



Between me and the gods, 2023, Oil on canvas, 45h x 60w in

Statement

My art currently is a personal journey of healing and an expressive desire to truly know myself. The work I produce is a physical representation of the sacred space of internal exploration.

I believe creativity is a position of transformation. Through making art, I am questioning and reevaluating my own limiting belief systems and inviting my viewer into a conversation about who we are and what we are capable of when we step outside of our established stories.



Sacred Narratives, 2023, Virtual Gallery Installation View

Biography

Born in 1984 to an African American father and Mexican mother, Vollrath had a unique beginning with 11 siblings, a Mennonite background, and a homeschool education.

She discovered her love of painting around the age of 8 and spent her free time exploring with the various art supplies her mother found at garage sales.

At the age of 15, Vollrath met the late Dr. Marilyn Daniels at an art opening. Upon seeing Vollrath's portfolio, Dr. Daniels was amazed by the untrained, natural skill that was present in the work. She immediately offered art tutelage to the quiet 15 year old. Credited to Dr. Daniels' prodding and encouragement, Vollrath went on to receive her BFA from Howard University in 2011 and MFA from Texas Woman's University in 2017.

Vollrath works primarily in oil paint and is currently focused on the sacred narratives. She is figuratively trained and began her early career as a portrait painter for hire. With her love of light, color and the figure, Vollrath tells familiar narratives of humankind's eternal search for its connection to immortality.

Vollrath currently lives in Dallas with her husband and 2 daughters. She is a professor of art at Eastfield College and cofounder of Toyblock.co

JESSICA VOLLRATH STUDIO

EDUCATION

- 2017 Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas,, M.F.A. in Painting & Sculpture
- 2011 Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia, B.F.A. *suma cum laude*, Art DONA International, New York, New York, Certified Doula/labor and delivery
- 2010 City College, San Diego, California,, A.A. cum laude, 2D Design

TEACHING

- 2017-pres Drawing I, II & III, Dallas College EFC, Dallas, TX
- 2017 Basic Drawing [Instructor of record], Texas Woman's University, Denton TX
Advanced and Intermediate Painting, Texas Woman's University, Denton TX
- 2016 Basic Drawing [Instructor of record], Texas Woman's University, Denton TX
- 2000-03 Basic Drawing K-12, T. A., WoodSong Institute of Art, Whitewright, TX

EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Upcoming: *Dallas Art Fair with Pencil On Paper Gallery*, The Dallas Art Fair, Dallas, TX
Founders Foyer Rotating Art Exhibition, Dallas College, Dallas, TX
- 2023 *The Other Art Fair*, Market Hall, Dallas, TX
ART WALK, Richardson Art Core, Richardson, TX
By Example; Eastfield Faculty Show, Dallas College EFC, Dallas, TX
Self Unfixed: Picturing Identity, Bath House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
- 2022 *On The Continuum*, Solo Exhibition, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX
- 2018 *Self Timer*, Solo Exhibition, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX
Affirmations, South Dallas Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
- 2017 *Duets 2.0*, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX
Scope, Art Basel, Miami FL
Eight, Art Room Gallery, Fort Worth, TX
In Good Company, Dallas College EFC, Dallas, TX
Sam With Us Baby, Sam Hard Gallery, Fort Worth, TX
Solo Exhibition, Cultivar, Oak Cliff, TX
These Are My Friends, Hosted by ArtTooth, Shipping and Receiving, Fort Worth, TX
Hypnagogia: The Space Between, Neighborhood Cult, Fort Worth, TX
Hot and Sweaty, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX
I Am. They Are. We Are, Butler Brothers Building, Dallas, TX (catalogue)
#28Grams, Fort Work Gallery, Fort Worth, TX

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- 2016 *Six*, Art Room Gallery, Fort Worth, TX (catalogue)
Being Known, Solo Exhibition, 010 Gallery, Denton, TX
500X, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX (Juror: Rachel Rogerson)
Imbue, Tiburon Arte, Fort Worth, TX
Urban Scene, Highland Park, Dallas, TX
XI, TWU Galleries, Denton, TX
TWO, Art Room Gallery, Fort Worth, TX (catalogue)
- 2015 *Live Paint*, The Genius Den, Dallas, TX
Weinkein Juried Exhibition, TWU Galleries, Denton, TX (Juror: Pam Campbell)
10 Under 30, Fort Work Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2014 *Post Presence*, Deep Ellum Pop-up, Dallas, TX
The Lucky Seven, TWU Galleries, Denton, TX
- 2013 *Serendipity*, Creative Arts Center, Bonham, TX
8 X 8, Museum of Biblical Art, Dallas, TX
- 2012 *13th Annual Staff Exhibition*, Christie's Art Auction, New York, NY
81st Annual Student Exhibition, Howard University, Washington, DC
- 2011 *80th Annual Student Exhibition*, Howard University, Washington, DC
Locked In, Howard University, Washington, DC
- 2010 *19th Annual Student Show*, City College, San Diego, CA
Clairemont Art Guild Student Show, Mira Mesa College, CA
- 2009 *18th Annual Student Show*, City College, San Diego, CA
- 2000 *Stock Show Art Show*, Southwestern Exposition, Fort Worth, TX
- 1999 *Stock Show Art Show*, Southwestern Exposition, Fort Worth, TX
Fannin County Youth Art Show, Red River Valley Association, Bonham, TX
- 1998 *Katherine Sherwood Art Show*, Bonham, TX

AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Hopper Prize Finalist
Artist in Residence, Midnight Rambler at The Joule Dallas, Dallas TX
New Futures, The Other Art Fair, Dallas, TX
(Jurors: Jessica Fuentes ED., Ryan Stanier, Nicole Garton)
- 2017 Catherine Cloud Edwards Scholarship, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
Kobler Visual Arts Scholarship, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
Mary Glover Scholarship, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

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- 2016 Catherine Cloud Edwards Scholarship, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
Kobler Visual Arts Scholarship, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
Mary Glover Scholarship, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
- 2015 Best of Show, Weinkein Juried Exhibition, Texas Woman's University, Denton TX
(Juror: Pam Campbell)
- 2014 Artist in Residence, Tech Wildcatters at Alto 211, Dallas TX
- 2013 Residency, WoodSong Institute of Art, Whitewright, TX
- 2010 Transfer Scholarship, Howard University, Washington, DC
Dean's Honor List, City College, San Diego, CA
Honorable Mention, Clairemont Art Guild, Mira Mesa, CA
- 2009 Dean's Honor List, City College, San Diego, CA
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- 1999 2nd Place, Stock Show Art Show, Southwestern Exposition, Fortworth, TX
1st Place, Fannin County Youth Art Show, Red River Valley Art Association, Bonham, TX
- 1998 1st Place, Katherine Sherwood Youth Art Show, Bonham, TX

PUBLICATIONS & PRESS

- 2024 "More than 90 exhibitors will participate in the 16th edition of the Dallas Art Fair" By Stephanie Salas-Vega, Dallas Morning News, Jan. 12, 2024
- 2022 "Hot Summer", 360 West, April 2022
- 2017 "Student Creative Arts Research Symposium", Texas Woman's University Program.
Cover art, "Brandon", 2017
"Briefly in the Arts" by Lucinda Breeding, The Denton Record Chronicle, (Apr. 29, 2017)
"Artists At Work" by Michelle Padget, Ed., 1530 Main, April/May 2017: Edition 12: 8
- 2016 "Total Poser" by Margaux Anbouba, 1530 Main blog, August 8, 2016
- 2015 "Tech meets art in downtown Dallas" by Rachel Winstead, Launch DFW
"10Under30 Art Exhibition at the Fort Work Art Gallery at Alto 211" by Stephanie Campos, I live in Dallas blog, January 19, 2015.
<http://www.iliveindallas.com/10-under-30-art-exhibition>
- 2014 Diana Oates, "Museum of Biblical Art", Culture Map Dallas, (Jan. 16, 2014)
- 2004 "Whitewright Artist Proves Them Wrong" by Dan Eakin, The Herald Democrat, February 9, 2004: A1.

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- 2003 “Curtains Open” by Marilyn Todd-Daniels, Ed.D, Thirty-Nine Stripes, Whitewright, TX
2003. 89. Print.
- 1999 “Tenth Annual Stock Show Art Show,” The Star Telegram, February 7, 1999:

PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR

- 2017 “Being Known”, The Daedalian, Jennie Ines Posadas, ed., June 1, 2017
- 2016 “They taught me to see”, Tiburon Arte, Cookie Oliver, ed., August 19, 2016
<https://store.tiburonarte.com/blogs/news/mcclendon-they-taught-me-to-see>
“Saying Goodbye”, Tiburon Arte, Cookie Oliver, ed., August 31, 2016
<https://store.tiburonarte.com/blogs/news/mcclendon-saying-goodby>
“Jessica McClendon”, Two-Art Room catalogue, Nathan Madrid, ed. November, 2015:

LECTURES & DISCUSSIONS

- 2024 Upcoming: Virtual Artist Talk at San Diego City College, May
“The Benefits of DCCCD Art Program”, Dallas College Board of Trustees
- 2017 Artist Round Table, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth TX, May 17, 2017
Student Research Symposium ,Texas Woman’s University, Denton TX, April 19, 2017
“Process and Practices,” Texas Woman’s University, Denton, TX, January 31, 2017
- 2015 Understanding the Visual Arts, Texas Woman’s University, Denton TX, November
- 2013 “Process and Practices”, Whitewright Ladies Book Club, Whitewright, TX, April 7, 2013