

MARTHA JACKSON JARVIS

Born in Lynchburg, Virginia 1952
 Temple University, BFA, 1972
 Antioch University, MFA, 1984
 Lives and works in Washington, D.C.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 "Elsewhere," Susan Inglett Gallery, NYC
 2024 "What The Trees Have Seen II," Susan Inglett Gallery, NYC
 2023 "What the Trees Have Seen," Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD.
 2018 "Sounds From The Sea," Honfleur Gallery, Washington, D.C.
 2012 "Martha Jackson Jarvis: Ancestor's Bones," University of Delaware Museum, Newark, DE; traveled to Lafayette College Art Gallery, Easton, PA
 2000 "Garden Wall: Rue, Rook, Robin Eggs," Addison-Ripley Fine Art, Washington, D.C.
 1996 "Structuring Energy," Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
 "Boxes for OCHUM," Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.
 1991 "Time Gathers," BR Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D.C.
 1990 "Clay Installation," SUNY College at Brockport Tower, Brockport, NY.
 1989 "Sculpture/Works on Paper," BR Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, D.C.
 1988 "The Gathering," University of Delaware Museum Gallery, Newark, DE.
 1983 "Sculpture Installation," Franz Bader Gallery, Washington, D.C.
 1981 "Cambrian Explosion," Howard University Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
 1980 "East of the Sun," Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C.
 1977 "Bird Spirit," African American Historical Museum, Philadelphia, PA.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 "She Speaks: Black Women Artists and the Power of Historical Memory," Banneker-Douglass-Tubman Museum, Annapolis, MD
 "Re-Union: Syd Carpenter, Martha Jackson Jarvis, Judy Moonelis, Sana Musasama, and Winnie Owens Hart," Frances M. Maguire Art Museum, Merion, PA

- 2025 "Drop, Cloth" curated by Glenn Adamson, Susan Inglett Gallery, NYC and Hollis Taggart, NYC.
 2023 "Rising Sun: Artists in an Uncertain America," African American Museum in Philadelphia/Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA.
 2011 "Material Girls: Contemporary Black Women Artists," Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore, MD; traveled to Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, GA.
 "Corridor," Museum of the Americas, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.
 "Resonant Forms," Gateway Art Center/Prince George's African American Museum, Brentwood, MD.
 2010 "In Unison: 20 Washington, D.C. Artists," The Kreeger Museum, Washington, D.C.
 "Mind, Body, Spirit: Regional Women Artists," University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD.
 "Catalyst: 35 Years of Washington Project for the Arts," American University Museum, Washington, D.C.
 2008 "Shade," Bactria Art Center, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
 "Our Common Bond: Mother/Daughter/Sister/Self," Galerie Myrtis, Baltimore, MD.
 2007 "Architecture/Sculpture," American University Museum, Washington, D.C.
 "Sculpture," Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, Pittsburgh, PA.
 2000 "Hindsight/Fore-Site: Interpreting Mr. Jefferson," Bailey Museum, Richmond/Orange, VA.
 "Where Nature and Culture Meet," South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson, SC.
 2001 "Material Matters," Mattawoman Creek Art Center, Smallwood State Park, Marbury, MD.
 1999 "Stop Asking/We Exist: 25 African American Craft Artists," Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA.
 1997 "Human/Nature: Art and Landscape in Charleston and the Low Country," Spoleto Festival USA, Charleston, SC.
 1996 "My Magic Pours Secret Libations," FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL.
 "Contained and Uncontained," African American Museum, Dallas, TX.

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- 1995 "Actively Physical," Main Line Art Center, Haverford, PA.
 "Three Dimensions: Women Sculptors of the 90's," Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, NY.
- 1994 "Across Borders/Sin Fronteras," Art Museum of the America, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.
 "Sources," University of Maryland Art Gallery, College Park, MD.
- 1993 "Artists Respond/New World Question," Studio Museum of Harlem, NYC, NY.
 "Connected Passages," Philadelphia African American Historical Museum, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1992 "Picturing Paradise: The Rain Forest at Risk," Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta, GA.
 "Acts of Grace," Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA.
- 1991 "Recent Acquisitions and Loaned Works," National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.
 "Washington/Moscow Exchange," Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow.
- 1990 "The Decade Show," Museum of Contemporary Hispanic Art, NYC, NY.
 "Next Generation: Southern Black Aesthetic," Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC.
 "Legacies," New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, NJ.
- 1989 "The Blues Aesthetic," Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C.
 "Introspective Contemporary Art by Americans and Brazilians," California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1988 "Art as a Verb," Maryland Art Institute, Myerhoff Gallery, Baltimore, MD.
- 1987 "Contemporary Visual Expressions," Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Museum, Washington, D.C.
- 1986 "The Other Gods," The Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY.
 "Generations in Transition," Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL.
- 1985 "Evocative Abstractions," Nexus Foundation for Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA.
 "Collaborations," Dade County Public Library, Miami, FL.
- 1984 "National Contemporary Art East/West," California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA.
 "Washington Sculpture," Georgetown Court Artist Space, Washington, D.C.
- 1983 "Installations," Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD.
- 1980 "Sculpture 80," National Sculpture Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 1979 "Sculpture," Brooks Memorial Museum, Memphis, TN.

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AWARDS/ GRANTS

- 2023 James A. Porter Colloquium Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2000 Creative Capital Grant
- 1994 Study Grant, Pilchuck Glass School
- 1992 Lila Wallace - Reader's Digest Travel Grant
- Virginia Groot Fellowship Grant
- 1988 Penny McCall Foundation Grant Award
- 1986 National Sculpture Grant, National Endowment for the Arts
- Individual Artist Grant in Sculpture, D.C. Commission on the Arts
- 1982 Emerging Artist Award, Washington D.C. Mayor's Art Award
- 1979 Individual Artist Grant in Sculpture, D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities
- 1977 Crafts Artist Grant

RESIDENCIES

- 2007 Artist In Residence, Lafayette College, Blackburn/Tague Experimental Printmaking Institute

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Arco Chemical Company, Newton Square, PA

Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Dumbarton Oaks Research Institute, Washington D.C.
Experimental Printmaking Institute, Lafayette College, Easton, PA.
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Philadelphia African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA.
The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
U.S. Embassy, Freetown, Sierra Leone.
Vicki and Roger Sant Collection, Washington, D.C.
Yale Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

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North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
New York Percent for Art, Bronx, NY
Prince George's Co. Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, MD
RST Development, Silver Spring, MD
South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson, SC
Spoleto Festival, Charleston, SC
Transit Center, Silver Spring, MD
UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
U.S. Embassy, Freetown, Sierra Leone
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA
Washington Metro Transit Authority, Washington, D.C.
Westphalia, Upper Marlboro, MD