

# PIPPY HOULDSWORTH GALLERY

## MING SMITH

Born in Detroit, Michigan  
Lives and works in New York

### Education

BS Howard University, Washington, DC

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Ming Smith: Feeling the Future*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX (forthcoming)  
2022 *BLACK VENUS*, Curated by Aindrea Emelife, Fotografiska New York, NY  
*A Dream Deferred*, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London  
2021 *Evidence*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York  
2020 *Painting with Light: The Photography of Ming Smith*, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London (online)  
2017 *Ming Smith*, Steven Kasher Gallery, New York  
2013 *Ming Smith: Works from the Paul R. Jones Collection*, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa  
2010 *Ming: Photographs: 1977-2008*, June Kelly Gallery, New York  
2007 *Celebration Life: Photography as Fine Art*, Pounder-Kone Art Space, Atwater Village, California  
2003 *Ming Smith: Ming's Room*, curated by Deborah Willis, Rush Arts Gallery, New York  
*Ming Smith: In the Spirit: Invisible Woman*, African American Museum in Philadelphia  
2002 *In the Spirit of Jazz, Ming Smith: 30 Year Retrospective*, Concourse Gallery, Ohio  
2001 *Ming Smith: In the Spirit of Jazz*, Tribes Gallery, New York  
*Ming's Room*, Porter Troupe Gallery, San Diego, California  
2000 *Ming*, Watt's Tower Art Center, Los Angeles, California  
1993 *Ming Smith: in a Minor Key*, Crawford and Sloan Gallery, New York  
1982 *Ming Smith*, Eric Turner Salon, New York

### Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *Just Above Midtown*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York (upcoming)  
2021-22 *Black American Portraits*, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art (LACMA)  
2020 *When Living is a Protest*, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco  
*Working Together: The Photographers of the Kamoinge Workshop*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; touring to The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles; Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati  
2019 *Down Time: On the Art of Retreat, Smart Museum of Art*, University of Chicago, Chicago  
*Women's Work: Art & Activism in the 21st Century*, Pen + Brush, New York  
*Dreamweavers*, UTA Artist Space, Beverly Hills  
2018 *Family Pictures*, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus; touring to Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee  
2017 *Art of Rebellion: Black Art of the Civil Rights Movement*, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit  
*Arthur Jafa: A Series of Utterly Improbably, Yet Extraordinary Renditions (Featuring Ming Smith, Frida Orupabo, and Missylanyus)*, Serpentine Sackler Gallery, London; touring to Moderna Museet, Stockholm; Fundação de Serralves, Porto  
*We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women 1965-85*, Brooklyn Museum, New York  
*Black Photographers Annual*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond  
*Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power*, Tate Modern, London; touring to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville; Brooklyn Museum, New York; The Broad, Los Angeles; de Young Museum, San Francisco; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston  
2014 *Photography Classics: NL=US Art, 1977-2008*, Schiedamsedijk 51, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
*An Eye for Jazz: Featuring Hugh Bell, Jill Freedman, Ming Smith, Ken Van Sickle, Tikhonova & Winter Fine Art*, New York  
2010 *Pictures by Women: A History of Modern Photography*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
*Kamoinge Photographers Group Show: In the Moment*, HP Gallery, Calumet Photo, New York

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- 2009 *Sound: Print: Record: African American*, Mechanical Hall, University of Delaware, Newark
- 2008 *New York City: In Focus*, Bellevue Hospital Center Atrium, New York 16th Annual Exhibition: Creative Destinations
- 2008 *2008 Exhibition of African American Art*, Art in the Atrium, Morristown, New Jersey
- 2007 *BLACK and White on Black*, Photographic Gallery, New York Contemporary Afro-American Photography, Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette
- 2006 *Kamoinge Inc: Black Music from Bebop to Hip Hop*, Brooklyn Academy of Music
- 2006 *Harlem Photographers Present Images Dating Back to the Civil Rights Movement*, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois
- 2005 *Contemporary Afro-American Photography*, Spelman College Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2004 *A Century of African American Art: The Paul R Jones Collection*, University Museum, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
- 2003 *Generations: An Exhibit of African American Art*, Art in the Atrium, Morristown, NJ
- 2002 *Original Acts: Photographs of African-American Performers from the Paul R. Jones Collection*, University of Delaware, Newark
- 2000 *Life of the City, An Exhibition in Answer to 2001*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 2000 *Reflections In Black: A History of Black Photographers 1840 to the Present*, organized by the Anacostia Museum and Center for African American Identity and Culture, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC
- 2000 *MOMA2000*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 1999 *Black New York Photographers of the Twentieth Century: Selections from the Schomburg Center Collections*, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York
- 1995 *Cultural Images: Sweet Potato Pie*, Art in the Atrium, Morristown, New Jersey
- 1989 *Ming Smith, Anthony Barboza, Adger W Cowans, Robert Hale and Deborah Willis*, Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York
- 1984 *14 Photographers*, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York
- 1983 *Contemporary Afro-American Photography*, Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Ohio
- 1981 *Artists Who Do Other Art Forms*, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York
- 1980 *Self-Portrait*, Studio Museum of Harlem, New York, traveled to the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, Massachusetts
- 1976 *Exposure: Work by Ten Photographers*, Creative Artists Public Service Program, New York 18 Caps Photographers, Columbia University
- 1974 *Kamoinge group show*, International Center of Photography, New York
- 1972 *Kamoinge group show*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
- 1972 *Kamoinge group show*, Guyana, South America

### Collections

Baltimore Museum of Art  
Brooklyn Museum, New York  
Detroit Institute of Arts  
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles  
Nasher Museum of Art, North Carolina  
National Gallery of Art, Washington  
Philadelphia Museum of Art  
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto  
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York  
Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington  
Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

### Publications

- 2021 *Photography Now: Fifty Pioneers Defining Photography for the Twenty-First Century*
- 2020 *Ming Smith: An Aperture Monograph*

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1992 *A Ming*  
*Scrambled Moments*

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