



Whitney Biennial 2017



Biennial curators Christopher Lew and Mia Locks. | Photo by Scott Rudd, Courtesy Whitney Museum.

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The formation of self and the individual's place in a turbulent society are among the key themes reflected in the work of the artists selected for the 2017 Whitney Biennial. The exhibition includes sixty-three participants, ranging from emerging to well-established individuals and collectives working in painting, sculpture, drawing, installation, film and video, photography, activism, performance, music, and video game design.

The Whitney Biennial is the longest running survey of contemporary art in the United States, with a history of exhibiting the most promising and influential artists and provoking lively debate. The 2017 Biennial is the Museum's seventy-eighth in a continuous series of Annual and Biennial exhibitions initiated by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney in 1932. It is the first to be held in the Whitney's downtown home at 99 Gansevoort Street, and the largest ever in terms of gallery space. The 2017 Whitney Biennial is co-curated by Christopher Y. Lew and Mia Locks.

The film program is organized by Christopher Y. Lew, Mia Locks, and Aily Nash.



Left, HENRY TAYLOR, “He’s Hear, and He’s Thair,” 2008 (acrylic and collage on canvas), sold for \$60,000 this week at a Phillips New York auction. Among the most prominent artists participating in the biennial, Los Angeles-based Taylor’s work was on view at Blum & Poe earlier this month. At right, The work of multidisciplinary artist Lyle Ashton Harris intersects the personal and the political. A 2014 recipient of the David Driskell Prize from the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, he lives and works in New York. Shown, LYLE ASHTON HARRIS, “Lyle, London,” 1992, 2015 (Chromogenic print). | Collection of the artist; courtesy the artist.

2017 Biennial Artists

Zarouhie Abdalian

Born 1982 in New Orleans, LA
Lives in New Orleans, LA

Basma Alsharif

Born 1983 in Kuwait City, Kuwait
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Jo Baer

Born 1929 in Seattle, WA
Lives in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Eric Baudelaire

Born 1973 in Salt Lake City, UT
Lives in Paris, France

Robert Beavers

Born 1949 in Brookline, MA
Lives in Berlin, Germany and
Falmouth, MA

Larry Bell

Born 1939 in Chicago, IL
Lives in Taos, NM and Los
Angeles, CA

Matt Browning

Born 1984 in Redmond, WA
Lives in Seattle, WA

Susan Cianciolo

Born 1969 in Providence, RI
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Mary Helena Clark

Born 1983 in Santee, SC
Lives in Hamilton, NY

John Divola

Born 1949 in Santa Monica, CA
Lives in Riverside, CA

Celeste Dupuy-Spencer

Born 1979 in New York, NY
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Rafa Esparza

Born 1981 in Los Angeles, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Kevin Jerome Everson

Born 1965 in Mansfield, OH
Lives in Charlottesville, VA

GCC

(Nanu Al-Hamad, Abdullah Al-Mutairi, Aziz Alqatami, Barrak Alzaid, Khalid al Gharaballi, Amal Khalaf, Fatima Al Qadiri, Monira Al Qadiri)
Founded 2013

Oto Gillen

Born 1984 in New York, NY
Lives in New York, NY

Samara Golden

Born 1973 in Ann Arbor, MI
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Casey Gollan and Victoria Sobel

Born 1991 in Los Angeles, CA;
born 1990 in Washington, DC
Lives in New York, NY; lives in New York, NY

Irena Haiduk

Biographical information not given

Lyle Ashton Harris

Born 1965 in Bronx, NY
Lives in New York, NY

Tommy Hartung

Born 1979 in Akron, OH
Lives in Queens, NY

Porpentine Charity Heartscape

Born 1987, location not given
Lives in Oakland, CA

Sky Hopinka

Born 1984 in Bellingham, WA
Lives in Milwaukee, WI

Shara Hughes

Born 1981 in Atlanta, GA
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Aaron Flint Jamison

Born 1979 in Billings, MT
Lives in Portland, OR/ Seattle, WA

KAYA

(Kerstin Brätsch and Debo Eilers)
Founded 2010

Jon Kessler

Born 1957 in Yonkers, NY
Lives in New York, NY

James N. Kienitz Wilkins

Born in 1983 in Boston, MA
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Ajay Kurian

Born 1984 in Baltimore, MD
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Deana Lawson

Born 1979 in Rochester, NY
Lives Brooklyn, NY

An-My Lê

Born 1960 in Saigon, Vietnam
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Leigh Ledare

Born 1976 in Seattle, WA
Lives in New York, NY

Dani Leventhal

Born 1972 in Columbus, OH
Lives in Columbus, OH

Tala Madani

Born 1981 in Tehran, Iran
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Park McArthur

Born 1984 in Raleigh, NC
Lives in New York, NY

Harold Mendez

Born 1977 in Chicago, IL
Lives in Chicago, IL and Los Angeles, CA

Carrie Moyer

Born 1960 in Detroit, MI
Lives in New York, NY

Ulrike Müller

Born 1971 in Brixlegg, Austria
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Julien Nguyen

Born 1990 in Washington, DC
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Tuan Andrew Nguyen

Born 1976 in Saigon, Vietnam
Lives in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Raúl de Nieves

Born 1983 in Morelia, Mexico
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Aliza Nisenbaum

Born 1977 in Mexico City, Mexico
Lives in New York, NY

Occupy Museums

(Arthur Polendo, Imani Jacqueline Brown, Kenneth Pietrobono, Noah Fischer, and Tal Beery)
Founded 2011

Pope.L aka William Pope.L

Born 1955 in Newark, NJ
Lives in Chicago, IL

Postcommodity

(Raven Chacon, Cristóbal Martínez, Kade L. Twist)
Founded 2007

Puppies Puppies

Born 1989 in Dallas, TX
Lives in Roswell, NM

Asad Raza

Born 1974 in Buffalo, NY
Lives in New York, NY

Jessi Reaves

Born 1986 in Portland, OR
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

John Riepenhoff

Born 1982 in Milwaukee, WI
Lives in Milwaukee, WI

Chemi Rosado-Seijo

Born 1973 in Vega Alta, PR
Lives in San Juan and Naranjito, PR

Cameron Rowland

Born 1988 in Philadelphia, PA
Lives in Queens, NY

Beatriz Santiago Muñoz

Born 1972 in San Juan, PR
Lives in San Juan, PR

Dana Schutz

Born 1976 in Livonia, MI
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Cauleen Smith

Born 1967 in Riverside, CA
Lives in Chicago, IL

Frances Stark

Born 1967 in Newport Beach, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Maya Stovall

Born 1982 in Detroit, MI
Lives in Detroit, MI

Henry Taylor

Born 1958 in Oxnard, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Torey Thornton

Born 1990 in Macon, GA
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Leslie Thornton and James

Richards

Born 1951 in Knoxville, TN; born
1983 in Cardiff, United Kingdom
Lives in Brooklyn, NY; lives in
Berlin, Germany and London,
United Kingdom

Kaari Upson

Born 1972 in San Bernardino, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Kamasi Washington

Born 1981 in Los Angeles, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Leilah Weinraub

Born 1979 in Los Angeles, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA and New
York, NY

Jordan Wolfson

Born 1980 in New York, NY
Lives in New York, NY

Anicka Yi

Born 1971 in Seoul, South Korea
Lives in Queens, NY

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