

Janiva Ellis

Born 1987, Oakland, CA
Lives and works in New York City

Education

2012 California College of the Arts, B.F.A., San Francisco

Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Fear Corroded Ape*, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Cambridge, MA

2024 *StackedPlot*, 47 Canal, New York
Sussudio Pseudo Soothe, Cabinet, London

2022 *Hammer Projects: Janiva Ellis*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

2021 *Rats*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami

2019 *Tip Drill*, 47 Canal, New York

2018 *Park Ass Somebody*, Arcadia Missa, London

2017 *Lick Shot*, 47 Canal, New York

Group Exhibitions

2025 *Driftwork*, Southern Guild Gallery, Los Angeles
land marks, Pace, Los Angeles
It Smells Like Girl, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles

2023 *He Said/She Said: Contemporary Women Artists Interject*, Dallas Museum of Art, TX

2022 *Introverse: Allegory Today*, 80WSE Gallery, New York
Dark Light: Realism in the Age of Post Truths, Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon (Catalogue)
Janiva Ellis & Donald Rodney, Arcadia Missa, London

2020 Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York

2019 Whitney Biennial 2019, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

2018 *Painting: Now & Forever, Part III*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York
2018 Triennial: Songs for Sabotage, New Museum, New York

2017 *Prick Up Your Ears*, Karma International, Los Angeles
Cabin Pressure, BBQLA, Los Angeles
You Catch More Flies With Arsenic Than Honey, Club Pro, Los Angeles

Publications

PRIME: Art's Next Generation, Phaidon, 2022

Publications (continued)

Janiva Ellis: Rats, exhibition catalogue, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, October 2021.

Awards

Rema Hort Mann Foundation Grant, 2018
Stanley Hollander Award, 2018

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- 2019 Okoyomon, Precious. Flash Art, "Reviews: Janiva Ellis 47 Canal / New York," December 11, 2019
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- 2018 Moloi, Nkgopoleng. Bubblegum. "Janiva Ellis' visceral paintings comfort as well as unsettle," August 6, 2018
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- 2017 Cultured Magazine. "30 YOUNG ARTISTS TO WATCH IN 2018," November, 2017
Heinrich, Will. The New York Times, "What to See in Los Angeles Art Galleries This Week," August 31, 2017
AQNB. "'Laughter in the dark, or an underwater scream.' Spiraling sensations in Janiva Ellis' Lick Shot at 47 Canal," July 13, 2017

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Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland
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Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami
Rubell Museum, Miami
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA