

Jova Lynne Johnson Vargas

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Education

Masters of Fine Arts, Photography, Cranbrook Academy of Art, May 2017
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Bachelor of Arts, Film/Video, Hampshire College, May 2010
Amherst, MA

Selected Professional Experience

- 2018** Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Ford Foundation Curatorial Fellow
Detroit, MI
- 2017-18** Allied Media Projects, People In Education, Artist Residency Coordinator
Detroit, MI
- 2015-16** Cranbrook Academy of Art, Department Assistant, Visiting Artist/Public Programs
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015-16** Detroit Future Schools, Teaching Artist
Detroit, MI
- 2012-15** Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Youth Arts and Education Manager
San Francisco, CA
- 2012-14** Oakland Leaf, Teaching Artist
Oakland, CA
- 2011-12** Video Vanguards, Program Director
Amherst, MA
- 2010-11** American Museum of the Moving Image, Museum Educator
Queens, NY

Presentations

- 2018** New Art Dealers Alliance, In Conversation with Tyree Guyton
Miami, FL
- 2018** Sculpture X, Notions of Disruption
Toledo, OH

- 2018** Wayne State University, Performing Identities
Detroit, MI
- 2018** College of Creative Studies, TALK: JOVA LYNNE
Detroit, MI
- 2016** Detroit Institute of Arts, In Conversation with Jova Lynne and Njia Kai
Detroit, MI
- 2013-16** Allied Media Conference, The Black Survival Mixtape, Activism as Power
Detroit, MI
- 2015** Market Street Prototyping Festival, Intersections Between Art and Activism
San Francisco, CA
- 2014** Institute for the Future, Open Cities Festival, Youth Cities for the Future
San Francisco, CA
- 2013** Next is Now, Video Art and Cultural Exploration
San Francisco, CA

Workshops and Residencies

- 2017** Ox-Bow School of Arts and Artist Residency, Fall Artist-in-Residence
Saugatuck, MI
- 2016** SO((U))L HQ, Artist-in-Residence
Kingston, Jamaica
- 2016** Talking Dolls, Artist-in-Residence
Detroit, MI
- 2015** Advanced Mold Making II, The Crucible
Oakland, CA
- 2014** Adobe, Media Professionals Development Training
San Francisco, CA

Selected Exhibitions

- 2019** A Cathartic Exercise in Rage, Vox Populi, Solo Exhibition, Video, Photography and Sculpture
Philadelphia, PA
- 2019** To Bring You My Love, The Neon Heater, Group Exhibition, Video and Photography
Findlay, OH
- 2018** Tourists Coconut, Stroboskop Art Space, Group Exhibition, Video
Warsaw, Poland
- 2018** Provisions, Caribbeing House, Group Exhibition, Sculpture
Brooklyn, NY
- 2018** A Welcoming, Brooklyn Museum, Group Exhibition, Sculpture
Brooklyn, NY
- 2018** Remedios The Beauty, G-CAAD Gallery, Group Exhibition, Video
St.Louis, MO
- 2018** Soft Thrones, University of Toledo Art Museum, Solo Exhibition, Video and Sculpture

- Toledo, OH
- 2018** Soft Thrones, University of Toledo Art Museum, Solo Exhibition, Video and Sculpture
Toledo, OH
- 2018** Paradise Travel Company, Pops Packing, Solo Exhibition, Performative Installation
Detroit, MI
- 2018** Sugar Sugar, Public Pool, Group Exhibition, Video and Sculpture
Detroit, MI
- 2017** SIDEWALK Performing Arts Festival, Collaborative Performance
Detroit, MI
- 2017** BEACON, Beacon Sacramento, Group Exhibition, Video Projection
Sacramento, CA
- 2017** Graduate Degree Show, Cranbrook Museum of Art, Photo Installation
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2017** Walking With Serpents, Forum Gallery, Group Exhibition, Sculptural Installation
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2017** Stick it to the WALL, Forum Gallery, Group Exhibition, Photography
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2016** CONTEXT, Rocks Box Contemporary Art, Group Exhibition, Sculpture
Pontiac, MI
- 2016** FOUR WOMEN, Studio 14, Group Exhibition, Sculpture
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015** B.U.F.U, Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Video Installation
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015** CONVERGE, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Performance
San Francisco, CA

Selected Scholarships and Awards

- 2017** Global Arts Fund, Astraea Foundation, Grant Recipient
New York, NY
- 2016** Detroit Narrative Agency, Grant Recipient
Detroit, MI
- 2016** American Association of University Women, Grant Recipient
Washington D.C
- 2015** Cranbrook Academy of Art Merit Scholarship
Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2013** Center for Cultural Innovation, Next Generation Art Professionals, Grant Recipient
San Francisco, CA
- 2011** The New York Foundation, Grant Recipient
New York, NY
- 2010** Hampshire College Ingenuity Award
Amherst, MA
- 2009** President's Award for Excellence in Arts

Amherst MA
2009 Academy of Science and the Arts, Grant Recipient
Los Angeles, CA

Selected Curated Exhibitions

- 2019** *Useless Utility*
Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
- 2018** *Process*
Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
- 2018** *2+2=8: Thirty Years Heidelberg*
Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
- 2017** *FOUR WOMEN*
Studio 14, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015** *Emergent (Eco)nomy*
Yerba buena Center for the Arts , San Francisco, CA
- 2014** *Visions of An Abolitionist Future*
Yerba buena Center for the Arts , San Francisco, CA

Bibliography

- 2018** HyperAllergic, Booking a Trip to the Elusive Land Called Paradise, published by Sarah Rose Sharp
- 2018** Document Journal, The Class and Racial Complexities of Leisure, Published by Megan Wray
- 2017** Refigural, Featured Artist, Issue 12.
- 2016** BLAC Detroit, Renaissance Before Revival, published by Taylor Renee Aldridge
- 2015** Mask Magazine, Premiering SUCKA FREE - Queer Visibility in Music by Anjum Aska