

## **KANDIS WILLIAMS**

b. 1985

Lives and works between Berlin and New York

## **Education**

2009 B.F.A., Cooper Union, New York

# **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

2026	Serpentine Gallery, London (forthcoming)
2025	Rockbund Art Museum, Shanghai (forthcoming)
	A Surface, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
2024	Kandis Williams: Notes on Dance, Galerie Hubert Winter, Vienna
2023	A / They, Heidi, Berlin
2021	A Line, 52 Walker, New York
	Eurydice, Night Gallery, Los Angeles
2020	A Field, VCU Institute for Contemporary Art, Richmond
2018	The Rivers of Styxx, Cooper Cole, Toronto
	Eurydice, solo installation at EXPO Video, curated by Anna Gritz for EXPO Chicago
	Eurydice, 219 Madison St, New York
2017	Kandis Williams, Works On Paper, Vienna
2016	Soft Colony, Night Gallery, Los Angeles
	Disfiguring Traditions, SADE, Los Angeles
	Inner States, St. Charles Projects, Baltimore
2012	Red Square, OTTOZOO Project, Milan
2009	The Vesica Dialectic, Ficken 3000, Berlin

# **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2025	Performance on Paper, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
	Strong, Bright, Useful & True: Recent Acquisitions and Contemporary Art from Baltimore,
	Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center, Washington D.C.
	Diaphane, curated by Patrick R. Crowley, Soldes Gallery, Los Angeles
	IN THE DARKNESS BIND THEM, Huset for Kunst & Design, Holstebro
	It's Just a Matter of Time, curated by Liberty Adrien & Carina Bukuts, Palais Populaire, Berlin
	The Inmost Flame, curated by Lola Montes, The Frame, New York
	Edges of Ailey, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
2024	Pansori - a soundscape of the 21st century, 15th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju
	Crime as Ornament curated by María Inés Plaza Lazo Crone Vienna



2023 Copy Machine Manifestos: Artists Who Make Zines, Brooklyn Museum, New York Motherboy, Gió Marconi Gallery, Milan

A Story of a Merchant, Kurimanzutto, Mexico City

Fixations per Minute. Joan Miro Foundation, Barcelona

No Angels, Wilhelm Hallen, Berlin

Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage, Frist Art Museum, Nashville Ecstatic: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

Humane Ecology: Eight Positions, the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown

TERRITORIAL: THE LAND AND US, Stove Works, Chattanooga

2022 *Mountain / Time*, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen

7 Gardens, organized by anonymous gallery and Lola Kramer, 6BC Botanical Garden, New York

Whitney Biennial 2022, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

Looking Back / The 12th White Columns Annual, selected by Mary Manning, White Columns, New York

2021 Critical Fabulabulations, The Museum of Modern Art, New York

FETICHE, Curated by Ebony L. Haynes, Morán Morán, Mexico City

Illiberal Arts, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin

STUDIO BERLIN, Berghain, Berlin

I Like LA and LA Likes Me: Joseph Beuys at 100, Track 16, Los Angeles

Make-Shift-Future, curated by Elliott Hundley, Regen Projects, Los Angeles

Shattered Glass, curated by Melahn Frierson and AJ Girard, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles A Fire in My Belly, Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin

2020 Made in L.A. 2020: a version, the Hammer Museum

The Huntington Library, Los Angeles

Majeure Force, Night Gallery, Los Angeles

2019 These Creatures, curated by Cindy Rehm, Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art, Rancho Cucamonga

*Unsubscribe*, curated by Vanna Juanita and Naiomy Guerrero, Supplement Projects, Miami *Bliss*, LAR, Mexico City

2018 Group Therapy, curated by Amanda Donnan, Frye Art Museum, Seattle

GWTW, Martos Gallery, New York

Ebo ClubTM, Shoot the Lobster LA, Los Angeles

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2017 To A Body, curated by Elisa R. Linn and Lennart Wolff, Shoot the Lobster, New York Suspensio, curated by Veronica Posth & Katalin Benigna Balázs, Kunstquartier Bethanien, Berlin, Germany; Labor Gallery, Budapest

Sad men on bad afternoons, curated by Daniel Fuller, Madison Avenue Park, Memphis True Lies, curated with Simon Cole, Night Gallery, Los Angeles

Lyric on a Battlefield, Gladstone Gallery, New York

Gates of Hell, Arturo Bandini, Los Angeles

Run off, exhaust, and other pressures, Big Medium, Austin

2016 Disfiguring Traditions, SADE, Los Angeles

Season Finale, werk LA, Los Angeles

*Memoirs of a Watermelon Woman*, curated by Erin Christovale, One National Gay & Lesbian Archives at the USC Libraries, Los Angeles



2015 A Constellation, curated by Amanda Hunt, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York Vestal Virgins, curated by Sylvie Lake, Historic Lummis Home, Los Angeles Charisma (performance with Wojciech Kosmas and Sarah Harrison), Important Projects, New York Pane Per Poveri, Venice Biennale 2015, Atelier Douglas Gordon, Venice Stains in the Cowshed, Neu West, Berlin The Truth About Everything, Erratum Galerie, Berlin

KIK Four: Kino International Kunst #4, curated by Amir Fattal, Berlin

2014 *The Oracle, with Ruby Neri, Khalil Joseph, & Henry Taylor*, The Underground Museum, Los Angeles

Person, Place, Thing, 68 Projects, Berlin

2013 XOXO, Night Gallery, Los Angeles NOTEMPLE, The Breeder Systems, Athens

Indulgence, curated by Ben Spaulding, The Gym, Berlin Draft Urbanism: Biennial of the Americas, Denver

The Unknown, San Diego Space For Art, San Diego

2012 One Day At A Time, Peres Projects, Berlin Data Trash, I-20 Gallery, New York

2011 *Iko Iko*, Torstrasse 95, Berlin *Why don't you do right*, Kunstraum Cafe Warschau, Berlin

2010 New Catalogue / Kandis Williams, New Capital Projects, Chicago Tape Modern No. 13, Tape Modern, Berlin Grid of Life and selected Flat Files, Golden Parachutes, Berlin

## **Public Collections**

MAC3: Hammer Museum; LACMA; and MOCA, Los Angeles Museum of Modern Art, New York Hammer Museum, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin New Berlin Art Society, Berlin

#### **Honors and Awards**

The Mohn Award, honoring artistic excellence
Grants to Artists Award, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York



#### Residencies

2024	Callie's, Berlin
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2021	Cassandra Classrooms: Artist in Residence, Women's Center for Creative Work, Los
	Angeles
	ICA AIR Residency: Cassandra Press Reading Room curated by Jamillah James
2016	ACEAIR Hotel Residency: During a night's stay at Ace Hotel DTLA, Kandis Williams
	created a Black + White Reader titled "Culture of Fuccboi," Los Angeles

#### **Lectures and Performances**

2021 D'Ateliers Artist Talk, Amsterdam

*Critical Fabulations*: Floor 2 Preview and Conversation, conversation between the artist and Tourmaline with Stuart Comer, the Lonti Ebers Chief Curator of Media and Performance, and Roxana Marcoci, Senior Curator, Department of Photography, The Museum of Modern Art, New York

New Publications, Project\_Art\_Distribution, New York

Kandis Williams in Conversation with Mohamed Wa Baile and Emmathegreat and Hamza Walker, Luma Westbau, Zurich

2020 Panel discussion, organized by CAAM and Art + Practice, CAAM, Los Angeles
Guest artist, TELETHON ForYourArt hosted by Tierney Finster, Frieze Los Angeles, Los Angeles
Library Services, organized by Acid-Free, Frieze Los Angeles, Los Angeles
Everywhere In L.A. Takes 20 Minutes, a map project organized by ForYourArt, Frieze Los
Angeles, Los Angeles

Radical Pedagogies Dialogue with Johanna Breiding, EJ Hill, Dylan Mira, Litia Perta, and Kandis Williams, ICA, Los Angeles

Points of Access: Publishing with ARTS:BLACK, Cassandra Press and Smingsming Books, Hosted by Art and Practice and The California African American Museum, CAAM, Los Angeles *Eurydice*, screening followed by a conversation between the artist and musician Alex Zhang Hungtai, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

2019 Kandis Williams | Guest Series, OCAD University, Toronto Bodies Borders Fields Symposium, Toronto Media Arts Centre, Toronto Film Screenings and Conversation: Carole Douillard and Kandis Williams with Amelia Jones, LACE, Los Angeles

*Eurydice*, performed by Josh Johnson and Patrick Belaga, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles *Eurydice, Orpheus, and the Maenads*, with Bracha L. Ettinger, Josh Johnson, and Patrick Belaga, Fragile, Berlin

Kandis Williams: Fusing Ethics and Aesthetics, a question of what we owe to future generations: piracy, collage, redistribution and messy dissemination - the work of CASSANDRA PRESS, Pirate Care Conference at Coventry University, Coventry

A Conversation on Black Internet Theory, Sisters with Brothers, Navel, Los Angeles Fusing Ethics and Aesthetics, the Work of CASSANDRA Press, Pogo Bar, Berlin The New Internet Commons: Reader on Black Twitter – Effects of Web 2.0 on Blackness, organized by Cassandra Press, Navel LA, Los Angeles



2018 *Eurydice*, part of "Tryptique" organized by Alex Zhang Hungtai as part of Red Bull Music Festival Montreál, Gesú Cathedral, Montreál

Reproduction is not a Metaphor - Kandis Williams, Vancouver Art Book Fair, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver

A Woman's Work: An Evening of Lectures and Performances organized by Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah. MoMA. New York

*Eurydice*, performed by Josh Johnson, Patrick Belaga, and Christine Stromberg, Navel LA, Los Angeles

Artist Talk, MFA Lecture Series, University of California at Irvine, Irvine

2017 Semiosis Cataracts, curated by Alex Baczynski Jenkins, performed by Lina Venegas, members of Gelatin, Stefan Dreher, and Florian Botka, Kevin Space, Vienna

Whereof One Cannot Speak, Therefore One Must Remain Silent, performed by Josh Johnson, curated by Suzy Halaijan, LACE, Los Angeles

As Much Truth as One Can Bear, Human Resources, Los Angeles

Fountains, performed by Ligia Lewis, curated by Allison Littrell, as part of Between Nothing and Infinity, Navel LA, Los Angeles

White Squares, Black Boxes, artist lecture organized by Clara Lopes, CalArts, Valencia

2016 Wit(h)nessing in Motion Workshop, with Josh Johnson, Human Resources, Aug 9, Los Angeles AFFECT:NETWORK:TERRITORY (A performance of syllogisms in motion), Human Resources, Aug 10-11, Los Angeles

The Architecture of Ranting, workshop taught with Ligia Lewis, Meisterschule, Gillmeier Rech Gallery, Berlin

2015 Charisma (performance with Wojciech Kosmas & Sarah Harrison), Important Projects, New York The Wailing Rose, Pomona College, Los Angeles, CA; Rutgers University, New Brunswick; School of Visual Arts, New York

*Public Rehearsal* (performance with Wojciech Kosmas), Museum of Modern Art Warsaw, and Schinkel Pavilion, Berlin

Collective Visions of Migrating Traums: A Talk with Kandis Williams, Pomona College Women's Union, Sept 27, Pomona

Speaker, Symposium on Ettingerian Studies, Dublin

2014 Artist talk, 68projects, Dec 20, Berlin

Surrealism Symposium, Boston College, Boston

# **Teaching Experience**

2021	Haus der Kulturen	Der Welt Illiberal	Arts Workshop -	Workshop	Instructor
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2020- Cassandra Classrooms - Instructor (ongoing)

2019 California Institute of the Arts - Visiting Faculty (through 2021)

### **CASSANDRA PRESS: Selected Exhibitions**

2025	Books of Resistance.	curated by Chri	istophe Boutin	Serralves I	Museum	Porto
2020	books of flosistarice,	curated by Cili	Sidding Douilli.	Ochavcoi	viuocuiii.	I OILU

2024 A Summary: Cassandra Press Impact Report, Heidi, Berlin



2022 On Self-Defense – A Cassandra Press Reader In Action, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen Whitney Biennial 2022, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

2021 Cassandra Press: An Unfolding, Sanford Biggers and the Amistad Research Center, California African American Museum, Los Angeles The Absolute Right to Exclude: Reflections on and Implications of Cheryl Harris' "Whiteness as Property," a Cassandra Press exhibition, LAXART, Los Angeles CASSANDRA PRESS: NEW PUBLICATIONS, Luma Westbau, Zurich

2020 The Work of Cassandra Press, Printed Matter, New York

### **CASSANDRA PRESS: Public Collections**

Serralves Museum, Porto Museum of Modern Art Library, New York Whitney Museum Library, New York New Museum, New York KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin Sunhaus 52 Walker Street, New York Harvard University of Fine Arts Library, Cambridge

## CASSANDRA PRESS: Bibliography

2021 Reader on Cultural Property, Images, and Ownership Volume 1, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Cultural Property, Images, and Ownership Volume 2, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Cultural Property, Images, and Ownership Volume 3, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Plants Movement Metaphor and Migration, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on White Feminism = White Supremacy, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Black Journalism, CASSANDRA PRESS

Endnotes Thoughts on the Writings of Pope L., CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on White Feminism = White Supremacy, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Whiteness, Dissonance, and Horror, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Noh Theater Conventions and Intersections with Blackness, CASSANDRA PRESS

A Chair Notes Toward a Design, CASSANDRA PRESS

Notes Darkness: Night: Blackness, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Veritas, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on The Chitlin Circuit, CASSANDRA PRESS 2020

Reader on Cannibalism, Blackface & Minstrelsy, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Essentialism, Essence, and Disorder, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Porn and Power in California, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Performativity, CASSANDRA PRESS

2019 Reader on Double Consciousness Then and Now, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Reader on Medea: Suicide, Free Will, and Self-Determination RE: Black Twitter,

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Reader on Libidinal Economy, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on The White Savior, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Reparations, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Black and the Silver Screen, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on 2D Design, CASSANDRA PRESS

2018 Reader on Water and Power in California, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on 'Labor' After Reconstruction, CASSANDRA PRESS

RE: FAUCETS: A Reader on the School to Prison Pipeline, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Devices of the Fetishist, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Fetishism (Value, Flesh, Real, Referent), CASSANDRA PRESS

2017 Reader on Capital > race > sex > LOGIC, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on GET OUT Interraciality and PTSD, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on Ethics: Imperceptibility, Invisibility, Detectability, Deniability, CASSANDRA PRESS

2016 RE: THE FURIES, CASSANDRA PRESS CASSANDRA

Reader on The Faces of the Colonizer, CASSANDRA PRESS

Reader on The Culture of the Fuccboi, CASSANDRA PRESS

No. 2. Wailing Rose: Visions of Migrating Trauma, by Kandis Williams, CASSANDRA PRESS (Taylor Doran & Kandis Williams)

CASSANDRA No. 1. Who is Cassandra?, by Taylor Doran, CASSANDRA PRESS (Taylor Doran & Kandis Williams)

## **Selected Press**

- 2025 "Messy Things: A Think Bank in Shanghai," *e-flux*, July
  - Sheila Regan, "Kandis Williams explores topics of race through a multitude of mediums at Walker exhibit," *MinnPost*, May
  - Stephanie Rudig, "Strong, Bright, Useful & True Demonstrates the Variety of Baltimore's Art Scene," *Washington City Paper*, May
- 2024 "The Must-See Black Art Exhibitions To Catch This Spring," Essence Magazine, March Max L. Feldman, "Kandis Williams Links Choreography with Control," Frieze, May Kandis Williams, "Artist Kandis Williams Presents New Work Exploring Primitivism," AnOther Magazine, April
  - Emily LaBarge, "Josephine Baker, Still Moving," The New York Times, January
- 2023 "Kandis Williams: history and struggle," *Deutsche Bank Art & Culture*, December Colony Little, "Medusa, myth, and transformation: Kandis Williams's artistic odyssey," *Art Basel*, November
  - William Corwin, "Humane Ecology: Eight Positions," *The Brooklyn Rail*, October Annabel Keenan, "Ecology from the Perspective of the Marginalized," *Hyperallergic*, September
- 2022 CURA Manifesto, ISSUE 40
  - David Levine, "In 'Death of A,' Kandis Williams invents recognition of the internal," *Document Journal*. December
  - Vivian Chui, "The 2022 Whitney Biennial Expands the Scope of 'American' Art," *Ocula Magazine*, April
  - Marcus Civin, "Critics' Picks: Kandis Williams," Artforum, January



2021 Alexandre Stipanovich, "Meet Kandis Williams and Her Dancing Bodies," *Interview Magazine*, December

Chris Kraus, Hedi El Kholti, Lisa Pearson, Kandis Williams, "Leaders in the Arts Publishing Edition," *Gagosian Quarterly* 

Pei-Ru Keh, "Ebony L Haynes shakes up tradition at David Zwirner's new Manhattan outpost," *Wallpaper*, November

Johanna Fateman, "Kandis Williams," The New Yorker, November

Kandis Williams, "The Archive Algorithm," Kaleidoscope, November (cover)

Siddhartha Mitter, Siobhan Burke, "Kandis Williams Envisions Dancing Bodies Without Borders," *The New York Times*, October

"Renée Green and Kandis Williams Share an Artistic Frequency," *Cultured Magazine*, October

Legacy Russell, "Physical Apprehension Of Black Skin," Mousse Magazine, October

Brooke Marine, "Tearing Down the Walls," W Magazine, September

Kandis Williams, "Notes on Dance," Flaunt Magazine, September

Allison Conner, "Kandis Williams's Flourishing Black Feminist Vision," *Hyperallergic*, July Deborah Vankin, "Hammer Museum's \$100,000 Mohn Award goes to Kandis Williams," *The Los Angeles Times*, July

Nicholas Nauman, "Whiteness as Property: Cassandra Press at LAXART," *Ocula*, July Ian Bourland, "Kandis Williams Unearths the History of US Extractive Labour," *Frieze*, June Francesca Gavin, "Against all odds," *GQ Style*, May

Olamiju Fajemisin, "Collective Learning with Cassandra Press," Frieze, April

Nicolas Trembley, "L'Artiste Du Mois Kandis Williams," Numéro Magazine, April

Janelle Zara, "Meet Artist Kandis Williams, Whose Poetic Work Has a Sharp, Cerebral, and Radically Political Edge," *ArtNet News*, March

Editors, "Book Table: Pacific & Cassandra Press," Ursula, February

Jan Tumlir, "Review: Made in L.A. 2020," Artforum, Jan/Feb

2020 Chloe Wayne, Mahfuz Sultan, "Interview: Artist Kandis Williams is Giving History a Hard Read," *Pin-Up 29*, Fall/Winter

Ted Gerike, "Works Form Ontology vs The Ontic: A Video Essay From Rhea Dillon And Cassandra Press," *Nowinstant.com*, October

Brooke Marine, "Cassandra Press Redefines the Way Black Critical Theory Is Taught," *W Magazine*, September

Kandis Williams, Keith Rivers, "Sketchbooks and Some Thoughts on Cassandra:

Prophetess and Press," LALA Magazine, Summer

Amanda Schmitt, "Notes from Quarantine: The Allegorical Activist," *Texte zur Kunst*, June Perwana Nazif, *Gallery Platform LA*, June

Editors, "ESSAYS Mousse 71: POWWOW," Mousse Magazine, Spring

Hannah Black, "Openings: Kandis Williams," Artforum, March

Editors, "Hammer Museum Reveals Artist List for 2020 Made in L.A. Biennial," *Artforum*, January

2019 Shana Nys Dambrot, "Performance Art Pick: Kandis Williams at Blum & Poe," *LA Weekly*, August

Melissa Smith, "What It's like to Be One of the Few Black Students at an Elite Art School," ArtNet, June



- Sarah Moroz, "Frieze New York is Back: The Artists You Don't Want to Miss," *i-D*, May Melissa Smith, "Young Black Artists Are More in Demand Than Ever—But the Art World Is Burning Them Out," *ArtNet*, April
- Candice Lin, Shana Lutker, "Conversation with Kandis Williams," X-TRA, Vol. 21, No. 3, Sprir
- 2018 Kevin, McGarry "Hedi Slimane Photographs a New Class of Los Angeles Artists," *Garage*, February
  - Cayal Unger, "Theory and Experience in the work of Kandis Williams: Cutting Edge Dissociation," *Artillery*, January
  - Allison Littrell, "Kandis Williams," *Third Magazine*, January
  - William J. Simons, "30 Under 35: 30 Young Artist to Watch in 2018," Cultured, September
- 2017 Christina Catherine Martinez, "Kandis Williams," *Elephant*, Fall Emily McDermott, "10 Female Artists to Watch," *Elle Magazine*, May Andy Campbell, "Kandis Williams," *Artforum*, February
- Jonathan Velardi, "Soft Colony: A Studio Visit with Kandis Williams," *Curate L.A.*, November Maxwell Williams, "Bearing Wit(h)ness: The Art of Kandis Williams," *KCET*, November
- Claire de Dobay Rifelj, "Kandis Williams at SADE LA," *Carla Snap Reviews*, July Amanda Hunt, "A Constellation," Published by The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York "The truth about everything," Published by Erratum Galerie, Berlin (Exhibition catalogue). Alison Hugill, "Stains in the Cowshed: Menstruation Made Public," *Berlin Art Link*, May
- 2014 David Daegen, and Kandis Williams, "My Favorite Pyramid, Two Folio Edition," Broken Dimanche Press Catherine Wagley, "The Underground Museum's New Exhibit Combines Contemporary Work with Centuries-Old African Art," LA Weekly, August
- 2013 "MOUNTAIN #3 KANDIS WILLIAMS ISSUE," Published by Hope/Mountain Editions, Autumn Nina Kurtela, "Leftovers of Endurance," Motto Distribution, Berlin Chris Kontos, "NOTEMPLE, a Group Exhibition at The Breeder Gallery, Athens," *Purple.fr*, November

Renko Heuer, "Kandis Williams," Lodown Magazine, #88, Oct/Nov

- Chloe Schildhause, "The Collage Artist Wades Through Printed Matter," Flaunt Magazine, October
- Tilghman Parker, "Dismembered Appendages: Kandis Williams," ArtSlant, August
- Helder Suffenplan, "Playing with Fire: Interview with Artist Kandis Williams," Scentury, Septer
- 2012 Elizabeth Feder, "Studio Visit: Kandis Williams," Berlin Art Link, August

#### **Selected Publications**

2024 Kandis Williams: A Surface, with contributions by Taylor Jasper, Cheryl I. Harris, Denise Ryner, Mireille Miller Young, and Mlondolozi Zondi, Exhibition catalogue, Walker Art Center, 2024