

## ARIA DEAN

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Born 1993 in Los Angeles, California  
Lives and works in New York, New York

### Education

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2015 B.A., Studio Art with Honors, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

### Residencies

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2018 Hammer Museum, Los Angeles  
2015 Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, Florida  
2013–15 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship

### Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

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2024 *Facts Worth Knowing*, Château Shatto, Los Angeles  
*Aria Dean, Zeinab Saleh*, Château Shatto at kurimanzutto, Condo Mexico City  
*Aria Dean: Abattoir*, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London

2023 *Abattoir, U.S.A.!*, The Power Plant, Toronto  
*Wolves*, Progetto, Lecce, Italy  
*Figuer Sucia*, Greene Naftali, New York  
*Vidéodrame: Aria Dean, Suite!*, CAPC Musée d'art Contemporain de Bordeaux, France  
*Aria Dean: Abattoir, U.S.A.!*, curated by Myriam Ben Salah, The Renaissance Society, Chicago (catalogue)

2021 *Suite!*, REDCAT, Los Angeles  
*Show Your Work Little Temple*, Greene Naftali, New York  
*Studio Parasite*, Cordova, Barcelona, Spain

2020 *Center for Experimental Lectures: Amalle Dublon and Aria Dean*, Artists Space, New York (performative lecture)

2019 *(meta)models or how i got my groove back*, Chapter NY, New York  
*Production for a Circle*, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Geneva

2018 *Aria Dean*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York  
*Lonesome crowded west*, Château Shatto, Los Angeles

2017 *Gut Pinch*, The Sunroom, Richmond, Virginia  
*Baby is a Cool Machine*, American Medium, New York  
*White Ppl Think I'm Radical*, Arcadia Missa, London

2015 *Soft Defense*, Storage, Oberlin, Ohio

### Selected Group Exhibitions

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2025 *The Color Scheme*, Performa Biennial, New York  
*8 Hours of Work*, The Wattis Institute, San Francisco  
*Material Evidence*, Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art, Porto

2024 *formazione di forme*, curated by Matilde Guidelli-Guidi, Felix Gaudlitz, Vienna

- Flowers of Romance*, Lodovico Corsini, Brussels  
*The 15th Baltic Triennial*, curated by Tom Engels and Maya Tounta, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania  
*Tabula Rasa*, Paula Cooper, New York  
*Reverberations*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
 Beverly Buchanan: *I Broke the House*, curated by gta exhibitions, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- 2023 *Making Their Mark*, curated by Cecilia Alemani, Shah Garg Foundation, New York (traveling to Berkeley Art Museum, 2024; Kemper Art Museum, 2025) (catalogue)
- 2022 *Together in Time: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles  
 Whitney Biennial 2022: *Quiet as It's Kept*, curated by Adrienne Edwards and David Breslin, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (catalogue)  
*Open Storage: 25 Years of Collecting*, curated by Allan Schwartzman, The Warehouse, Dallas  
*Some of It Falls from the Belt and Lands on the Walkway Beside the Conveyor*, Vleeshal Center for Contemporary Art, Middleburg, Netherlands  
*The Painter's New Tools*, organized by Eleanor Cayre and Dean Kissick, Nahmad Contemporary, New York (catalogue)  
*Friends With Benefits*, Estrella Gallery, New York  
*The Condition of Being Addressable*, guest curated by Legacy Russell and Marcelle Joseph, Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
*The History of Forgetting*, Château Shatto, Los Angeles  
*A Fool's Game Played By Cowards*, curated by Aria Dean in collaboration with Kinder, As It Stands, Los Angeles
- 2021 *Looking Back / The 12<sup>th</sup> White Columns Annual*, White Columns, New York  
*do it (home)*, curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati  
*Hiding in Plain Sight*, Pace Gallery, New York  
*Greene Naftali East Hampton*, East Hampton, New York  
*Made in L.A. 2020: a version*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; and the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California
- 2020 *Colored People Time: Mundane Futures, Quotidian Pasts, Banal Presents*, MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
*The Obvious*, organized by Attilia Fattori Franchini and Felix Gaudlitz, The Gallery at Michael's, Los Angeles  
*Aria Dean, Helen Marten, Kelley Walker, Olga Balema, Raque Ford*, Greene Naftali, New York
- 2019 *On Refusal: Representation and Resistance in Contemporary American Art*, The MAC, Belfast, Northern Ireland  
*Colored People Time: Mundane Futures, Quotidian Pasts, Banal Presents*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
*Aria Dean, Diamond Stingily and Martine Syms*, Tongewölbe T25, Ingolstadt, Germany  
*Phantom Plane, Cyberpunk in the Year of the Future*, Tai Kwun, Hong Kong  
*Great Force*, Institute for Contemporary Art at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia  
*Eulogy for a Black Mass*, Studio 54 Film Program, Julia Stoschek Collection, Düsseldorf (screening)  
*Chapter 1NE Edson Sabajo & Guillaume Schmidt*, Het HEM, Zaandam, Netherlands  
 International Film Festival Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2018 *Some Kind of Half Way Place*, Higher Pictures, New York  
*Honey*, Bodega, New York  
*Proof of Work*, Schinkel Pavillon, Berlin  
*obsequies*, AALA Gallery, Los Angeles  
*Get-Together: A Tragedy of Language*, Swiss Institute, New York  
*The Pain of Others*, Ghebaly Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2017 *Genre-Nonconforming: The Dis Edu-tainment Network*, de Young Museum, San Francisco  
*Discretion*, BFA Boatos Fine Arts, São Paulo  
*On Plane Air*, Château Shatto at Air de Paris, Paris  
*Sylloggy*, Veronica, Seattle  
*Condo New York*, Château Shatto at Foxy Production, New York  
*At this stage*, Château Shatto, Los Angeles  
*Formal Complaint*, Knockdown Center, New York
- 2016 *Lost Wax*, As it Stands, Los Angeles

- Hannah Boone, Aria Dean, Merideth Hillbrand, curated by Santi Vernetti, Club Pro, Los Angeles  
 West Hollywood, curated by Auto Body, AALA Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2015 *Bald Desire*, As It Stands, Los Angeles  
*Expansion Foam*, 67, New York  
*Local Area Network: A Week of Performance Art*, Storage, Oberlin, Ohio
- 2014 *blunt\_tip: selected drawings*, Storage, Oberlin, Ohio  
*Length x Width*, Fisher Gallery, Oberlin, Ohio  
*Title Generated: Advanced Media Projects final show*, Fisher Gallery, Oberlin, Ohio

## Monographs and Catalogues

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- 2024 Ben-Salah, Myriam and Aria Dean, eds. *Abattoir U.S.A.!*. Chicago: The Renaissance Society.
- 2023 Godfrey, Mark. *Making Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection*. New York: Gregory R Miller & Co.
- 2022 Breslin, David and Adrienne Edwards. *Whitney Biennial 2022: Quiet as It's Kept*. New York: Whitney Museum of American Art.
- 2021 Obrist, Hans Ulrich, ed. *IT'S URGENT: A Luma Project Curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist*. Cologne: Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther und Franz König: 52–53.
- 2020 Duplan, Anaïs. *Blackspace: On the Poetics of an Afrofuture*. Boston: Black Ocean: 13.  
 Jacobson, Karen, ed. *Made in L.A. 2020: a version*. Los Angeles: Hammer Museum: 10–17.

## Selected Writings

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 "VIDEO TODAY: A ROUNDTABLE." In *The New Television: Video After Television*, edited by Rachel Churner, Rebecca Cleman and Tyler Maxin. No Place Press: New York: 456–475.  
 "Black Meme: Legacy Russell traces the history of black representation in mainstream media and its leadup to 2010s black internet." *4 Columns*, May 3: Web.
- 2023 "Aria Dean on Julie Mehretu." In *Making Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection*, edited by Mark Godfrey. New York: Gregory R Miller & Co: 108–109.  
*Bad Infinity: Selected Writings*. Berlin: Sternberg Press.  
 "Channel Zero." In *Signals: How Video Transformed the World*, edited by Stuart Comer and Michelle Kuo. New York: The Museum of Modern Art: 30–41.
- 2022 "Written and Bitten: Ulysses Jenkins and The Non-Ontology of Blackness." In *Ulysses Jenkins: Without Your Interpretation*, edited by Erin Christovale and Meg Onli. Philadelphia: Institute of Contemporary Art: 39–48.
- 2021 "Black Bataille." *November*. Fall: Web.  
 "Interview: Matthew Barney." *November*. Fall: Web.  
 "Plugged In." *Vanity Fair*. July/August: 35.  
 "A Near-Ideal Black Body! On the Metaphysics and Materialist Aesthetics of One Kara E. Walker's Black Universe." In *Kara Walker: A Black Hole Is Everything a Star Longs to Be*, edited by Anita Haldemann. Geneva: JRP|Editions: 586–92.
- 2020 "Achille Mbembe's *Necropolitics*." *Artforum*. December: 64.  
 "Hal Foster: In conversation with Aria Dean." *November*. December: Web.  
 "Now... That's What I Call Pop Smoke!" *Frieze*. August 11: Web.  
 "Frank B Wilderson III: In conversation with Aria Dean." *November*. August: Web.  
 "Lockdown Listens: The Weeknd's Liberatory Nihilism." *Frieze*. May 26: Web.  
 "Unsovereignty." *Spike* 63. Spring: 40–43.

- "Judd." *Artforum*. January: 72.
- 2019 "Value in the Void." *Art in America*. December: 38–43.  
 "On Progress, or the speed at which a square wheel turns." *X-TRA Contemporary Art Quarterly*. August 18: Web.  
 "Reality Crisis." In *Unrealism: New Figurative Painting*, edited by Jeffrey Deitch. New York: Rizzoli International: 331–34.
- 2018 "Trauma and Virtuality." *Texte zur Kunst*. September: 52–65.  
 "Is Indie Dead?" *Spike* 56. Summer.  
 "Arthur Jafa." *Kaleidoscope* 18. Spring/Summer.  
 "An Untitled Review of an Exhibition's Wall Texts." *Sublevel 2*. Web.  
*Gut Pinch*. Richmond, VA: The Sunroom Press.
- 2017 "Notes on Blacceleration." *e-flux*. December: Web.  
 "An introduction to New Black Portraits." *Rhizome*. October 26: Web.  
 "The Demand Remains." *The New Inquiry*. March 28: Web.  
 "Written and Bitten: Ulysses Jenkins and the Non-Ontology of Blackness." *X-TRA Contemporary Art Quarterly* 19, no. 2. Winter.  
 "On the black generic." *NGV Triennial Voices*. Web.  
 "Toward Another Mode: Memes and the Generic Image." In *Farewell Photography: Biennale für aktuelle Fotografie*. Cologne: Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König.
- 2016 "Critics' Picks: Alex Da Corte." *Artforum*. July 28: Web.  
 "Poor Meme, Rich Meme." *Real Life*. July 25: Web.  
 "Closing the Loop." *The New Inquiry*. March 1: Web.  
 "The Erotics of the Black Crowd." In *Wandering/WILDING: Blackness on the Internet*. London: IMT Press.
- 2015 "Select All: Toward a Xenofeminist Future." *Topical Cream*. July 31: Web.  
 "Amalia Ulman – Gentle Deception." *Topical Cream*. June 1: Web.  
 "Mixed Humours." In *Expansion Foam: Tracings*, edited by Devin Kenny. New York: Temporary Agency.

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 Dean, Aria & Eve Rogers. "Historical Material: An Interview with Aria Dean." *Berlin Art Links*, November 21, 2025: Web  
 Dean, Aria. "Aria Dean on the Making of a Character." *Frieze*, October 29, 2025: Web.  
 "Performa 2025 Celebrates Two Decades." *ArtReview*, October 28, 2025: Web.  
 Dean, Aria, Jeffrey C. Stewart & Simone Wu. "A Long Way from Home: Aria Dean explores Weimar-era Berlin and Black Aesthetics." *Ursula*, Fall 2025: 36–39.
- 2024 Dean, Aria & Ikechúkwú Onyewuenyi. "A Play That's A Movie That's a Play." *Works in Practice*, Fall 2025: 20–21.  
 Bradley, Adam. "The New Minimalists." *T: The New York Times Style Magazine*, May 19, 2024: 72–74.  
 Dika, Vera. "Bodiless in Space: Moving Between the Material and the Actual in Aria Dean's 'Abattoir, U.S.A.!'" *Millennium Film Journal*, Spring 2024: 48–50.  
 King-Clements, Eloise. "Aria Dean and Louis Osmosis Talk Sculpture and Sperm Banks at Dover Street Market." *Interview Magazine*, March 1, 2024: Web  
 Markaki, Lilly. "This is Not a Game: On Aria Dean's Abattoir." *Elephant Magazine*, February 21, 2024: Web.  
 Steer, Emily. "Why the Slaughterhouse Became a Powerful and Enduring Motif in Art." *Artnet News*, February 20, 2024: Web  
 Diehl, Travis. "In the Slaughterhouse with Aria Dean." *Plaster Magazine*, February 14, 2024: Web.  
 Frankel, Eddy. "Aria Dean: 'Abattoir'." *Time Out*, February 8, 2024: Web.  
 Wu, Jenny. "Profile—Aria Dean." *Art Monthly*, February 2024: 15–16.  
 Kane, Ashleigh. "Art Shows to Leave the House for in February 2024." *Dazed*, January 26, 2024: Web.
- 2023 Fajemisin, Olamiju. "'Wolves' Progetto / Lecce." *Flash Art*. October 16: Web.  
 Hayes, Chris. "Bad Infinity: Selected Writings." *Burlington Contemporary*. September 18: Web.

- Speed, Mitch. "Aria Dean's Spotted Sense of Hope." *ArtReview*. 13 September: Web.
- "Aria Dean: Wolves." *CURA*. August 30: Web.
- Adams, Katherine C.M. "Aria Dean's 'Figuer Sucia.'" June 23, 2023: Web
- Diehl, Travis. "Aria Dean." *The New York Times*. May 26: C11.
- Hoge, Natalie. "Being Led to the Slaughterhouse in Aria Dean's 'Abattoir, USA!'" *The Chicago Maroon*. May 5: Web.
- Dean, Aria, Angelica Villa and Myriam Ben Salah. "Aria Dean Guides Us to the Killing Floor in Chicago Exhibition." *ARTnews*. April 14: Web.
- Drexelius, Alexandra. "Aria Dean Enters the Slaughterhouse." *ArtReview*. April 3: Web.
- Dean, Aria and McKenzie Wark. "Aria Dean with McKenzie Wark." *The Brooklyn Rail*. March 29: 10–15.
- Balsom, Erika. "The Cow Question: Erika Balsom on Aria Dean's 'Abattoir, U.S.A.!'" *Artforum*. April: 29–30.
- Werder, Valerie. "There, There; There's No 'There' There." *Flash Art*. Spring: 86–101.
- Boehringer, Emeline. "These nothings: 'Abattoir, U.S.A.!' tracks the slaughterhouse's influence on modern architecture." *The Chicago Reader*. March 10: Web.
- Smart, Jennifer. "Alone Now: A Review of Aria Dean 'Abattoir, USA!' at Renaissance Society." *Newcity Art*. March 8: Web.
- 2022 Gluhaich, Marko, Vanessa Peterson, and Terence Trouillot. "The Year in Review: Frieze Editors on Art in 2022." *Frieze*. December 15: Web.
- Emmerman, James. "A List of 50 Young New Yorkers Defining the Scene." *Air Mail*. November 19: Web.
- M.H. Miller. "Aria Dean Is Having Fun Just Being Herself." *T: The New York Times Style Magazine*. August 17: Web.
- Knight, Christopher. "Review: A smart yet narrow ICA L.A. show confronts marginalized people's visibility and Invisibility." *Los Angeles Times*. July 18: Web.
- Olunkwa, Emmanuel. "Aria Dean." *ArtOfficial*. July 15: Web.
- Diehl, Travis. "Computers and Painting's Identity Crisis." *The New York Times*. July 15: C8.
- Nauman, Nicholas. "At ICA Los Angeles, Being Comes With Conditions." *Ocula*. July 14: Web.
- Oetting, Blake. "Models/Mush: Aria Dean Interviewed by Blake Oetting." *BOMB Magazine*. July 13: Web.
- Abreu, Manuel Arturo. "Aria Dean." *CURA*. June: 98–103.
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- Hickman, Matt. "The Graham Foundation announces its 2022 individual grantees." *The Architect's Newspaper*. May 24: Web.
- Rynaski, Nate. "Aria Dean: Do You Hear That Static?" *Flaunt Magazine*. April 26: Web.
- Sutton, Benjamin. "The 2022 Whitney Biennial in five key themes." *The Art Newspaper*. April 6: Web.
- 2021 Trebing, Saskia. "An Artist That Caught Our Eye: Aria Dean." *Monopol*. March: 22.
- Van Gool, Vere. "Aria Dean: Life as Scene." *A Magazine Curated By*. February 3: Web.
- Moon, Kavior. "Sowing Discourse." *Art in America*. January 31: Web.
- Berardini, Andrew. "Best of 2021: Aria Dean at REDCAT." *Artforum*. December: Web.
- Kelley, Elleza. "Critic Aria Dean is untangling the knots of art, design and human nature." *i-D The Darker Issue*. Winter.
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- "40 Under 40 Art and Tech: Aria Dean." *Apollo Magazine*. September 20: Web.
- "Unfinished Work: A Roundtable on L'informe." *November*. Fall: Web.
- Diehl, Travis. "One Work: Aria Dean's 'Suite!'" *Art in America*. August 13: Web.
- Blidaru, Adriana. "Aria Dean: Show Your Work Little Temple." *CURA*. June 8: Web.
- Akinyode, Becky. "Memory Maker: Artist and Writer Aria Dean on Irony, Legacy, and her Interest in Postmodern Architecture." *PIN-UP Magazine*. Spring/Summer: 52–53.
- Armstrong, Annie. "Aria Dean." *TheGuide.Art*. May 13: Web.
- Ryan, Tina Rivers. "Token Gesture." *Artforum*. May: 65–66.
- Diehl, Travis. "Aria Dean on Designing an Anti-Monument." *Frieze*. May.
- Abreu, Manuel Arturo. "Sculpting the Black Generic." *X-TRA*. April 6: Web.
- Griffin, Jonathan. "Made in L.A. 2020: a version." *Frieze*. March: 112–13.
- 2020 "Power 100: Aria Dean." *ArtReview*. December 2: Web.
- Bürgel, Octavia. "Aria Dean Life World." *032c*. May 25: Web.

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- Hahn, Rachel. "Aria Dean on Conceptual One Liners and Her Least Personal Show Yet." *Topical Cream*. June 17: Web.
- Smith, Roberta. "Spring Gallery Guide: Lower East Side." *New York Times*. April 26: C14.
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- Diehl, Travis. "Aria Dean with Travis Diehl: Going Formal." *X-TRA*. October 22: Web.
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- Stromberg, Matt. "Aria Dean Searches for an 'Ontology of Blackness,' *Hyperallergic*. October 24: Web.
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- Marcus, Nat. "Interview with Aria Dean." *Art Practical*. November 14: Web.
- Officer-Narvasa, Amber. "Unburdening the Object." *ARTS.BLACK*. December 20: Web.
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## Public Collections

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De Pont Museum of Contemporary Art, Tilburg, Netherlands  
 Hammer Museum, Los Angeles  
 Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York  
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles  
 Magasin III, Stockholm  
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
 Museum of Modern Art, New York  
 The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York