

# WOODY DE OTHELLO

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## Board Positions

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA, Trustee

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2026            *coming forth by day*, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art [forthcoming]  
*Woody De Othello: Guardian Spirit*, Pier 1, Brooklyn Bridge Park, NY [forthcoming]
- 2025            *coming forth by day*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL  
*Tuning the Dial*, Karma, Los Angeles, CA
- 2024            *Faith Like a Rock*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 2022            *Maybe tomorrow*, Karma, New York, NY
- 2021            *Looking In*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA  
*Hope Omens*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2020            *Coming to Light*, Nina Johnson, Miami, FL  
*The Box*, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK
- 2019            *Woody De Othello: To live in hope*, Karma, New York, NY  
*Woody De Othello: Breathing Room*, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA  
*Meridians*, Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami, Florida
- 2018            *Living Room*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA
- 2016            *Lights Out Night Out*, Quality, Oakland, CA  
*Real Life Still Life*, Old New England, Berkeley, CA  
*Patty's Mashed Potatoes*, UFO Gallery, Berkeley, CA
- 2015            *It's Going To Be Okay*, Unit 1, Lake Worth, FL

## Group Exhibitions

- 2026            *10th Anniversary Exhibition*, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art at the University of California, Davis [forthcoming]  
*Glory*, NXTHVN, New Haven, CT [forthcoming]  
*Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press*, Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA  
*Nightswimming*, Broadway Gallery, New York, NY

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- 2025
- Beyond the Rainbow*, The Bunker Space, Palm Beach, FL
  - Pushing Boundaries: Ceramic Artists and Identity*, Palo Alto Art Center, CA
  - Beyond the Present: Collecting for the Future*, Southampton Arts Center, NY
  - This is Not a Toaster*, Nazarian / Curcio, Los Angeles, CA
  - When the World is Beautifully Strange*, Montalvo Arts Center, Saratoga, CA
  - California Biennial: Desperate, Scared, but Social*, Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA
  - Sound of the Earth: Ceramics in Contemporary Art*, Kunstmuseum Appenzell, Switzerland
  - Tending and Dreaming: Stories from the Collection*, San José Museum of Art, CA
  - From Josephine Bowes: Trendsetters and Trailblazers*, The Bowes Museum, County Durham, UK
- 2024
- A Particular Kind of Heaven*, Karma, Thomaston, ME
  - Poke in the Eye: Art of the West Coast Counterculture*, Seattle Art Museum, WA
  - Material World* (curated by Gina Beavers), Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY
  - Fraenkenstein*, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, CA
  - We Make Art in Richmond*, NIAD, Richmond, CA
  - Day for Night: New American Realism*, Galerie Nazionali Barberini Corsini, Rome, Italy
- 2023
- The Place I Am*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
  - Retinal Hysteria*, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY
  - Hear Me Now: The Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina*, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
  - A Growing Season*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA
  - WARES! Extraordinary Ceramics and the Ordinary Home*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
  - Crafting Radicality: Bay Area Artists from the Svane Gift*, de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
  - Exposed*, The Current, Stowe, VT
  - Dwelling*, Canal Projects, New York, NY
  - What Has Been and What Could Be: The BAMPFA Collection*, Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA
  - Conversation Pieces*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
  - Fight and Flight: Crafting a Bay Area Life*, Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA
  - Funk You Too! Humor and Irreverence in Ceramic Sculpture*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY
- 2022
- Home/Work*, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA
  - Strange Clay: Ceramics in Contemporary Art*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK
  - Hear Me Now: The Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY; travels to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
  - This Present Moment: Crafting a Better World*, Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C.
  - Whitney Biennial 2022: Quiet as It's Kept*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
  - A Thing for the Mind*, Timothy Taylor, London, UK

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- On the Edge*, CCA Clay, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA
- 2021 *Our whole, unruly selves*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*Clay Pop*, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY  
*We Are Here*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA  
*Close to Home: Creativity in Crisis*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*Day Trip*, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2020 *Material Conditions*, Matthew Brown Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Sleight of Hand*, Center for Craft, Asheville, NC  
*The Burdens of History*, NCECA Conference, Richmond, VA  
*High Voltage*, Nassima-Landau Project, Tel Aviv, Israel  
*Justice*, Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, Novato, CA  
*(Nothing but) Flowers*, Karma, New York, NY  
*The Essential Goods Show*, Fisher Parrish, New York, NY [online]
- 2019 *Roommates*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA  
33<sup>rd</sup> Ljubljana Biennial of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
*Blow Up*, Friedman Benda Gallery, New York, NY  
*Planned Obsolescence*, Natalie and James Thompson Art Gallery, San José State University, CA
- 2018 *Bay Area Now*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA  
*Horizon Lines*, Jessica Silverman at 288 Pacific, San Francisco, CA  
*Kinship*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA  
*FRONT International Cleveland Triennial For Contemporary Art*, Cleveland, OH  
*From the Ground Up*, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Kinder Gentler Nation*, Karma, New York, NY
- 2017 *Working TWO Scale: New Bay Area Ceramic Sculpture*, Sonoma State University Art Gallery, Sonoma, CA  
*Matt Kleberg and Woody De Othello*, Johansson Projects, Oakland, CA  
*Homo Mundus Minor*, Gallery T293, Rome, Italy  
30th Annual Barclay Simpson Master of Fine Arts Award Exhibition, Perry Family Event Center, San Francisco, CA  
*To Speak of Trees*, Alter Space at Minnesota Street Projects, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 *All College Honors*, Hubbell Street Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Rocks and Socks*, College Avenue Gallery, Oakland, CA  
*Ottawa Makers Market*, The Rideau Curling Club, Ottawa, ON, Canada  
*Clay Bodies*, 7264 N. Miami Ct, Miami, FL
- 2015 *Grayscale*, 5&J Gallery, Lubbock, TX  
*Possessed*, Fat Village Projects, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
*Resident Exit Show*, Armory Arts Center, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2014 *The Contenders*, Unit 1, Lake Worth, FL  
*Monstrous Strange*, Fat Village Projects, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

*Acid Reflux*, Fat Village Projects, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
*The Strange Ones*, Unit 1, Lake Worth, FL  
*Southern Exposure: New Work Now*, Palm Beach Cultural Council, Lake Worth, FL  
*Outside The Box 2*, White Space Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL  
*Fluidity*, Artserve, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
*All Florida Ceramics Invitational*, Nathan H. Wilson Center, Jacksonville, FL

2013 *Small Wonders*, World and Eye Arts Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
*Apex: Fall 2013 BFA Exhibition*, Ritter Art Gallery, Boca Raton, FL  
*Inferno*, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL  
*College of Arts & Letters Dean's Reception*, Northern Trust Bank, Boca Raton, FL  
*Red Eye Art*, Artserve, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
*Lounge Series*, Arts Council of Martin County, Stuart, FL  
*Arts After Darks*, Arts Council of Martin County, Stuart, FL

2012 *23rd Annual University Juried Student Exhibition*, Atlantic Center of The Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
*Four Minutes, Thirty Three Seconds*, Legal Art, Miami, FL

### **Selected Projects / Commissions**

2023 1900 Broadway Public Art Commission  
2021 CityLine Sunnyvale Public Art Commission  
2018 SFO International Terminal Boarding Area G Outdoor Terrace Commission

### **Awards/Grants**

2017 Toby Devan Lewis Award  
2016 Barclay Simpson Award  
CCA Merit Scholarship  
2015 CCA All College Honors  
CCA Merit Scholarship  
2013 Claire V. Dorst Scholarship (FAU)  
Runner-up of Fine Art in Creative Quarterly  
John McCoy Scholarship (FAU)  
Rothenberger Endowed Scholarship for Humanities (FAU)  
2012 Marvin and Eileen Reingold Contemporary Ceramics Collection  
2011 Rothenberger Endowed Scholarship for Humanities: Printmaking (FAU)

### **Residencies**

2020 John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI

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- 2018            Liquitex Research Residency, Minnesota Street Project, San Francisco, CA
- 2016            Old New England, Berkeley, CA
- 2015            Pentaculum Resident, Arrowmont, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2014-15        Sculpture Artist in Residence, Armory Arts Center, West Palm Beach, FL

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## Collections

Aishti Foundation, Lebanon  
 Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
 Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, CA  
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
 Dallas Museum of Art, TX

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de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C.  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL  
Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, Davis, CA  
John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
JPMorgan Chase Art Collection  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
MAXXI - National Museum of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Art, Rome, Italy  
Meta, Menlo Park, CA  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, PA  
Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL  
Rennie Collection, Vancouver, B.C.  
Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C.  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA  
SFO Museum, San Francisco, CA  
San José Museum of Art, CA  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA  
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

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