

**KENNEDY YANKO**

1988 Born in St. Louis, MO  
Currently lives and works in Miami, FL

**EDUCATION**

2008 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025 *Kennedy Yanko*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY (*forthcoming*)  
*Kennedy Yanko*, Salon 94, New York, NY (*forthcoming*)
- 2023 *Soul Talk*, Salon 94, Miami, FL  
*She is a Verb*, Salon 94, Paris, France  
*Humming on Life*, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *By Means Other Than the Known Senses*, Art Basel Unlimited, Basel, Switzerland  
*Moving Weight: Kennedy Yanko in discussion with Hilma of Klint*, CF Hill, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2021 *White, Passing*, Rubell Museum, Miami, FL  
*Three Generations*, Salon 94, New York, NY  
*Postcapitalist Desire*, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 *Salient Queens*, Vielmetter, Los Angeles, CA  
*Because it's in my blood*, Galleria Poggiali, Milan, Italy
- 2019 *Before Words*, UICA, Grand Rapids, MI  
*HANNAH*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*HIGHLY WORKED*, Denny Dimin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Chasing Time*, Leyendecker Galeria, Tenerife, Spain
- 2013 *Alchemy in Silent Spaces*, Idiosyncrasy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Permutations*, the Paragon Theater, St. Louis, MO
- 2011 *Paroxysm*, Art Monster, St. Louis, MO
- 2010 *Wu-Wei*, Abstrakt Gallery, St. Louis, MO

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025 *Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 *Gazing Bodies*, CF Hill, Stockholm, Sweden  
*In an effort to be held*, The Shepherd, Detroit, MI  
*Stories that need to be told*, Firestorm Collection, Stockholm, Sweden  
*The Beauty of Diversity*, the Albertina Modern, Vienna, Austria

- Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023 *Keith Sonnier: Live in Your Head*, Franklin Parrasch, Los Angeles, CA.  
*Chromazones*, Analog Diaries, Beacon, NY  
*About Art*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland  
*Surface Level*, Dimin, New York, NY.  
*Frontline*, Swivel Gallery, New York, NY.  
*Search and Rescue*, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2022 *Bangkok Art Biennale*, Bangkok, Thailand  
*Brooklyn Abstraction: Four Artists, Four Walls*; Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
*Set It Off*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
- 2021 *Artsy Vanguard 2021*, Mana Contemporary, Miami, FL
- 2020 *We Are More Than A Moment*, MCLA BCRC/Gallery 51, North Adams, MA  
*Life During War Time*, University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL  
*SITE: Art and Architecture in the Digital Space*, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI  
*Abstract! From Minimalism to Now*, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *Implied Body*, Assembly Room, New York, NY  
*Harlem Perspectives*, The Faction Art Space, New York, NY  
*Parallels and Peripheries*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
- 2018 *Cry of Victory and Short Walks to Freedom*, Projects + Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
*Outside in 2*, Michael David Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Parallels and Peripheries*, Art Center South Florida, Miami, FL  
*The Barn Show 2018*, Johannes Vogt Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Alchemy*, BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn, NY  
*Senses and Perceptions*, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ  
*The Aesthetics of Matter*, Volta, New York, NY  
*Out of Line*, Long Gallery, Harlem, NY
- 2017 *Projects*, Pulse Contemporary, Miami, FL  
*Hidden in Plain Sight*, Jenkins Johnson, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015 *AART*, Joseph Gross Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 *I Kan Do Dat*, Rush Art Galleries, New York, NY  
*Art Now*, Poppington Gallery, New York, NY

## SELECTED PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

- 2023 *Crystalized Tears*, Arkansas State Park, Little Rock, AR  
*Tilted Lift*, MOCAD, Detroit, MI
- 2021 *3 Ways*, Helis Foundation, Poydras Corridor, New Orleans, LA
- 2020 *Our Valence*, Art in Buildings by Time Equities, Detroit, MI

## AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Artist-in-Residence Program, Rubell Museum. Miami, FL
- 2021 Eben Demarest Fund
- 2019 Colene Brown Art Prize, BRIC Arts Media
- 2018 Artist Residency in Galería Leyendecker, Tenerife, Canary Islands
- 2017 Artist residency in Fountainhead, Miami, FL
- 2013 Artist Residency in Idiosyncrasy Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 Artist residency in Atlantic Center of the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL.
- 2009-2012 Artist Residency at The Living Theatre, New York, NY

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria
- Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, FL
- Dean Collection, Brooklyn, NY
- Espacio Tacuari, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Firestorm Foundation, Stockholm, Sweden
- Rubell Museum, Miami, FL
- Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA
- Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
- Ståhl Collection, Norrköping, Sweden
- Stora Väsby Sculpture Park, Upplands Väsby, Sweden
- The Norton Museum, West Palm Beach, FL

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Phaidon Editors, with an introduction by Lisa Le Feuvre, *Great Women Sculptors*, Phaidon Press, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 Phaidon Editors. *Great Women Artists*, Phaidon Press, London, United Kingdom
- 2021 Hernandez, Jasmine. *We Are Here: Visionaries of Color Transforming the Art World*, Abrams, New York, NY
- 2020 Viveros-Fauné, Christian. *Because it's in my blood*, Galleria Poggiali, Milan, Italy
- 2019 Mensah, L., and J. Williams. *Before Words*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI

Beers, Kurt. *100 Sculptors of Tomorrow*, National Geographic Books, Washington, D.C.

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2023 Jordan, Eliza, “Kennedy Yanko Collaborates with Hennessy and Nas for Hip-Hop’s Anniversary,” *Whitewall*, September 22, 2023.  
Wolf, Michael, “Kennedy Yanko: Hummin on Life at Jeffrey Deitch,” *Whitehot Magazine*, April 2023.  
Gonzalez, Elaina, “The Monumental Tour Debuts Most Recent Commission – Kennedy Yanko’s Tilted Lift – at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit,” *Sugarcane*, March 6, 2023.  
Behringer, David, “Kennedy Yanko’s Poetic Fusion of Metal and “Paint Skin”,” *Design Milk*, March 23, 2023.
- 2022 Schwartz, Alexis, “Kennedy Yanko is Moving Weight,” *L’Officiel*, May 19, 2022.
- 2021 Gaskin, Sam, “Simone Leigh, Kennedy Yanko, and Camille Henrot’s New Galleries,” *Ocula Magazine*, December 6, 2021.  
Estevez, Marjua, “BMW’s Hybrid-Electric Concept Car Reveal Was the Toast of Art Basel,” *Complex*, December 8, 2021.  
Germain, Jacqui, “The Artsy Vanguard 2021: Kennedy Yanko,” *Artsy*, December 1, 2021.  
King, Akili, “Inside the Studio Where Artist Kennedy Yanko Creates Her Surreal Sculptures,” *Vogue*, July 11, 2021.  
White, Katie, “My Whole Body is Moving With It’: Rising Star Kennedy Yanko on the Performative Way She Makes Her Coveted Sculptures,” *Artnet News*, June 15, 2021.  
Rynaski, Nate, “To Paint is To Love To Love is to Scrap Metal,” *Flaunt*, 2021.
- 2020 Tordby, Martin, “Couch Conversation: Kennedy Yanko and Kimberly Drew,” *Cultured Magazine*, October 2021.  
Waddoups, Ryan, “Kennedy Yanko Isn’t Afraid to Take Up Space,” *Surface*, October 20, 2020.
- 2019 Becker, Noah, “Interview with Kennedy Yanko,” *Whitehot Magazine*, June 2019.