

KENNY RIVERO

b. 1981, New York, NY

Lives and works in New York, NY

EDUCATION

2012 MFA, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

2006 BFA, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Posthumously Speaking: Dear Dear Summer Some Are*, Morán Morán, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 *This, That, and The Third Eye*, No.9 Cork Street, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 *Steward: The Ballad of a Super Super*, Charles Moffett, New York, NY
I'm Missing, Morán Morán, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2021 *Bad Picture of Me, Good Picture of Us*, Matthew Brown, Los Angeles, CA
The Floor is Crooked, The Momentary, Bentonville, AZ
Walk Wit Me, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
Palm Oil, Rum, Honey, Yellow Flowers, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Vermont
- 2020 *I Still Hoop*, Charles Moffett, New York, NY
Laylah Ali and Kenny Rivero: Two Truths, Esther Massry Gallery at the College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY
- 2019 *The Disappearing Man*, Primary, Miami, FL
- 2018 *Don't Look for Me*, The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE
i see you with my eyes closed, Charles Moffett, New York, NY
- 2017 *Kenny Rivero*, Memorial Hall Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Hear, My Dear, Blackburn Gallery at the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY
As My Sins Flow Down the Hudson, Spring Break Art Fair, New York, NY
- 2016 *And I Will be the Same*, Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell, NM
- 2015 *Sounds Familiar*, Mariboe Gallery at the Peddie School, Hightstown, NJ
Supermane and the Hidden G, AC Institute, New York, NY
- 2014 *I Can Love You Better*, Shin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *5 and 7 or 12*, The Study at Yale, New Haven, CT
- 2010 *We'll Take Manhattan*, P.S.122 Classroom Gallery, 2010 New York, NY
- 2006 *We Fight but First We Dance*, Go Fish Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 *I Can Be A King*, Home of the Artist, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Stop & Stare*, UTA Artist Space, Atlanta, GA
Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX
- 2023 *SOMOS/WE ARE: Latinx Artists Of Long Island*, Long Island Museum, Stony Brook, NY
ROOM-MATE 2023: Living with Tang Art, Tang Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY
the artist is a beast, Projectspace On the Inside, Amsterdam, Netherlands
PRESENT '23: Building the Scantland Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio

- Surrealism And Us: Caribbean And African Diasporic Artists Since 1940*, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX
- The future perfect will have arrived*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *Tamo Aquí (We Here)*, Embajada, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Acid Garden*, Charles Moffett, New York, NY
- 2021 *Un Estado De Gracia / A State of Grace*, The Rudin Family Gallery at BAM, Brooklyn, NY
- Different strokes*, Almine Rech, London, UK
- 2020 *Secret Storm*, Winter Street Gallery, Edgartown, MA
- Futuro Modular*, Rachel Uffner hosting EMBAJADA, New York, NY
- This Sacred Vessel*, Arsenal Contemporary, New York, NY
- In The Time of*, UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *Nostos*, Matthew Brown Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Painting is Its Own Country*, The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts and Culture, Charlotte, NC
- Downtown Painting*, Peter Freeman, Inc., New York, NY
- 2018 *The Unlikely Whole*, Artyard, Frenchtown, NJ
- Cosmic Traffic Jam*, Zevitas Marcus, Los Angeles, CA
- Block Party*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- You Are Who I Think You Think You Are*, American Medium, New York, NY
- The Lure of the Dark: Contemporary Painters Conjure the Night*, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
- Black Pulp!*, African American Museum Museum at USF, Tampa, FL
- 2017 *Multiple Sides of the Bed*, Minka, Brooklyn, NY
- Staff Show*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
- Uptown Triennial: Nasty Women, Bad Hombres*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
- Spots, Dots, Pips, and Tiles: An Exhibition around the Game of Dominoes*, Perez Art Museum, Miami, FL
- Black Pulp!*, Zikha Gallery at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- Black Pulp!*, Contemporary Art Museum at USF, Tampa, FL
- The Sunday Painter*, Laundromat Art Space, Miami, FL
- Selections*, Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 *Spots, Dots, Pips, and Tiles: An Exhibition around the Game of Dominoes*, Hunter East Harlem Gallery, New York, NY
- OMGWTF*, Primary Projects, Miami, FL
- Self Portraits*, Bravin Lee Programs, New York, NY
- Black Pulp!*, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark Thomas Gibson, IPCNY, New York, NY
- 2015 *Underdonk @ ESXLA*, Eastside International, Los Angeles, CA
- The Landscape Changes 30 Times*, Anahita Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- La Lucha 2*, Andrew Freedman Home, Bronx, NY
- TXT: Art, Language, Media*, Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling, New York, NY
- The Fire Next Time*, Galería Leyendecker, Tenerife, Islas Canarias, España
- Consequential Translations*, Centro Cultural de España en Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, DR

- Long Story Short*, curated by Karin Bravin, Trestle Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Pagina, curated by Peter Hristoff, Antica Libreria Cascianelli, Rome, Italy
Slow Jams, 109 Ingraham Street, Brooklyn, NY
- 2014 *Narratives of Self Exile/ Narativas del Auto Exilio*, Curated by Miguel Luciano, Bronx Art Space, NY
In Sheep's Clothing, curated by Dexter Wimberly, Gallery 220, Brooklyn, NY
Start "Art Within Reach", C.A.M. Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Discernable Regularities, Collar Works, Troy, NY
Soul, Novella Gallery, New York, NY
Paintingwall (Janus at 8:16), Touch Gallery, Cambridge, MA
Do the Yale Thing, curated by Dexter Wimberly, N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI
Things Still Left Unsaid, Stephen Stoyanov Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013 *For Ed: Splendor in the Grass with Olympic Lad & Lass*, Yale University Greene Gallery, New Haven, CT
Some New Work in an Abandoned Apartment, 353 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY
La Bienal: Here is Where We Jump, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
Show #5, The Parlour, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012 *Priene Hali Benefit Auction*, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
The Everything That Stored the Boy, Bump Storage, New York, NY
Eyes Off the Flag, Koki Arts and Motus Fort Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Inaugural Exhibition, ConnCat Center for Arts and Technology, New Haven, CT
Yale MFA Thesis Exhibition, Yale University Greene Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 2011 *Buy What You Love*, Rema Hort Mann Foundation, New York, NY
301, La Casa Cultural at Yale University, New Haven, CT
Bosch Young Talent Show, Stedelijk Museum, Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
College Arts Association Exhibition, Hunter College Times Square Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Octet*, curated by Peter Hristoff and Susan Anker, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 *Roger Carmona and Kenny Rivero*, Gallery Fofu, Rahway, NJ
- 2007 *Fresh Ingredients*, The Zed Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2006 *Constructivismo 2006*, Clemente Soto Velez Cultural Center, New York, NY
12.16.06, I-20 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *I Am Who I Am*, curated by Gunars Prande, Galerie Atelier Herenplaats, Rotterdam, Netherlands

AWARDS, HONORS, RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Steep Rock Arts Residency, Washington, CT
- 2019 The Macedonia Institute, Chatham, NY
- 2018 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant, New York, NY
 Elizabeth Murray Artists Residency, Washington County, NY
- 2017 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
 Artist Residency at Buxton School, Williamstown, MA
- 2016 Mana Contemporary BSMT Residency, Newark, NJ

- The Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL
- 2015 Rema Hort Mann Foundation Emerging Artist Grant, New York, NY
Roswell Artists in Residence Program, Roswell, NM
- 2014 Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Workspace Program, New York, NY
Visiting Scholar at the Steinhardt School of Education, Culture, and Human Resources,
New York University, New York, NY
- 2011 Robert Schoelkopf Memorial Travel Grant, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Doonesbury Award, Yale University, New Haven, CT

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Collection of Thomas J. Watson Library, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
The Scantland Collection, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas
El Museo del Barrio, New York
Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, NC
Pérez Art Museum Miami, Florida.
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

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- Griffin, Amy. "Artists Explore Pattern," *The Times Union*, July 16, 2014.
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Kenny Rivera: I'm Not a Painter, I Just Brush a Lot. Edited by Liz Rae Heise Glass. Texts by Ashley James, Larry Ossei-Mensah, Anacaona Rocio Milagro, Radamiz and Pedro Regalado

[Forthcoming]

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Yale School of Art, MFA Painting & Printmaking, Designed by Jen Lee and Andrew Lister, Essay by Anne Pfeiffer, Lulu Press, 2012

Bosch Young Talent Show, s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, Designed by Studio Kluif, essay written by William Villalongo, 2011

Octet: Selected Works from The School of Visual Arts, Designed and Published by the School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, 2009

TEACHING

- 2019 Adjunct Faculty, Painting Department, The Cooper Union, New York, NY
Lecturer, Painting and Printmaking Department, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
Art Teacher, Educational Center for the Arts, New Haven, CT
- 2018-19 Visiting Artist Fellow, Painting and Printmaking Department, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2017-18 Adjunct Faculty, Fine Art: 3D Department, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
- 2016 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Art and Design, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
Cameron Visiting Artist, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
- 2015-18 Teaching Artist, Education Department, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 2015 Adjunct Faculty, Visual and Critical Studies Department, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2014 Guest Critic, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Visiting Artist, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, NY
Teaching Artist, Friends of the Highline, New York, NY
Gallery-Studio Program Coordinator/Senior Museum Educator, Education Division, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012-14 Teaching Artist, Education Department, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
- 2012 Art Instructor & Printmaking Lab Tech, Exploration Summer Programs, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2011-12 Teaching Assistant, Painting and Printmaking Department, Yale University School of Art, New Haven CT
- 2010-12 Wurttle Gallery Teacher, Education Department, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT