

Born in 1975, Houston, TX

EDUCATION

2003 MFA, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

2000 BA, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Robert Pruitt*, Salon 94, New York, NY

2020 *Ad Infinitum*, Salon 94, New York, NY
Guest Minister, Oxboy, Seattle, WA

2019 *The Banner Project*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
The Majesty of Kings Long Dead, Koplín del Río,
Seattle, WA

2018 *Robert Pruitt: Devotion*, California African American Art
Museum, Los Angeles, CA

2017 *Robert Pruitt: Benediction*, Ulrich Museum of Art,
Wichita, KS
Robert Pruitt: Planetary Survey: New Drawings, Prographica/
KDR, Seattle, WA

2016 *Robert Pruitt: New Work*, Visual Arts Center, University of
Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Escape Velocity, Robert L. Ringel Gallery, Stewart Center
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

- 2015 *Robert Pruitt: Flight Risk*, Koplín Del Río Gallery, Culver City, CA
The Mosaic Project: Robert Pruitt & Shadra Strickland, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA
Omohle Ntsudu Omnyama, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2013 *Fantastic Sagas*, Koplín Del Río, Culver City CA
Robert Pruitt: Women, Studio Museum Harlem, New York, NY
- 2012 *Robert Pruitt*, Bakersfield Museum of Art, Bakersfield, CA
- 2011 *The Souls of Black Folk*, McKinney Art Center, Dallas, TX
New American Voices, Fabric Workshop Museum, Philadelphia, PA
Them From After the End of the World, Koplín Del Río, Culver City CA
- 2010 *The Forever People*, Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2008 *Two Tears in a Bucket: Considering The Alcubierre Metric*, Mary Goldman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 *Quiet as Kept*, Clementine Gallery, New York, NY
Perspectives 154: Robert Pruitt, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, TX
- 2004 *I call my brother sun because he shines like one*, Clementine Gallery, New York, NY
Cold Kuts and Fresh Beef, Galveston Art Center, Galveston, TX
Round 18 of Artists' Installations, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Perennial*, Koplín Del Río Gallery (Pop-up exhibition), Los Angeles, CA
Men of Steel, Women of Wonder: Modern American Heroes in Contemporary Times, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth, Exhibition coordinated by the Smithsonian Institution, the 10-city national tour opened at the California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA, April/May 2019
Black Refractions | Highlights from the Studio Museum in Harlem, The Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA (January 15 – April 14, 2019); Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC (May 24 – August 18, 2019); Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI (September 13 – December 8, 2019); Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA (January 17 – April 12, 2020); Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA (May 9 – August 2, 2020); Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT (August 28 – December 13, 2020)
- 2018 *People Get Ready | Building A Contemporary Collection*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC
WOMAN, Koplín Del Río, Seattle, WA
We The People, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, Mesa, AZ
Out of Africa, Art Village Gallery, Memphis TN
MLK50: Beyond the Balcony, Art Village Gallery, Memphis TN
- 2017 *LIBERTY.*, Prographica/KDR, Seattle, WA
Anachronism and Liberation, Asteroid Tiger Strike, Philadelphia, PA
Z is for Zigzag: Directions Around Northern Manhattan, Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling, New York, NY
Impressions: African American Artists and Their Connection to African Art, Mesa College Art Gallery, San Diego, CA

How Far Have We Come, Koplín Del Río Gallery on Artsy
(online exhibition)

- 2016 *Indivisible: Spirits in the Material World*, curated by William Cordova, Prizm Art Fair, Miami, FL
Time + Space: Futures, Bemis Center, Omaha, NE
IDENTITY, Koplín Del Río Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2015 *New Editions*, Tamarind Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- 2013 *Wunderkammer: Miniatures and Curiosities*, Koplín Del Río, Culver City CA
The Shadows Took Shape, The Studio Museum Harlem, New York, NY
- 2012 *Self Possessed: Examining Identity in the 21st Century*, Koplín Del Río, Culver City CA
HX8(Houston Times Eight), Station Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, TX
- 2011 *Stargazers, Elizabeth Catlett in conversation with 21 contemporary artists*, Bronx Museum, Bronx, NY
- 2010 *Hangin' Together*, Koplín Del Río Gallery (Guest Curated by Kerry James Marshall)
- 2008 *S & M: Shrines and Masquerades in Cosmopolitan Times*. NYU, Steinhardt Galleries, New York NY
- 2007 *New Works: 07.1*, curated by Debra Singer, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
Sweet Sweetback's Badasssss Song, Von Lintel Gallery, New York NY
- 2006 *Whitney Biennial* Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Black Alphabet, The Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
Frequency, The Studio Museum, New York, NY

The Texas Prize Exhibition, ArtHouse, Austin, TX (catalog)
Texas Artadia Recipients, Diverseworks, Houston, TX
Art on Paper, The Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC
Black Alphabet, the Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
Intersections: Shifting Identity in Contemporary Art, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
Interstellar Low Ways, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
...but I was cool, Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ

- 2005 *Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970*, Contemporary Art Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 2004 *Farm to Market*, ArtPace, San Antonio, TX
Texas Prime, Diverseworks, Houston, TX
SuperSalon, Samson Projects, Boston, MA
- 2003 *Miniatures*, Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX
The Big Show, (first prize), Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
Splat Boom Pow! The Influence of Cartoons in Contemporary Art, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
Come Forward: Emerging Art in Texas, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
- 2002 *Soul Sonic Lustre Silk*, Houston Community College, Houston, TX
The Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
Process, Creative Research Lab, Austin, TX
The Debt, The Old School, Austin, TX
22 to Watch: New Art in Austin, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, TX
Safety Gear, D Ramos Studios, Austin TX

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2020 *Drawing the Ghost*, Koplín del Río, Seattle, WA

- 2013 *Coming Through the Gap in the Mountain on an Elephant*,
University Museum of Texas Southern University,
Houston, TX
- 2012 *Stacks*, Art League Houston, Houston, TX

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Gerwin, Daniel, “The Potent Realism of Robert Pruitt’s Black Portraiture”, Hyperallergic, December 4, 2018
“Robert Pruitt’s ‘Devotion’ at California African American Museum”, Blouin Artinfo, November 2018
“Robert Pruitt”, Wall Street International Magazine, October 26, 2018
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Onyewuenyi, Ikechukwu, “‘Robert Pruitt: Devotion’ Preview”, Artforum, September 2018
Drew, Kimberly, “Tina Knowles Lawson on Her Black Art Collection, Beyoncé, Solange, and Creativity”, Vanity Fair, September 2018
Cotter, Holland, “A Good Year for Younger Artists, Immigrant Citizens and Outrage”, New York Times, September 6, 2018
Howe, Brian, “In Contemporary Showcase People Get Ready, The Nasher’s Progressive Vision Snaps into Blazing Focus”, Indy Weekly, September 6, 2018

- McGrath, Katherine, "Tina Knowles Lawson on Why Beyoncé and Solange Grew Up Surrounded by an Incredible Art Collection", *Architectural Digest*, August 6, 2018
- 2017 Edge, Lisa, "Celestial Figures: Robert Pruitt's portraits disrupt media narratives of black lives", *Real Change*, March 1, 2017
 Breslaw, Cathy, "IMPRESSIONS: AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS AND THEIR CONNECTION TO AFRICAN ART", *Vanguard Culture*, February 8, 2017
 "San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery Presents IMPRESSIONS", *Broadway World, San Diego*, February 2, 2017
- 2016 Agresta, Michael, "Ward Matters: Robert Pruitt's Art Vividly Portrays the Lives and Dreams of the People who have long called Houston's Rapidly Gentrifying Neighborhoods Home", *Texas Monthly*, December 2016
 Mader, Elisa, "IDENTITY: A Visual Artifact", *AEQAI*, March 2016
- 2015 Gerwin, Daniel, "Drawing an Afro-Future with the Past and Present", *HYPERALLERGIC*, Dec. 1, 2015
 Mizota, Sharon, "Critic's Choice: Robert Pruitt: Futuristic portraits gain a real edge", *LA Times*, Nov. 10, 2015
 Will, Rachel, "Robert Pruitt's New Works Juxtapose African Culture and Space Objects", *Artsy*, Nov. 1, 2015
 Word, Tanekeya, "Interview: Robert Pruitt", *Saint Heron*, March 16, 2015
- 2013 Rosenberg, Karen, *Women Inspired to Mix and Match, Drawings by Robert Pruitt at the Studio Museum in Harlem*, *The New York Times*, August 8, 2013
 Cembelast, Robin, *Reinventing the African American Portrait*, *ARTnews*, August 1, 2013
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Pruitt, BLOUINARTINFO
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Glasstire, February 5, 2012
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Overcome (One Way Or Another), San Antonio Current,
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and Associates)
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Museum of Harlem, New York
Iles, Chrissy, and Phillip Verne. Day for a Night, Whitney
Biennial, Whitney Museum of Art
Kerr, Merrily. Otabenga Jones and Associates,
Symmetrical Patterns of Def, Time Out New York, February
2-8, 2006 (as part of Otabenga Jones and Associates)

Goings On About Town: Robert Pruitt, New Yorker,
December 25, 2006

- 2005 Cassel Oliver, Valerie, and Franklin Sirmans. Double
Consciousness, Black Conceptual Art Since 1970,
Contemporary Arts Museum of Houston
- 2004 Schwendener, Martha. Robert Pruitt at Clementine, Time
Out New York, August 5-12
Robert Pruitt at Clementine, The New Yorker, August
9 & 16
Psylos, Steven. Robert Pruitt, New York Press, August 3
- 2003 Weaver, Suzanne. et al. Come Forward: Emerging Art in
Texas, Dallas Museum of Art

AWARDS

- 2014 Idea Fund Grant
- 2013 Joan Mitchell Foundation Artist Grant
William H. Johnson Prize
- 2009 Art Matters Travel Grant
- 2007 Creative Capital Foundation grant (Otabenga Jones)
Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation fellowship grant
- 2004 Artadia Artist Grant
- 1999 The Arch and Anne Giles Kimbrough Fund award, Dallas
Museum of Art
Emerging Artist Grant, Cultural Arts Council of Houston

RESIDENCIES

- 2016 Joan Mitchell Foundation Artist in Residence, New Orleans, LA
- 2015 Tamarind Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
Bemis Center for Contemporary Art A.I.R
Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014 Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
- 2007 ArtPace Residency, San Antonio, TX
- 2002 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette at Purdue University,
Lafayette, IN
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
Studio Museum of Harlem, NY
University Museum, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX
US Embassy, Zimbabwe
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA