group Show, Aperture, New York, NY

Lilith, Project Row House, Houston TX - Installation and Performance of multi media opera

Willow, Trig and Track, Le Petit Toukoleur, Brooklyn NY

Group Show, Lawndale Art center, Houston TX

Group Show, Freeman Carter Gallery, Houston TX

2006

Carballino, Spain – Designed and Installed collage mural exhibited for the Festa de Pulpo

Tribes Gallery, New York, NY - exhibition of works and installation of **a photOpera**

Helen Mills Theatre, New York, NY – group show benefit against domestic violence

Midtown Art center in Houston TX, – installation of **a photOpera**

Well-Hung Gallery, Houston TX – an installation of **a photOpera**

Three-Muse Gallery, Houston TX – exhibition of montage work

Java Studios, Greenpoint Brooklyn, NY - exhibition of montage works in group show

Old Vic Theatre, London, England – exhibition of photographs on a play based on *the Glass*

Menagerie

2005

a photOpera:

Mid Town Arts in Houston

Java Studios in Greenpoint Brooklyn

Giant Robot, San Francisco, CA - Group show for album and skateboard art

III Minna San Francisco, CA– exhibited photography, montage art, and design work in group show

2004

World Stage: Gamelan Sekar Jaya, Kali Yuga: The Age of Chaos

Set Design for Indonesian Puppet Theatre performance directed by Ellen Sebastian Chang,

World tour

2002

Santiago de Cuba, Inter Nos, Taller de Cultura – Photo-document mural conference

Photographs exhibited at the Taller de Cultura and Galeria de Arte Universal

Panels

2017

Activist Print Panel Discussion, Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh PA

2016

Pathways to Social Justice, Winchester Thurston, Pittsburgh PA

2015

International Sculpture Conference, August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh PA

Carol Brown Artist Award Selection Panel, Pittsburgh Foundation

By Any Means, Carnegie Lecture Hall, Pittsburgh PA

SIX x ATE, Silver Eye Photography, Pittsburgh PA



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2014

BlackStar Film Festival @ Kelly Strayhorn Theater, Pittsburgh PA

Teaching Experience

2015-PRESENT

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR ELECTRONIC MEDIA STUDIO, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Exploring concepts of working with time based media

2011-2014

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION THROUGH THE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Conduct trainings and workshops for teachers and organizational leaders on how to implement human rights into Arts Education

TEACHING ARTIST, ARTS EDUCATION SPECIALIST --- 2004-PRESENT

Artist-teaching residencies in various Institutions, Museums and Schools in nationally and internationally. I have extensive experience designing, writing and facilitating arts/project based curriculum in collaboration with exhibitions, school curriculum and various organizations (list below).

Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh PA

Gateway to the Arts, Pittsburgh PA

Studio Museum of Harlem, New York, NY

The Romare Bearden Foundation, New York, NY, Los Angeles, CA, Pittsburgh, PA

International Center of Photography Bard College, New York, NY

Brooklyn Arts Council, Brooklyn NY

Dorothy Day Center/Faith Ringgold Museum, New York, NY

Children's Aid Society, New York, NY

August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh PA

Miller African American Centered Academy, Pittsburgh PA

Rex Foundation, San Francisco, CA

Project Row House, Houston TX

TEACHING ARTIST/PUBLIC ARTIST - NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

Led and participated in numerous mural and public art projects in the US, South America, Caribbean, Europe and North Africa. (Detailed List upon Request)

SET AND GRAPHIC DESIGNER, ENCOMPASS NEW OPERA, BROOKLYN, NY --- 2006-2008

Designed all media for events and publications. Contributed to set design compiling and creating images for projections.

Publications

2017

The People Are the Light

How one Pittsburgh-based artist formed a creative community to bring light to the vacant spaces in Homewood.

Story by Barbara Klein | Photography by Bryan Conley and Renee Rosensteel

2016

The Future is Present and All Around, by Tameka Cage Conely, The OFFING Magazine

2015

Interview, Venison Magazine, by Katherine Saviskas

Resume: A newsmaker you should know / Artist Alisha Wormsley's work plus her students' creations to be displayed, Pittsburgh Post Gazette

2013

Afrofuturism: The World of Black Sci-Fi and Fantasy Culture- Ytasha Womack

2011

Roving Eye: Flying High in Pittsburgh by Eric Shiner, Art in America

Pittsburgh Biennial Catalog



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22 women artists deliver provocative show at The Warhol

By Mary Thomas Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

2011 La Times Magazine

2011 Pittsburgh Post Gazette

2010 Lea Muses, *Lea Muses*

Collections

City of Pittsburgh Office of Public Art

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Artist Image Resource

Bronx Museum

Andy Warhol Museum

A. Moore Collection

Danny Simmons Collection

Kim Collection

Romare Bearden Foundation

Art Lending Library: Braddock Library

Xesus Carbidillo

Galerie Arte Universal: Santiago de Cuba