

GLENN LIGON

Born in Bronx, New York NY, 1960. Lives and works in New York NY

Education

Whitney Museum Independent Study Program, New York NY 1985

BA, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT 1982

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI 1980

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2019

In A Year with a Black Moon, Rat Hole Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Des Parisiens Noirs, Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France

Untitled (America)/Debris Field/Synecdoche/Noted for a Poem on the Third World, Regen Projects, Los Angeles CA

2018

Debris Field/Notes for a Poem on the Third World/Soleil Negre, Galerie Chantal Crousel, Paris, France

Tutto poteva, nella poesia, avere una soluzione/In poetry, a solution to everything, Thomas Dane Gallery, Naples, Italy

2017

Glenn Ligon, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore MD

2016

Glenn Ligon, A Small Band, Rebuild Foundation, Stony Island Arts Bank, Chicago IL

Glenn Ligon: Untitled (Bruise/Blues), Stevenson, Johannesburg, South Africa

We Need to Wake Up Cause That's What Time It Is, Luhring Augustine Bushwick, Brooklyn NY

What We Said the Last Time, Luhring Augustine, New York NY

2015

Glenn Ligon: Well, it's bye – bye if you call that gone, Regen Projects, Los Angeles CA

2014

Glenn Ligon: Call and Response, Camden Arts Centre, London, England

Glenn Ligon: Come Out, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, England

2013

Glenn Ligon, Rat Hole Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2012

Glenn Ligon: Neon, Luhring Augustine, New York NY

2011

Glenn Ligon: AMERICA, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY; travelled to: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles CA;

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth TX

2010

Neither Here nor There, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2009

Glenn Ligon: Off Book, Regen Projects and Regen Projects II, Los Angeles CA

'Nobody' and Other Songs, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, England

2008

Figure / Paysage / Marine, Yvon Lambert Gallery, Paris, France

Love and Theft, Power House Memphis, Memphis TN

2007

Glenn Ligon: No Room (Gold), Regen Projects, Los Angeles CA

2006

Brilliant Corners, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, England

We Had Everything Before Us - We Had Nothing Before Us, Yvon Lambert, Paris, France

2005

Glenn Ligon: Some Changes, The Power Plant, Toronto, Canada; travelled to: the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston TX; Andy Warhol

Museum, Pittsburgh PA; Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus OH; Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada; Mudam

Luxembourg - Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg

Drawings, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen CO

2004

Text Paintings: 1990 – 2004, Regen Projects, Los Angeles CA

2003

Going There, D'Amelio Terras, New York NY

Annotations, Dia Center for the Arts, New York NY, online project

2002

Glenn Ligon, Anthony Meier Fine Arts, San Francisco CA

2001

Colored, D'Amelio Terras, New York NY

Portraits and Not-Portraits, Kunstverein München, Munich, Germany

Stranger, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York NY

2000

Coloring: New Work by Glenn Ligon, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN

Currents 81, St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis MO

1998

Nothing Under the Sun, Max Protetch Gallery, New York NY

Glenn Ligon: Unbecoming, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

Glenn Ligon, ArtPace, San Antonio TX

1997

Glenn Ligon: Day of Absence, Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery, Center for Arts, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT

1996

The Evidence of Things Not Seen: Drawings by Glenn Ligon, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn NY

Glenn Ligon: New Work, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco CA

1995

Photos and Notes, Max Protetch Gallery, New York NY

Glenn Ligon, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines IA

1993

Glenn Ligon: to Disembark, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC; travelled to: Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown MA; Davidson College Art Gallery, Davidson NC; Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence KS; Detroit Institute of the Arts, Detroit MI

White, Max Protetch Gallery, New York NY

1992

Paintings, Max Protech Gallery, New York NY

Glenn Ligon/Matrix 120, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford CT

Good Mirrors Are Not Cheap, Whitney Museum of American Art at Phillip Morris, New York NY; travelled to: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston MA

1991

Glenn Ligon, White Columns, New York NY

Project Room: Glenn Ligon, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York NY

Selected Curatorial Projects

2019

Glenn Ligon: Selections from the Marciano Collection, Los Angeles CA

2017

Blue Black, Pulitzer Arts Foundation, St. Louis MO

2016

Entanglements, Luhring Augustine, New York NY

2015

Glenn Ligon: Encounters and Collisions, curated with Alex Farquharson and Francesco Manacorda, Nottingham Contemporary; travelled to Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, England

2012

Contact: Gordon Parks, Ralph Ellison and "Invisible Man", Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York NY

2006

Have Another Piece: 'Just a little piece...smaller...smaller...', Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh PA

2000

Art in Our Time: 1950 to the Present (Givens Collection), Walker Art Center (Andersen Window Gallery), Minneapolis MN

Selected Group Exhibitions

2020

Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago IL

Psychic Wounds: On Art & Trauma, The Warehouse, Dallas TX

We fight to build a Free World: An Exhibition by Jonathan Horowitz, The Jewish Museum, New York NY

We Will Walk: Art and Resistance in the American South, Turner Contemporary, Kent, England

2019

Brand X: 40 years, Pace Prints, New York NY

Young, Gifted and Black, Osilas Gallery, New York NY

Direct Message: Art, Language, and Power, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago IL

L'empreinte, Olivier Malingue Gallery, London, England

Great Force, VCU Institute for Contemporary Art, Richmond VA

Not but Nothing Other: African-American Portrayals, 1930s to Today, Binghamton University Art Museum, Binghamton NY

The Seventh Continent: 16th Istanbul Biennial, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Istanbul Museum of Painting and Sculpture, Pera Museum, and Büyükada Island, Istanbul, Turkey

Black Refractions: Highlights from the Studio Museum in Harlem, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA; travelling to: Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC; Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI; Smith College Museum of Art Northampton, MA; Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA; Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT

In the Historical Present, Anna Maria and Stephen Kellen Gallery, New York NY

Beauty and Bite, Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs NY

Front Room: The Mary and Paul Roberts Collection, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore MD

The Warmth of Other Suns: Stories of Global Displacement, The Phillips Collection, Washington DC

Get Up, Stand Up Now, Somerset House, London, England

Step by Step: Visions of an Art Dealer's Collection, Nouveau Musée National de Monaco, Monaco

Prisoner of Love, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago IL

Some Bodies, Gober, Ligon, Prince, Binghamton University Art Museum, Binghamton NY

Prints and Editions, Luhring Augustine, New York NY

Implicit Tensions, The Guggenheim Museum, New York NY

God Made My Face: A Collective Portrait of James Baldwin, David Zwirner Gallery, New York NY

2018

Walls Turned Sideways, Contemporary Art Museum Houston, Houston TX

Second Look, Twice, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco CA

Michael Jackson: On the Wall, National Portrait Gallery, London, England; travelling to: Grand Palais, Paris, France; Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, Germany; Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Finland

Second Sight: the Paradox of Vision in Contemporary Art, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick ME

Histórias afro-atlânticas, Museu de Arte de São Paulo, Brazil

2017

Bodies of Work, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC.

Picture Industry, curated by Walead Beshty, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College, New York NY; traveled to LUMA Foundation Arles, France

American Dream: Pop to the Present, The British Museum, London, England

2016

The Revolution Will Not Be Gray, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen CO

Blackness in Abstraction, Pace Gallery, New York NY

Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY

This is a Portrait If I Say So: Re-imagining Representation in American Art, 1912—Today, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME

2015

Painting 2.0: Expression in the Information Age, Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany

Greater New York, MoMA PS1, Long Island City NY

All the World's Futures, 56th Venice Biennale, Venezia Giardini – Arsenale Orario, Venice, Italy

America is Hard to See, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY

2014

Speaking of People: Ebony, Jet and Contemporary Art, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York NY

8th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

Take it or Leave it: Institute, Image, Ideology, The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles CA

Une Histoire (Art archie design/des années 80 à nos jours)/A history (art architecture design, from the 80s to now), Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

2013

Cinematic Visions: Painting at the Edge of Reality, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
Each One As She May – Ligon, Reich & De Keersmaecker, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA
NYC 1993: Experimental Jet Setm Trash and No Star, New Museum, New York NY

2012

The Painting Factory: Abstraction After Andy Warhol, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles CA
Invisible: Art about the Unseen, 1957-2012, Hayward Gallery, London, England
Blues for Smoke, MOCA, Los Angeles CA

2011

Distant Star/Estrella Distante, Kurimanzutto, Mexico City and Regen Projects, Los Angeles CA
12th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey

2010

Twenty Five, Luhring Augustine, New York NY
Self-Consciousness, VeneKlasen Werner Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Afro-Modern: Journeys through the Black Atlantic, Tate Liverpool, England; travelled to Centro Galego de Arte Contemporanea (CGAC), Santiago do Compostela, Spain

2009

30 Seconds off an Inch, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York NY
FAX, The Drawing Center, New York NY; travelled to: Contemporary Museum, Baltimore, MD; Torrance Art Museum, Torrance CA; Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, Canada; Dowd Gallery, Cortland, New York NY; Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico City, Mexico; Para/Site Art Space, Hong Kong

2008

Archive Fever: Uses of the Document in Contemporary Art, International Center of Photography, New York, NY
On the Road/Position Papers/Insertions: The 7th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
30 Americans, Rubell Family Collection, Miami FL
Black is, Black Ain't, The Renaissance Society at The University of Chicago IL

2007

Lines, Grids, Stains, Words: Minimal Art Drawings from the Collection of The Museum of Modern Art, Museum of Modern Art, New York NY
Learn to Read, curated by Vincent Honoré and Maeve Polkinhorn, Tate Modern, London, England

2006

Interstellar Low Ways, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago IL
Defamation of Character, organized by Neville Wakefield, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York NY
Voodoo Macbeth, curated by David A. Bailey, De La Warr Pavilion, East Sussex, England
Yes Bruce Nauman, Zwirner & Wirth, New York NY

2005

Looking at Words: The Formal Presence of Text in Modern Contemporary Works on Paper, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York NY
Drawing from the Modern, 1975 - 2005, Museum of Modern Art, New York NY
Getting Emotional, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston MA
Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970, organized by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston TX

2004

Experiments with Truth, curated by Mark Nash, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia PA
Singular Forms (Sometimes Repeated), curated by Nancy Spector, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York NY

2003

Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self, International Center of Photography, New York NY, curated by Coco Fusco and Brian Wallis; travelled to: Seattle Art Museum, Seattle WA

2002

Documenta 11, Platform 5, curated by Okwui Enwezor, Kassel, Germany
Tempo, MoMA QNS, curated by Paolo Herkenhoff Long Island City NY

2001

Subject: Plural, Crowds in Contemporary Art, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston TX
The Squared Circle: Boxing in Contemporary Art, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN

2000

AutoWerke, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany
The Marriage of Reason and Squalor, Museum of Modern Art, New York NY
Dream Machines, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Scotland; travelled: Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, England; Camden Arts Centre, London, England
3rd Gwangju Biennale: Man + Space, Gwangju, South Korea

1999

The American Century: Art and Culture 1900-2000, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Other Narratives, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston TX; travelled to: Artspace, San Antonio TX
Life Cycles, Galerie fur Zeitgenossische Kunst, Leipzig, Germany
Kara Walker/Glenn Ligon, Brent Sikkema Gallery, New York NY

1998

Núcleo Historico, XXIV Bienal de São Paulo, curated by Paulo Herkenhoff, Sao Paulo, Brazil,

1997

Heart, Mind, Body, Soul: American Art in the 1990's, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY
La Biennale di Venezia, XLVII Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Venice, Italy

1996

The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the Visible, Manchester City Art Galleries, Manchester, England; travelled to: the Museum and Art Gallery, Brighton, England; Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea, England; Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, England
Inclusion/Exclusion: Art in the Age of Post-Colonialism and Global Migration, Steirischer Herbst 96, Graz, Austria
10th Biennale of Sydney: Jurassic Technologies Revenant, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Prospect 1996, Frankfurt Kunstverein, Germany

1995

25 Americans: Painting in the 90's, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee WI
XI Mostra da Gravura Cidade de Curitiba/Mostra America, Curitiba, Brazil
Mirage: Enigmas of Race, Difference and Desire, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, England

1994

Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY; travelled to: the UCLA Hammer Museum, Los Angeles CA
Dark o'Clock, Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; travelled to: Plug In, Video Pool, Ace Art, Winnipeg, Canada

1993

1993 Biennial Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY; travelled to: National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1992

Malcolm X: Man, Ideal, Icon, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; travelled to: Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston MA; The Valentine, The Museum of Life and History of Richmond VA; Anacostia Museum, Washington D.C.; Nexus Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta GA; Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco CA
Mistaken Identities, University Art Museum, University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA; travelled to: Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany; Forum Stadtpark, Graz, Austria; Neues Museum Weserburg Bremen Forum Langenstrasse, Bremen, Germany; Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark
Doubletake: Collective Memory and Current Art, Hayward Gallery, The South Bank Centre, London; travelled to: Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica CA; North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh NC
Knowledge: Aspects of Conceptual Art, University Art Museum, University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA; travelled: Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica CA; North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh NC

1991

1991 Biennial Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Interrogating Identity, Grey Art Gallery and Study Center, New York; travelled to: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston MA; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN; Madison Art Center WI; Center for the Fine Arts, Miami FL; Allen Memorial

1989

Selections 46, The Drawing Center, New York NY

Selected Awards, Residencies and Fellowships

2019

American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy

2018

Honorary Degree, The New School, New York NY

2017

Archives of American Art Medal

2012

International Association of Art Critics Award

2010

United States Artists Fellowship, Los Angeles CA

2009

Studio Museum's *Joyce Alexander Wein Artist Prize*, Harlem NY

2006

Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, *Skowhegan Medal for Painting*, New York
Academy Awards in Art, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York

2003

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, *Guggenheim Fellowship*, New York

2001

German Academic Exchange Service, *DAAD Fellowship*, Berlin, Germany

2000

Walker Art Center *Artist-in-Residence*, Minneapolis MN

1998

ArtPace *International Artists-in-Residence Program*, San Antonio TX

1997

Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, *Painters and Sculptors Grant*

1994

Rockefeller Foundation, *Residential Fellowship*

1991

National Endowment for the Arts, *Visual Artist Fellowship, Painting*

1989

National Endowment for the Arts, *Visual Artist Fellowship, Drawing*

Public Collections

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo NY

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore MD

Birmingham Museum of Art AL

The Bohen Foundation, New York NY

Eli Broad Family Foundation, Santa Monica CA

Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester NH

Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines IA

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit MI

Fisher Landau Center, Long Island City NY

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles CA

Harvard Art Museum, Cambridge MA

High Museum of Art, Atlanta GA

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles CA

MacNider Art Museum, Mason City IA

MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge MA

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago IL

Museum of Modern Art, New York NY

Museum of Modern Art, Fort Worth TX

National Gallery of Art, Washington DC

New School, New York NY

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach CA

Peter Norton Family Foundation, Santa Monica CA

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia PA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco CA

Seattle Art Museum, Seattle WA

Solomon R Guggenheim Museum, New York NY

The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York NY

St Louis Art Museum, St Louis MO

Tate Modern, London, England

Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford CT

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York NY

Zeitz MOCAA, South Africa