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## **MELVIN EDWARDS**

Born 1937, Houston, TX

Lives and works in Baltimore, MD; New York, NY; Plainfield, NJ; Accord, NY; and Dakar, Senegal

#### **EDUCATION**

BFA, 1965, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

#### **SELECTED ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

2025	Melvin Edwards: Some Bright Morning, Kunsthalle Bern, Switzerland; Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
2024	Melvin Edwards, Glenstone Foundation, Potomac, MD
	Melvin Edwards: Some Bright Morning, Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany
2023	B WIRE, BEWARE, ALL WAYS ART Steel, Paper & Paint, Galerie Buchholz, Berlin, Germany
	Lines for the Poet, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
2022	Melvin Edwards: Wire(d) and Chain(ed), Christian-Green Gallery, Art Galleries at Black Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
	B-Wire, Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY
	Melvin Edwards, Dia Beacon, NY
	Melvin Edwards: Brighter Days, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA
2021	C. Ludens Ringnes Sculpture Exhibition, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA
	Melvin Edwards: Brighter Days, Public Art Fund, City Hall Park, New York
2020	Melvin Edwards, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London
	Melvin Edwards, Museu Nacional da República, Brasilia, Brazil; Museu Afro Brasil, São Paulo, Brazil
	Melvin Edwards: Crossroads, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans
2019	Painted Sculpture, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
	Melvin Edwards: Crossroads, Baltimore Museum of Art, MD
	<i>Melvin Edwards</i> , Museu da Republica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Museu de Arte Moderna (MAM), Salvador, Brazil
	<i>Melvin Edwards</i> , Auroras, São Paulo, Brazil
2018	Melvin Edwards, Museu de Arte São Paulo (MASP), Brazil

2017	Melvin Edwards: Festivals, Funerals, and New Life, David Winton Bell Gallery, Brown University, Providence, RI
	Melvin Edwards, Galerie Buchholz, Berlin
	Melvin Edwards: In Oklahoma, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2016	Melvin Edwards, Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center, Oklahoma City, OK
	Melvin Edwards: Five Decades, curated by Catherine Craft, Columbus Museum of Art, OH
2015	<i>Melvin Edwards: Five Decades</i> , curated by Catherine Craft, Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, TX; Zimmerli Museum of Art, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2014	Melvin Edwards, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London
	Melvin Edwards, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
	Melvin Edwards, Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris
2012	Melvin Edwards, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2010	Melvin Edwards: Sculptures 1964-2010, Alexander Gray Associates, New York
2008	Melvin Edwards, Museu Afrobrasil, São Paulo, Brazil
2005	Melvin Edwards, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA
	Melvin Edwards, CDS Gallery, New York
2002	Melvin Edwards, Dieu Donne, New York
2001	Melvin Edwards, Hunterdon Museum of Art, Clinton, NJ
2000	Melvin Edwards, Corroborations, Works of the 1990s, CDS Gallery, New York
	The Prints of A Sculptor, Jersey City Museum, Jersey City, NJ
	Conversation with Igun, Bayly Art Museum, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
	Melvin Edwards: Lynch Fragments and Larger Works, Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, OH
1998	Melvin Edwards: Lynch Fragments, Flint Institute of Arts, MI
1996	The Way of Fire, CDS Gallery, New York
	Melvin Edwards: Lynch Fragments, The Montclair Art Museum, NJ
1995	Melvin Edwards: Sculpture: A Thirty-Year Retrospective 1963-1993, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
	Melvin Edwards, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN
	Melvin Edwards, Porter Troupe Gallery, San Diego, CA
	Melvin Edwards, Parchman Stremmel Gallery, San Antonio, TX
1994	Melvin Edwards Sculpture: A Thirty-Year Retrospective 1963-1993, The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL; Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
	Melvin Edwards, CDS Gallery, New York
1993	Melvin Edwards Sculpture: A Thirty-Year Retrospective 1963-1993, Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York at Purchase
	Melvin Edwards Lynch Fragments, Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA
	Lynch Fragments, CDS Gallery, New York
1992	Melvin Edwards, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA
	Mel Edwards: "The Lynch Fragment Series," Eugene Johnson Gallery of Art, Bethel College, St. Paul, MN

1991	Lynch Fragments: Selected Small Sculptures by Mel Edwards, Hammonds House Galleries and Resource Center of African-American Art, Atlanta, GA
	Project 1: Melvin Edwards: The "Lynch Fragment Series", Oklahoma City Art Museum on the Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, OK
	Mel Edwards: Sculptures/Drawings, Tomasulo Gallery, Union County College, Cranford, NJ
1990	Sculpture by Melvin Edwards, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA
	Melvin Edwards Sculpture: Fragments of a Decade 1980-1990, Montclair State College Art Gallery, NJ
	Melvin Edwards Sculpture, De Luce Gallery Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO
	Melvin Edwards: Recent Sculpture, CDS Gallery, New York
1989	Sculpture of Melvin Edwards, Korn Gallery, Madison College, NJ
	Memories Forming the Future: Sculpture of Melvin Edwards, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
	Melvin Edwards Sculpture, Extension Gallery, Johnson Atelier, Mercerville, NJ
1986	Mel Edwards Sculpture, Atrium Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
1985	Mel Edwards: Lynch Fragment Series, Robeson Center Gallery, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
	The Sculpture of Mel Edwards, Atrium Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
	Drawings, Monoprints, and Maquettes by Melvin Edwards, Jersey City Museum, NJ
1984	The Sculpture of Melvin Edwards, UNESCO, Paris
1983	Mel Edwards: Drawings for Southern Sunrise, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC
1982	The Sculpture of Melvin Edwards, Sculpture Center Gallery, New York
1981	Sculpture by Mel Edwards, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
1980	Melvin Edwards: Recent Sculpture, Fragments, and Larger Works, 55 Mercer, New York, NY
	Sculpture by Mel Edwards, Lusaka, Zambia; American Cultural Center, Nairobi, Kenya
	Melvin Edwards, YM-YMHA Greene Lane, Union, NJ
1979	Melvin Edwards, Johnson Atelier, Mercerville, NJ
1978	Melvin Edwards, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, Queens, NY
	Melvin Edwards: Sculptor, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
1974	Lines, Carpenter Gallery, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
1972	Melvin Edwards, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
1970	Melvin Edwards, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
1968	Melvin Edwards, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
	Melvin Edwards, Barnsdall Art Center, Los Angeles
1965	Melvin Edwards, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025 Minimal, Pinault Collection, Bourse de Commerce, Paris, France Urhobo + Abstraction, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY Graffiti, MUSEION Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Bolzano, Italy Ancestral: Afro-Américas, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Belo Horizonte Past as Prologue: A Historical Acknowledgment, Part II, National Academy of Design, New York, NY

2024 Project a Black Planet: The Art and Culture of Panafrica, Art Institute of Chicago, IL

Keeping the Culture: The Last Twenty-Five Years, The James E. Lewis Museum of Art, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

The Shape of Power: Stories of Race and American Sculpture, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Ancestral, Magnetoscópio, Museum of Brazilian Art (MAB) at Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado, São Paulo, Brazil

Edges of Ailey, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Sarah Maldoror: Tricontinental Cinema, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH

Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940, Modern Art Museum of Forth Worth, TX

2023 The Place I Am, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London

Juan Francisco Elso: Por América, Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, FL

Suncrush: On Color & Materiality, Greene Naftali, New York

Hans Ulrich Obrist Archive Chapter 1: Édouard Glissant, Luma Westbau, Zürich, Switzerland

Tossed: Art from Discarded, Found, and Repurposed Materials, Middlebury College Museum of Art, VT What's that about, Anthony Meier, Mill Valley, CA

Then Is Now: Contemporary Black Art in America, Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT

Juan Francisco Elso: Por América, Phoenix Art Museum, AZ

X: A Decade of Collecting, 2012-2022, Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE

Rethinking Monuments: American Sculpture in its Time, 1850-2000, Grand Rapids Art Museum, MI

2022 Revisiting 5+1, Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts, Stony Brook University, NY

Angela Davis – Seize the Time, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland

Juan Francisco Elso: Por América, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY

"A sheet of paper casts a shadow," Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY

A Site of Struggle: Making Meaning of Anti-Black Violence in American Art and Visual Culture, The Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, AL

New York: 1962-1964, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY

Rethinking Monuments: American Sculpture in its Time, 1850-2000, Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI; Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, Saginaw, MI, co-organized by Detroit Institute of Arts, MI

Melvin Edwards, Sam Gilliam, and William T. Williams: Epistrophy, Pace Gallery, New York

Us Them We / Race Ethnicity Identity, Worcester Art Museum, MA

The Profound Responsibility of Individuality: A Selection of Works by Prominent African-American Artists, Creative Arts Guild, Dalton, GA

This Tender, Fragile Thing, The School, Jack Shaman Gallery, Kinderhook, NY

2021 Sarah Maldoror: Cinéma Tricontinental, Palais de Tokyo, Paris

Afro-Atlantic Histories, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Angela Davis - Seize the Time, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond; Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX

2021 Texas Biennial, Ruby City, San Antonio, TX

South South, Alexander Gray Associates Germantown, NY

Grief and Grievance: Art and Mourning in America, New Museum, New York

2020 Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), TX Museum as Bureau of Communication, Museum of Contemporary Art Rome, Italy Future Food. Essen für die Welt von morgen, Deutsches Hygiene-Museum, Dresden, Germany African American Art in the 20th Century, The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem, Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA; Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT; Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA;

2019 Making Community: Prints from Brandywine Workshop and Archives, Brodsky Center at PAFA, and Paulson Fontaine Press, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia

Theater of Operations: The Gulf Wars 1991-2011, MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY

Afrocosmologies: American Reflections, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT

Generations: A History of Black Abstract Art, Baltimore Museum of Art, MD

Walking Through Walls, Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin

LA Blacksmith, California African American Museum, Los Angeles

Cutting the Stone, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York

The Sensation of Space, The Warehouse, Dallas, TX

Where the Oceans Meet, Museum of Art and Design at Miami Dade College, Miami, FL

Havana Biennial, Matanzas, Cuba

Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, The Broad, Los Angeles, CA; The de Young Museum, Fine Arts Museums San Francisco (FAMSF), CA

Serpentine Fire, Quotidian Gallery, Los Angeles

Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection, Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago, IL Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem, The Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA; Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC; Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI African American Art in the 20th Century, Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA; Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL

2018 A Gathering: Sculpture from the Collection, Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York at Purchase

Lydia Cabrera and Édouard Glissant: Trembling Thinking, Americas Society, New York

Texas, Philip Martin Gallery, Los Angeles

On Edge, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT

Paper/Print: American Hand Papermaking, 1960s to Today, International Print Center (IPCNY), New York Afro-Atlantic Histories, Museu de Arte São Paulo (MASP), Brazil

Art of Protest, Fralin Museum of Art, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Give Up the Ghost, Baltic Triennial 13, Vilnius, Lithuania

Working Metal in 20th-Century Sculpture, Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, Stanford, CA O Triângulo Atlântico, 11ª Bienal do Mercosul, Museu de Arte do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil

A Page from my Intimate Journal (Part I), Gordon Robichaux, New York

Third Space/shifting conversations about contemporary art, Birmingham Museum of Art, AL

Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC

Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR; Brooklyn Museum, NY Sidelined, Galerie LeLong, New York

The Long Run, The Museum of Modern Art, New York

2017 Picturing Mississippi, 1817-2017: Land of Plenty, Pain, and Promise, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS

20/20: The Studio Museum in Harlem and the Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA

Say It Loud: Art, History, Rebellion, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit MI Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, Tate Modern, London

We Are Here, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL

Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA An Incomplete History of Protest: Selections from the Whitney's Collection, 1940-2017, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

Origins: The Historical Legacy of Visual Art, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC Space Force Construction, V-A-C Foundation, Palazzo delle Zattere, Venice

Third Space /shifting conversations about contemporary art, Birmingham Museum of Art, AL

CONDO: Collaborative Exhibition across 15 London Galleries, Emalin, London

AfroFantastic: Black Imagination and Agency in the American Experience, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

2016 Haptic, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY

Postwar - Art Between the Pacific and Atlantic 1945 - 1965, Haus der Kunst München, Germany Exposition d'artistes Caraibeens et des Amériques, Institut du Tout-Monde, Paris

The Lasting Concept, curated by Rob Halverson, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, OR

2015 Bottoms up: A Sculpture Survey, University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington, KY

METAL: Sculpture in America, 1945 to 1970, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York

A Constellation, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Äppärät, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX

Necessary Force: Art in the Police State, University of New Mexico Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM 56th Venice Biennale: All the World's Futures, curated by Okwui Enwezor, Arsenale, Venice, Italy Bayou Sculptors, African American Museum, Dallas, TX

Glenn Ligon: Encounters and Collisions, Tate Liverpool, UK

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Bold Abstractions: Selections from the Collection, 1966-1976, Dallas Museum of Art, TX

Witness: Art and Civil Rights in the Sixties, curated by Teresa A. Carbone and Kellie Jones, Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas at Austin

New Acquisitions, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2014 African-American Artists and Abstraction, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana

Viewpoints: 20 Years of Adderley, Bakalar and Paine Galleries, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston

Witness: Art and Civil Rights in the Sixties, curated by Teresa A. Carbone and Kellie Jones, Hood Museum of Art, Hanover, NH

Witness: Art and Civil Rights in the Sixties, curated by Teresa A. Carbone and Kellie Jones, Brooklyn Museum, NY

Beyond the Spectrum: Abstraction in African American Art, 1950-1975, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York

2013 African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center, Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH

Blues for Smoke, curated by Bennett Simpson, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH Assembly Required: Selections from the Permanent Collection, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Blues for Smoke, curated by Bennett Simpson, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

2012 Blues for Smoke, curated by Bennett Simpson, The Geffen Contemporary at The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles

Now Dig This! Art and Black Los Angeles, 1960-1980, Pacific Standard Time exhibition initiative, MoMA PS1, Queens, NY

Paper Space: Drawings by Sculptors, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX

African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center, David C. Driskell Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Pacific Standard Time: Crosscurrents in L.A. Paintings and Sculpture 1945-1970, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin

African American Art: Harlem Renaissance, Civil Rights Era, and Beyond, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Magical Visions: Ten Contemporary African American Artists, Mechanical Hall Gallery, University of Delaware, curated by Keith Morrison, Newark, DE

2011 Paper Trails: Selected Works from the Collection, 1934-2001, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Inside & Out: Melvin Edwards and Peter Saul, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta Pacific Standard Time: Crosscurrents in L.A. Paintings and Sculpture 1945-1970, J. Paul Getty Center, Los Angeles

Now Dig This! Art and Black Los Angeles, 1960-1980, Pacific Standard Time exhibition initiative, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

Sculpted, Etched and Cut: Metal Works from the Permanent Collection, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

2010 Abstract Relations, David C. Driskell Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD Art in Embassies Exhibition, curated by Rhea Anastas, U.S. Embassy Residence, Warsaw, Poland The Global Africa Project, curated by Lowery Stokes Sims and Leslie King-Hammond, Museum of Art and Design, New York

Art Collection of the United States Embassy, U.S. Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dak'art 2010, Dakar, Senega
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What Matters, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA

Americanana, Hunter College, New York

- 2007 Valencia Biennial, Valencia, Spain
- 2006 Energy/Experimentation: Black Artists and Abstraction 1964-1980, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
  - L.A. Object and David Hammons Body Prints, Tilton Gallery, New York
- 2005 The Bristol-Myers Squibb Sculpture Project, Bristol-Myers Squibb Park, New Brunswick, NJ Something to Look Forward To, curated by Bill Hutson, Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY Reaction (1945-1963), Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, CA

African American Masters: Highlights from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT; Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts, Atlanta

2004 Something to Look Forward To, curated by Bill Hutson, The Phillips Museum of Art, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

How Sculptors See, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA

African American Masters: Highlights from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Cincinnati Art Museum, OH; Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH; The Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE; Long Beach Museum of Art, CA

2003 African American Masters: Highlights from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, New York Historical Society, New York, NY; Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN; The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Jacksonville, FL

Watts: Art & Social Change in Los Angeles, 1965-2002, Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

2001 Expanding on a Legacy: American Art From the Montclair Art Museum, UBS Paine Webber Art Gallery, New York

American Identities: A New Look, Brooklyn Museum, NY

Material and Matter, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

2000 Welded! Sculpture of the Twentieth Century, Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York at Purchase

Public Voices, Private Visions: African American Art 2000, curated by Ned Harris, Rockland Center for the Arts, West Nyack, NY

Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

1999 New Jersey Fine Arts Annual, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ

26 Sculptors in Their Environments, Rockland Center for the Arts, West Nyack, NY

1998 Histories (Re)membered, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY

African American Art from the New Jersey State Museum Collection, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ

Stages of Creation: Public Sculpture by National Academicians, National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts, New York

Sculpture From New Jersey, New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, Summit, NJ

Sculpture: New Jersey, Ramapo College Art Gallery, Mahway, NJ

Twentieth Century American Sculpture at the White House, The White House, Washington, D.C.

Tragic Wake: The Legacy of Slavery and the African Diaspora in Contemporary American Art, Spirit Square Center for Arts and Education, Charlotte, NC

1997 Sculpture Biennial, Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York at Purchase CDS Gallery, The Art Show, New York

1996 Texas Modern and Post-Modern, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

1995 Editions, Skoto Gallery, New York

Melvin Edwards, Richard Hunt, Lester Johnson, Stephen Procuniar Editions 1974-1991, Pharos Gallery, New York

The Listening Sky, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Civil Rights Now, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC

The Iguana Hat: The Artist's Quest for Symbols of the Self, SciosNova, Miami

1994 Dream Singers, Story Tellers: An African American Presence, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ Strategies of Narration, Cairo Biennial & Tour Printmaking Workshop, NY

Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ

25th Anniversary Exhibition, Cinque Gallery, New York

Sources, Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

1993 The Mask in Contemporary Art, Sewall Art Gallery, Rice University, Houston, TX

New Jersey Arts Annual, The Newark Museum, NJ

Recollections/Resistances/Reconstruction, Hillwood Art Gallery, C.W. Post Campus, Long Island University, Brookville, NY

Fujisankei Biennial, Utsukushi-Ga-Hara Museum, Nagano, Japan

1992 Present Tense, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Union Art Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

The Expanding Circle: A Selection of African-American Art, The Gallery at Bristol-Meyers Squibb, Princeton, NJ

The Order of Things: Toward a Politic of Still Life, Real Art Ways at Widener Gallery, Trinity College, Hartford, CT; John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI

Gifted Visions: African American Artists, Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, CT

Bridges and Boundaries: African-Americans and American Jews, presented by The Jewish Museum, New York, NY at The New York Historical Society, NY

Three Voices: Thirty Years of Afro-American Expression, Shircliff Gallery of Art, Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN

*In Plural America: Contemporary Journeys Voices and Identities*, The Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY

Warriors: The Guerreros, Atrium Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Dream Singers, Story Tellers: An African-American Presence, Fukui Fine Arts Museum, Japan; Tokushima Modern Art Museum, Japan; Otani Art Museum, Japan

Ante America, curated by Gerardo Mosquera, Rachel Weiss, and Carolina Ponce de León, Biblioteca Luis-Ángel Arango, Bogotá, Colombia; Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela; Queens Museum of Art, New York; Centro Cultural de la Raza, San Diego, CA; Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA;

Spencer Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS; Museo de Arte y Diseño Contemporáneo, San José, Costa Rica

1991 Sculpture: Seven Artists of the 90's, CDS Gallery, New York

Espiritu & Materia; Estetica Alternativa Norteamericana, Museo de Artes Visuales Alejandro Otero, Caracas, Venezuela

Bertoia, Buhana, Edwards, Mitchell: Sculpture Update, Diggs Galery, Winston-Salem University, NC Discarded, Rockland Center for Arts, West Nyack, NY

Small Scale Sculpture, Sewall Art Gallery, Rice University, Houston, TX

The Harlem Renaissance Remembered, Brownson Art Gallery, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY Spirit Calls, Artworks Gallery, Hartford, CT

Spiritual Cargo: Shamanistic Manifestations, Atrium Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Artists of Conscience: 16 Years of Social and Political Commentary, Alternative Museum,

York

African American Works on Paper from the Cochran Collection, New Visions Gallery, GA

1990 The Blues Esthetic: Black Culture and Modernism, curated by Richard J. Powell, The Studio Museum in Harlem, NY

Formulation and Representation: Recent Abstract Sculpture, Bertha and Karl Luebsdorf Art Gallery, Hunter College, New York

Steelworks, curated by Phyllis Tuchman and Carola van den Houten, USX Tower, Pittsburgh, PA Diverse Representations 1990, The Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ

The Decade Show: Frameworks of Identity in the 1980s, Museum of Contemporary Hispanic Art, New York; New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York; The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY Inaugural Exhibition, Abington Art Center Sculpture Garden, Jenkintown, PA

A Force of Repetition, New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ

New History: Sculptural Installations, Atlanta College Art Gallery, GA

Two Generations of Sculptors, New Jersey Sculptors and Their Students, The Gallery at Bristol-Meyers Squibb, Princeton, NJ

Legacies: African American Artists, New Jersey Center for Visual Art, Summit, NJ

Painted Forms: Recent Metal Sculpture, Whitney Museum of American Art at Philip Morris, New York

1989 Bronze and Steel: Sculpture by Melvin Edwards and Robert T. Cooke, Pyramid Gallery, New York
Introspective: Contemporary Art by Americans and Brazilians of African Descent, California African
American Museum, Los Angeles; The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York

Traditions and Transformations: Contemporary Afro-American Sculpture, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York

Afro American Abstractions in Printmaking, California African American Museum, Los Angeles The Blues Aesthetic: Black Culture and Modernism, organized by Washington Project for the Arts, Corcoran Gallery, Washington, D.C.

Melvin Edwards, Newton Art Center, Newton, MA

1988 Committed to Print, The Museum of Modern Art, New York

Sculpture: Inside, Outside, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis

Affinities: Idioms/Aesthetics/Intents, Jamaica Art Center, NY

Traces of History: Art of Afro-America, Robeson Gallery, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

The Law & Order Show, Gladstone Gallery, New York

Outside In, New York Cultural Center, New York

Making The Main Stream, Florida Southern University, Lakeland, FL

Public Art, California African American Museum, Old Westbury College Gallery, Long Island, NY

1987 The Law & Order Show, Gladstone Gallery, New York

The Afro-American Artist in the Age of Cultural Pluralism, The Montclair Art Museum, NJ

Outside In, New York Cultural Center, New York

Making the Mainstream, SVC Fine Arts Gallery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Public Art, The Museum of African American Art, Los Angeles

Melvin Edwards, Old Westbury College Gallery, Westbury, NY

1986 Black Visions, City Hall, New York

Liberty and Justice, Alternative Museum, New York

Irons in the Fire, Memorial Arch at Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY

Contemporary Sculpture Selection, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

*Inaugural*, Socrates Sculpture Park, New York

1985 Traditions and Conflict: Images of a Turbulent Decade, 1963-1973, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Since the Harlem Renaissance, Museum of Art, The Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY; The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park, MD; The Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA; Museum of Art, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

1984 Since the Harlem Renaissance, The Center Gallery of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA; The Amelie A. Wallace Art Gallery, The State University of New York, College at Westbury, NY

Art: For and Against, Thorpe Intermedia Gallery, Sparkill, NY

Celebration: Eight Afro-American Artists Selected by Romare Bearden, Louis Abrons Arts of Living Center, Henry Street Settlement, New York

Contra-Apartheid, UNESCO, Paris

East-West: Contemporary American Art, California Afro-American Museum, Los Angeles

Artists in Celebration of Black History Month, Trenton State College Art Gallery, NJ

Sculpture, Gallery of Murphy Fine Arts Center, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Sticks and Stones: Modern and Post-Modern Sculpture, Kenkeleba House, New York

Sculpture from Rutgers, Robeson Center Gallery, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

*New Jersey Arts Inclusion Program 1978-84*, Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Melvin Edwards, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, State University of New York at Westbury, NY

3 Artists in Celebration of Black History Month, Trenton State College Art Gallery, Trenton, NJ

Afro-American Abstraction, curated by April Kingsley, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH; Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, TX; Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY

1983 Var for New York, Futura Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden

The War Show, University Art Gallery, State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY

5 Sculptors, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, NY

Art in Public, Chicago Sculptural Society, Chicago

Celebrating Contemporary American Black Artists, Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, Hempstead, NY

4 Sculptors, Sid Deutsch Gallery, New York

Young Talent Awards 1963-83, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

Environmental Sculpture, Chicago Sculptural Center, IL

Afro-American Abstraction, curated by April Kingsley, Brooks Memorial Art Gallery, Memphis, TN; The Art Center, South Bend, IN

1982 Mayor Byrnes' Mile of Sculpture, Navy Pier, Chicago

The 4 Directions, Gallery of the American Indian Community House, New York

Sacred Artifacts: Common Objects of Devotion, Alternative Museum, New York

Ritual and Myth: A Survey of African American Art, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Works on Paper, Woodson Regional Library, Chicago

Black Artists: Recent Attitudes II, California State University, Fresno, CA

Visual Politics, Alternative Museum, New York

Afro-American Abstraction, curated by April Kingsley, Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles; Oakland Museum, CA

1981 *Mel Edwards and Greg Edwards: Sculpture and Works on Paper*, University Art Gallery, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY

Outdoor Sculpture at the Aquarium, Niagara Falls, NY

Melvin Edwards, Cinque Gallery, New York

Focus Southern Africa: Details of the Struggle, Countee Cullen Library, New York

Melvin Edwards, Westbeth Gallery, New York

1980 Melvin Edwards, YW-YMHA, Green Lane, Union, NJ

Sculpture Today: Tradition and Non-Traditional, The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Afro-American Abstraction, curated by April Kingsley, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Queens, NY

1979 3 Sculptors, The Bronx Museum of Arts, NY

The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

1977 Melvin Edwards, Florida International University, Miami

Melvin Edwards, Henry O. Tanner Gallery, New York

Drawn and Matched, The Museum of Modern Art, New York

Environmental Sculpture, Robert Moses Plaza, Fordham University at Lincoln Center, New York

The Concept as Art, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York

Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture: FESTAC '77, Lagos, Nigeria

Melvin Edwards, Fisher Gallery, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

1976 Resonance: Williams/Edwards/Gilliam, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

1975 76 Jefferson, The Museum of Modern Art, New York

Sculpture Invitational, Gallery Ariadne, New York

Melvin Edwards, Cinque Gallery, New York

1974	Gilliam / Edwards / Williams: Extensions, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT
	Melvin Edwards, Carpenter Gallery, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
1973	Melvin Edwards, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY
	Sculpture Three: New York Artists on Tour, World Trade Center, New York
1972	Edwards, Gilliam, Williams, Wabash Transit Gallery of Chicago School of Art, Art Institute of Chicago, IL
	New York Artists at Storm King, Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY
1971	Artist as Advocate, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
	Melvin Edwards, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT
	Whitney Annual - Contemporary American Sculpture, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
1970	Paperworks, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
	Melvin Edwards, The William Benton Museum of Art, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
	Dimensions of Black Art, La Jolla Museum of Art, CA
	Melvin Edwards, Rental Gallery, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
1969	Melvin Edwards, Andrew Dickinson White Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
	California Crafts Survey, Fine Arts Gallery of San Diego, CA
	Five + 1, Frank Bowling, Melvin Edwards, Al Loving, William T. Williams, Daniel L. Johnson, Jack Whitter, Art Gallery at State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY; Art Museum, Princeton University, NJ
	X to the 4th Power, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
1968	New Voices, American Greeting Gallery, Pan Am Building, New York
	Thirty Contemporary Black Artists, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, MN
1967	Melvin Edwards, California State College, Northridge, CA
	Melvin Edwards, San Fernando Valley State College, San Fernando Valley, CA
	Melvin Edwards, Esther Bear Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
1966	Melvin Edwards, Esther Bear Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
	The Negro in American Art, organized by Frederick S. Wight, University of California, Los Angeles
1965	Melvin Edwards, Esther Bear Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
	Melvin Edwards, Richard Grey Gallery, Chicago
	Five Younger Los Angeles Artists, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA
1962	Annual, La Jolla Museum of Art, La Jolla, CA
1960	Melvin Edwards, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

The Alfond Collection of Contemporary Art at Rollins College, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Baltimore Museum of Art, MD
Birmingham Museum of Art, AL
The Bronx Museum of the Arts, NY
Brooklyn Museum, NY
Buffalo AKG Art Museum, NY

Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, CA

Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA

Center for the Arts, Vero Beach, FL

Center Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

Chase Manhattan Bank, New York

The Cleveland Museum of Art, OH

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

Dallas Museum of Art, TX

David Winton Bell Gallery, Brown University, Providence, RI

Detroit Institute of Arts, MI

Dia Art Foundation, NY

Flint Institute of Arts, MI

Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

James E. Lewis Museum of Art, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building, Jamaica, NY

Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY

Lafayette College, Easton, PA

Long Beach Museum of Art, CA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

Miami University, FL

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Middlebury College Museum of Art, VT

Montclair Art Museum, NJ

The Morgan Library & Museum, New York, NY

Mott-Warsh Collection, Flint, MI

Museo de Artes Visuales Alejandro Otero, Caracas, Venezuela

Museum de Domijnen, Netherlands

Museu Afro Brasil, São Paulo, Brazil

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, TX

National Academy of Design, New York, NY

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York at Purchase

The New Jersey State Museum, Trenton

New York City Parks, NY

The Newark Museum, NJ

Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell, Montvale, NJ

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia

Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY

Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.

The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

Tate Modern, London

Tia Collection, Sante Fe, NM

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA

Winston-Salem State University, NC

Worcester Art Museum, MA

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2023	David's Dream, David C. Driskell Center at the University of Maryland, College Park							
2019	Searching for the Word, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA							
2013	Point of Memory, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba							
2012	Column of Memory, Les Comptoirs du Fleuve, Saint Louis, Senegal							
2008	Transcendence, Lafayette College, Easton, PA							
2003	Transformations in the Light, Miami University, Oxford, OH							
1993	Safe Journey, Department of Motor Vehicles, Eatontown, NJ							
1993	Asafo Kra No, The Utsukushi-Ga-Hara Open-Air Museum, Nagano Prefecture, Japan							
1991	Passage, Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY							
	Tomorrow's Wind, Thomas Jefferson Park, New York							
1989	Confirmation, Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building, Jamaica Queens, NY							
1987	Education Is an Open Book, Livingston College of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ							
1986	Gate of Ogun, Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York at Purchase							
	Along the Way, Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell, Montvale, NJ							
1985	Holder of the Light, Lafayette Gardens, Jersey City, NJ							
1983	Southern Sunrise, Winston-Salem State University, NC							
1982	Out of the Struggles of the Past to a Brilliant Future, Mount Vernon Plaza, Columbus, OH							
1976	Homage to Billie Holiday and the Young Ones of Soweto, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD							
1970	Double Circles, Bethune Towers, New York							
1969	Homage to My Father and the Spirit, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, N							

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2020	United States Artist Fellow
2014	Honorary Doctorate, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
2006	Rockefeller Foundation Research Award for Work on Sculpture and Architecture, Bellagio, Italy
2000	Papermaking Fellowship, Dieu Donne

1998	Grant for Artist Residency for Inauguration of Print Workshop for Goree Institute, Senegal						
	Van Der Zee Artist Award						
1997	Phillis Weatley Award for Life's Work in Sculpture						
1995	Artist Award, The Studio Museum in Harlem						
	National Endowment for the Arts Grant						
1994	Joan Mitchell Foundation Award						
1993	Historic Hudson Valley "African American Heritage Award" for Art						
	The Fujisankei Biennale Grand Prize, The Utsukushi-ga-hara Open-Air Museum						
1988	Fulbright Fellowship to Zimbabwe (1988-89)						
1985	New Jersey State Arts Council Individual Artist Grant						
1984	National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artist's Fellowship						
1975	John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Award						
1973	New York State Council on the Arts Creative Artists Public Service Fellowship						
1971	National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artists Fellowship						
1969	Cassandra Foundation Award						
	Santa Barbara Art Association Small Sculpture Award						
1967	Long Beach Museum of Art Award						
1965	Los Angeles Contemporary Art Council Award						
1964	John Hay Whitney Fellowship						
1958	Scholarship to Los Angeles County Art Institute						

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