

Janiva Ellis

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

Education

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

Solo Exhibitions

2025 Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Cambridge, MA (upcoming)

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

2022 *Hammer Projects: Janiva Ellis*, Hammer Museum, LA

2021 *Rats*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami

2019 *Tip Drill*, 47 Canal, New York

2018 *Park Ass Somebody*, Arcadia Missa, London, UK

2017 *Lick Shot*, 47 Canal, New York

Group Exhibitions

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, Aishti 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, California
Cabin Pressure, BBQLA, Los Angeles, California
You Catch More Flies With Arsenic Than Honey, Club Pro, Los Angeles, California

Publications

PRIME: Art's Next Generation, Phaidon, 2022

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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Public Collections

Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon
Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland
Dallas Museum of Art, Texas
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
ICA Miami, Miami
Rubell Museum, Miami
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York