

## Odili Donald Odita

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### Education

1990 MFA, Bennington College, Bennington, VT  
1988 BFA, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

### Selected Solo / Two-Person Exhibitions

(\* indicates a publication)

- 2026 *Shadowland*, David Kordansky Gallery, New York, NY
- 2025 *Songs from Life*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*A Survey of Context*, The Hyde Collection, Glen Falls, NY
- 2024 *A Survey of Context*, Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, Birmingham, AL
- 2023 *Degrees of Separation*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Windows*, Stevenson Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Open Veil*, Crown Point Press, San Francisco, CA  
*Burning Cross*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Three Steps From Center*, The Contemporary Dayton, Dayton, OH
- 2021 *Climate Change*, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Color/Code: Sam Jablon & Odili Donald Odita*, Morgan Presents Gallery, New York, NY  
*Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL
- 2020 *Mirror*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*From Periphery to Center*, Laumeier Sculpture Park & Jeske Sculpture Park, St. Louis, MO  
*Procession*, permanent installation, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA  
*From Periphery to Center*, Laumeier Sculpture Park & Jeske Sculpture Park, St. Louis, MO  
*Mirror*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *Mamba Negra*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, Miami, FL  
*Force Field*, Sarasota Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL

- 2018 *Other World*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Third Sun*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 *Gateway*, Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ
- 2016 *\*The Differend*, curated by Robert C. Morgan and Michele Bonuomo, M77 Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2015 *The Velocity of Change*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Shadow & Light: Time Bridge*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC, through 2021  
*Third Degree of Separation*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Our House*, City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014 *Bridge*, Moss Arts Center, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA
- 2013 *Infinite Horizon*, permanent installation, George C. Young US Courthouse & Federal Building, Orlando, FL  
*This, That, and the Other*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Grey*, Beta Pictoris, Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL
- 2012 *Heaven's Gate*, Savannah College of Art & Design Museum of Art, Savannah, GA  
*Event Horizon*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2011 *Forever*, curated by Miranda Lash, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA  
*Time Curve*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 *Light and Vision*, The US Mission to the United Nations, New York, NY  
*Body & Space*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Perspectives 169: Odili Donald Odita*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Houston, TX
- 2009 *Up & Away*, permanent installation, Butler Commons, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2008 *\*Double Edge*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Third Space*, organized by Stamatina Gregory, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 *Equalizer*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Flow*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
- 2006 *Fusion*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *Paradise*, Wertz Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
- 2004 *Notes from Paradise*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York, NY  
*\*New Work*, Galerie Schuster, Frankfurt, Germany  
*The Third Eye*, Galerie Judin Belot, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2003 *RESISTANCE*, Matrix Art Project, Brussels, Belgium  
*Transformer*, Hospitalhof, Stuttgart, Germany  
*New Work*, Schmidt Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO
- 2002 *New Work*, Galerie Schuster & Scheuermann, Berlin, Germany  
*New Work*, Galerie Schuster, Frankfurt, Germany  
*Interlude*, curated by Bettina Muller-Schelken, WINTERGARTEN, Vienna, Austria  
*New Works*, curated by Cheryl Hartup, Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL

- 2001 *LIFE*, Riva Gallery, New York, NY  
*Paintings & Drawings*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *Passport*, Jenn Joy Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Transfers/Odyssey*, curated by Dorothea Strauss, Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland  
*New Work*, Alex Rosenberg Art Gallery, Hofstra University, Calkins Hall, NY
- 1999 *Color Theory*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York, NY  
*\*The Invisible Empire*, Gallery 101, Ottawa, Canada
- 1992 *The Jaws of Domesticity*, installation, der Kiosk, St. Gallen, Switzerland

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

(\* indicates a publication)

- 2026 *\*Beyond Boundaries: Black Abstraction in the Elliot and Kimberly Perry Art Collection*, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture at Levine Center for the Arts, Charlotte, NC  
*Artistic Generosity and the American Artist Abroad*, Johns Hopkins University Irene and Richard Fray Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
*A Nation of Artists*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
*\*Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, CA  
*Lines of Influence: Artists Teaching Artists*, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY
- 2025 *The Generative Museum*, ICA Pittsburgh, PA (Online)  
*AMORE CHIAMA COLORE*, D'ARC Foundation, Rome, Italy  
*Global Icons, Local Spotlight: Contemporary Art from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
*Summer Exhibition 2025*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, England  
*\*Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
- 2024 *When Works Meet*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa  
*A Planar Garden*, curated by Stephen Westfall, Alexandre Gallery, New York, NY  
*Outside Lines: Selections from AEIVA's Permanent Collection*, Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL  
*Elevate the Object*, SECCI Contemporary, Florence, Italy  
*Spring Exhibition*, Galerie Thomas, Munich, Germany  
*Counterpoint*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, England  
*\*Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY; High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 *Morphologies*, TOTAH, New York, NY  
*Impulse*, Galerie Thomas Modern, Munich, Germany  
*\*20*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Tales for a Stranger*, The Warehouse by Maruani Mercier, Brussels, Belgium  
*Come A Little Closer*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Black Abstractionists: From Then 'til Now*, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX  
*Stressed World*, The School, Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, NY  
*Beyond the Surface*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC

- 2021 \**Today and Tomorrow*, Gana Art Gallery, Seoul, South Korea  
*New Grit: Art & Philly Now*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2020 *Color Field*, Public Art of the University of Houston System, Houston, TX  
*Theft and Destruction*, Galeria Arsenal, Białystok, Poland
- 2019 \**Generations: A History of Black and Abstract Art*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MA  
*Every Day: Selections from the Collection*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MA  
*The Usual Suspects: A View of Abstraction*, DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY  
*Double Edged: Geometric Abstraction Then and Now*, The Bob & Lissa Shelley McDowell Gallery, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC  
*Major Contemporary Works*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Count of Three*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY  
*How We See: Materiality of Color*, Laumeier Sculpture Park, St. Louis, MO  
*Selected Contemporary Paintings and Works on Paper*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 *Parking on Pavement*, The School, Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, NY  
*Makeshift*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
*Take Up Space Take Up Space*, Pizzuti Collection, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH  
*Both, and*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
\**An American City: Eleven Cultural Exercises*, curated by Michelle Grabner, FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH  
*Abstract Minded: Works by Six Contemporary African Artists*, Dorsky Museum of Art, State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY; August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017 *New Horizon*, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
\**Prospect 4: The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp*, New Orleans, LA  
*Anachronism and Liberation*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Philadelphia, PA  
*Vital Curiosity*, Susan Lemberg Usdan Gallery at Bennington College, Bennington, VT  
*nonObjectives.*, Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE  
*A Painting Today*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*NEW NEW YORK: Continuum*, The Curator Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY  
*Third Space / Shifting Conversations About Contemporary Art*, Jemison Galleries at The Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL
- 2016 [*In Context*] *Africans in America*, curated by artist Hank Willis Thomas and Liza Essers, Goodman Gallery and Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*EXCHANGE*, Galerie Hans Mayer, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*VBS (violet burning sunset)*, curated by Todd von Ammon, Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery, Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont  
*Confluence/Influence: Mingei in Contemporary Abstraction*, curated by Leslie Wayne with Bridget Donlon, Dorsky Curatorial Programs, Long Island City, New York  
*The Pineapple Show*, curated by Zina Saro-Wiwa, Boys' Quarters Project Space, London, England  
*The Condition of Place: The Woodmere Annual 75th Juried Exhibition*, Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
*Color + Theory: Past and Present*, The Fine Art Museum at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
- 2015 \**SCHEMA*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Outside the Lines: Color Across the Collections*, Newark Museum, Newark, NJ  
*NEW NEW YORK: Abstract Painting in the 21st Century*, Young Museum of Art, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Mānoa, HI  
*Represent: 200 Years of African American Art*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014 \**CHROMA*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

*Evolving Geometries: Line, Form, and Color*, Moss Arts Center, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA  
*Sound Vision: Contemporary Art from the Collection*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC  
Visual Arts Gallery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

- 2013 *North by Northwest*, Marginal Utility, Philadelphia, PA  
*Pulp 3*, Beta Pictoris Gallery, Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL
- 2012 \**The Bearden Project*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*The Geometric Unconscious: Desire, Discipline and Modern Art, 1910-2010*, Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, NE  
*Never Underestimate a Monochrome*, University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA  
\**Magical Visions*, University Museums, University of Delaware, Newark, DE  
*Trade Routes Over Time*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2011 \**Karmic Abstraction*, Bridgette Mayer Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*The Bearden Project*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Building the Contemporary Collection: Five Years of Acquisitions*, curated by Trevor Schoonmaker, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC  
*20 Years Thami Mnyele Foundation*, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
\**Geography of Somewhere*, curated by David Brodie, Brodie/Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
\**ARS 11*, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 \**The Global Africa Project*, curated by Lowery Sims and Leslie King-Hammond, Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY  
*Off the Grid*, G Fine Art, Washington, D.C.  
\**Wild is the Wind*, curated by Laurie Ann Farrell, Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA
- 2009 \**Contemporary Art of Africa and the African Diaspora*, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
*Poised*, Solomon Projects, Atlanta, GA  
*Strip/Stripe: A Project by Test*, Emily Harvey Foundation, New York, NY  
*Wallworks*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 *Artcrush*, Jenny Jaskey Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Paper Trail II: Passing Through Clouds*, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
*Summer 2008/9*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2007 *Baroque-Ademia*, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY  
*The Color Line*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Exquisite Crisis and Encounters*, Asian/Pacific/American Institute at New York University, New York, NY  
*Post Painterly Abstraction*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Tapping Currents: Contemporary African Art and Diaspora*, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO  
*52nd Venice Biennale: Think with the Senses - Feel with the Mind: Art in the Present Tense*, curated by Robert Storr, Venice, Italy  
*Summer 2007/8*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006 -*poiesis*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Fiction of Authenticity: Contemporary Africa Abroad*, Baffler Gallery, Art Museum of the University of Houston, Houston, TX  
*The Beautiful Game*, Roebling Hall, Brooklyn, NY  
*Big Juicy Paintings and More: Highlights from the Permanent Collection*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL  
*Diaspora and the Desert*, Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
\**Distant Relatives/Relative Distance*, Michael Stevenson Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa

*New Order*, Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Ordering & Seduction*, Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Nederland 1*, Museum Gouda, Gouda, Netherlands  
*Represent: Selections from The Studio Museum in Harlem*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*The Shape of Jazz*, Clifford Chance Projects, New York, NY  
*Synthetic Rhapsody: Florida in Miami*, AR Contemporary Art, Milan, Italy  
*\*Parallel Economies*, Wertz Contemporary, Atlanta, GA  
*The Whole World is Rotten*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH  
*Contemporary Art, History, Culture and Politics: Luanda Triennale 2006*, Luanda, Angola

- 2005 *Round Leather Worlds*, curated by Dorothea Strauss, Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany  
*Fiction of Authenticity: Contemporary Africa Abroad*, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC  
*\*Surface Charge*, Virginia Commonwealth University Museum, Richmond, VA  
*A Warlike People: Victims or Perpetrators*, Monorchid Gallery, Phoenix, AZ  
*Collectors Show and Sale*, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR  
*\*The Shape of Colour: Excursions in Colour Field Art, 1950–2005*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 *Dak'Art 2004: Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art*, Dakar, Senegal  
*Anthology of Art*, School of Fine Arts, Braunschweig, Germany  
*\*Flipside*, Artists Space, New York, NY  
*\*Home Extension*, University Art Museum, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY  
*\*Fiction of Authenticity: Contemporary Africa Abroad*, curated by Shannon Fitzgerald and Tumelo Mosaka. Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Purnell Center for the Arts, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, PA; Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, St. Louis, MO  
*Transit: Abstracting the System*, Chastain Arts Center, Atlanta, GA  
*UnStaged*, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Visualizing Diaspora/Construct Self*, Gallery Artists Studio Projects (GASP), Boston, MA  
*\*Black President: The Art and Legacy of Fela Anikulapo Kuti*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA; Barbican Art Gallery, London, England; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
- 2003 *\*Black President: The Art and Legacy of Fela Anikulapo Kuti*, New Museum, New York, NY  
*After Matisse & Picasso*, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, New York, NY  
*Specificity*, Riva Gallery, New York, NY  
*Yellow Pages*, Turm Gallery, Helmstedt, Germany
- 2002 *Collection in Context*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
*The Field's Edge: Africa, Diaspora, Lens*, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
*Irrational Propositions*, POST, Los Angeles, CA  
*Miami Currents*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL  
*Painting As Paradox*, Artists Space, New York, NY  
*Peculiarly Pink*, LUXE, New York, NY  
*Pictures*, Greene Naftali, New York, NY
- 2001 *Against the Wall: Painting Against the Grid, Surface, Frame*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA  
*Chelsea Rising*, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA  
*Five Continents & One City*, 3rd International Salon of Painting, Museum of Mexico City, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Here & Now*, Zacheta National Gallery, Warsaw, Poland; Arsenal Gallery, Białystok, Poland  
Kjubh Kunstverein, Cologne, Germany  
*Material and Matter*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*Pleasures of Sight and States of Being: Radical Abstract Painting*, Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2000 *Out of America*, Galerie Schuster & Scheuermann, Berlin, Germany

*Transcending The Norm and Some*, Lemmerman Gallery, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ

- 1999 *IN-VISIBLE: Abstractions & Narratives*, Arsenal Gallery, Bialystok, Poland  
*4X4*, Alexandre de Folin Gallery, New York, NY  
*Civil Sex*, in collaboration with Brian Freeman, Public Theater, Shiva Gallery, New York  
*Ideoscape*, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA  
*Kunstmarkt*, Residenzschloss Dresden, Dresden, Germany  
*Outside Edge: A Survey*, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France  
*Paradise 8 (Permanent Resident / Home and The World)*, Exit Art, New York, NY  
*Vanishing Pt.*, Cynthia Broan Gallery, New York  
*You Are Here*, Matrix Art Project, New York, NY  
*Zeitwenden: Ausblick Ruckblick*, Museum of Modern Art, Bonn, Germany, and Museum of Modern Art, Vienna, Austria
- 1998 *Crossing Lines*, Art In General, New York, NY
- 1997 *Aphrodisia*, The Alternative Museum, New York, NY  
*Diversity in Contemporary Africa: Survey Exhibition of Contemporary African Art*, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
*Interior Life*, Rush Arts, New York, NY  
*Really*, UnFinished Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2nd Johannesburg Biennale 1997, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1996 *At the Foreground of Paths*, Skoto Gallery, New York, NY  
*One*, Rush Fine Arts, New York, NY  
*Something I Saw in Brooklyn...*, Galerie Elizabeth Valleix, Paris, France
- 1995 *Stitches*, Four Walls, Brooklyn, NY  
*Celebrity'Hood*, Longwood Arts Project, Bronx Council on the Arts, New York, NY  
*Either/Or*, Flamingo East, New York, NY  
*Gotcha!*, Momenta Art, Brooklyn, NY  
*Modern Life*, Aljira, a Center for Contemporary Art, in conjunction with Newark Museum, Newark, NJ  
*Other Rooms*, Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York, NY  
*Pseudo Museum*, Jupiter Interactive Productions, New York, NY  
*Split-Level*, Art In General, New York, NY  
*Unfolding Stories*, John Jay College, Department of Art, Music & Philosophy, City University of New York, New York, NY
- 1994 *Fired: A Late Night Comedy Show*, No Bias, North Bennington, VT; Thicket, New York, NY  
*Go Back and Fetch It (It Means Sankofa)*, Gallery ANNEXT and Rush Fine Arts, New York, NY  
The Third Forum of Visual Art, Museum of Art Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil
- 1993 *A Grand Tour*, Swiss Institute, New York, NY  
*Trespass-Beyond Borders*, Right Bank Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*\*Art Under 30: The FIAR International Prize*, curated by Marc Selwyn, Rome, Italy; Milan, Italy; Paris, France; London, England; National Academy of Design, New York, NY; Wight Art Gallery, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 *Without A Notion (A Painting Show)*, 88 Room, Boston, MA

## Awards and Residencies

- 2026 The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 2024 The Albers Foundation Residency, Bethany, CT
- 2022 Pew Fellowship in the Arts, The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 Member, National Academy Museum & School, New York, NY
- 2014 The Janet Sloane Residency, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2007 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Grant
- 2004 The Thami Mnyele Foundation Grant for African Artists
- 2001 The Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant for Painting and Sculpture
- 2000 Nominee, Best Show of the Year, International Association of Art Critics, New York Chapter  
ArtsLink Collaborative Projects Award for *Here & Now* at Zacheta National Gallery, Warsaw, and Arsenal Gallery, Białystok, Poland
- 1999 Reithalle Artist Residency, St. Gallen, Switzerland
- 1998 Art Omi International Artist Residency, Ghent, NY
- 1994 Penny McCall Foundation Grant

### **Commissions and Public Projects**

- 2026 *Freedom is...*, organized by ArtPhilly for What Now: 2026, Broad Street Love, South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA
- 2025 *Superstars*, Project Backboard Basketball Court, Hissey Playground, Philadelphia, PA  
*Free Forms*, 210 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA
- 2024 *Field of Play*, AT&T Stadium, Arlington, TX  
*Inter-Play*, Astor Park, Columbus, OH
- 2022 *Meeting Place / Painting with Changing Parts*, The Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX  
*Surrounding*, The University of Iowa Stanley Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA
- 2021 *Walls of Change*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
*Field and Sky*, Penn Medicine Pavilion, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 *Negative Space*, University of Houston, TX  
*Free Form*, Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, New York, NY  
*Open Access*, Comcast Technology Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 *The Wisdom of Trees*, Cummins Distribution Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN  
*Field of Dreams*, Great Meadows Foundation, Crestwood, KY
- 2015 *Rise*, Ezra Stiles College, Yale University, New Haven, CT

*Time Bridge*, commissioned by the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Downtown Durham YMCA, Durham, NC

2014 *Possible Worlds*, commissioned by Public Art for Public Schools, PS 340, New York, NY

2012 *Kaleidoscope*, commissioned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority, 20th Avenue D Train Station, New York, NY  
*Time and Time*, New-York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

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Collins, Ann C., "Odili Donald Odita: Shadowland," *BrooklynRail.org*, February 27, 2026  
Laster, Paul, "8 Must-See Solo Gallery Shows in February," *GalerieMagazine.com*, February 2, 2026
- 2025 \*Choi, Connie H., ed., *Meaning Matter Memory: Selections from the Studio Museum in Harlem Collection*, New York: Phaidon, 2025, p. 234  
\*Kim, Lisa and Darren Walker, *Art in Place: The Ford Foundation Collection*, New York: Ford Foundation, 2025, pp. 181-183  
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Nzewi, Ugochukwu-Smooth C., Odili Donald Odita, Jenna Pirello, Alan Prazniak, and Elizabeth Wickham, "Odili Donald Odita Is Orchestrating Space," *MoMA.org/Magazine*, May 29, 2025  
Choudhury, Bedatri D., "A Philadelphia Artist Has Replaced Andy Warhol on MoMA's Walls," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 13, 2025  
Clark, Roger, "MoMA Lobby Bursts with Color in New Installation," *NY1.com*, April 7, 2025  
Freeman, Nate, "Trump and the Fate of the Government's Massive Art Collection," *VanityFair.com*, March 28, 2025  
Thomas, Taliesin, "10 Shows to See in Upstate New York This February," *Hyperallergic.com*, January 30, 2025  
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- 2024 \*Gant, Kimberli and Anne Pasternak, *Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, New York: Phaidon and Brooklyn: Brooklyn Museum, 2024, pp. 219-221, 242  
Wooten, Kristi York, "'Giants' at the High: Here's What Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz Want Museumgoers to See and Hear," *GPB.org*, October 4, 2024  
Paschal, Belinda M., "Painter Odili Donald Odita Adds Vibrant Art to Columbus Crew Way," *The Columbus Dispatch*, September 1, 2024  
Rushmore, RJ, "Art For Change: A Grand and Gorgeous Abstraction," *ThePhiladelphiaCitizen.org*, April 4, 2024  
Yerebakan, Osman Can, "Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz's Art Collection Goes on View at the Brooklyn Museum," *GalerieMagazine.com*, February 16, 2024  
Chapoteau, Nicole, "The Opening of the Brooklyn Museum's New Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz Exhibit Was a Who's Who of Black Art," *VanityFair.com*, February 8, 2024
- 2023 \*Sternthal, Ian, ed., *Odili Donald Odita*, Montreal: Sternthal Books, 2023  
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Meischke, Jamila, "Zwart Betejent Overal Wat Anders [Black Means Something Different Everywhere]," *NRC*, April 1 & 2, 2023, pp. 24-25  
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- 2022 "Step Inside the Studio of Painter Odili Donald Odita, Who Couches Political Issues in Colorful Abstractions," *News.Artnet.com*, December 20, 2022

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- 2021 \**Today and Tomorrow*, edited by Jungyeon Park, Seoul: Gana Art, 2021  
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- 2020 \*Weber, Nicholas Fox, *Anni and Josef Albers: Equal and Unequal*, New York: Phaidon Press Limited, 2020  
\*Fleetwood, Nicole R., *Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2020  
\*Green, Sarah Urist, *You Are an Artist: Assignments to Spark Creation*, New York: Penguin Books, 2020  
\*Karmel, Pepe, *Abstract Art: A Global History*, London: Thames & Hudson, 2020  
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- 2019 \**Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem*, with texts by Connie H. Choi, Thelma Golden, and Kellie Jones, New York: American Federation of Arts & Rizzoli Electa, 2019, pp. 152-153  
\**Driving Forces: Contemporary Art from the Collection of Ann and Ron Pizzuti*, with texts by Tyler Cann, Rebecca Ibel, Nannette Maciejunes, and Dara Pizzuti, Columbus: Columbus Museum of Art, 2019, p. 105  
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- 2018 \**Front International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art. An American City: Eleven Cultural Exercises*, edited by Michelle Grabner, Cleveland: FRONT/Cleveland Museum of Art, 2018  
\**Third Space: Shifting Conversations about Contemporary Art*, edited by Wassan Al-Khudhairi, Birmingham: Birmingham Museum of Art, 2018  
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- 2017 Desmarais, Charles, "SF Art Collector Pamela Joyner Reframing Art History," *SFGate.com*, March 7, 2017  
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