

SHAUNTÉ GATES

Biography

1979 Born Washington, D.C.
Lives and works in Washington, D.C.

Education

2000 University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.
1998 Bowie State University, Bowie, MD
1997 Duke Ellington High School of the Arts, Washington, D.C.

Residencies

2023 The Nicholson Project, artist-in-residence in collaboration with Beverly Price, Washington, D.C.,
17 January – 27 March
2019 The Kennedy Center, artist-in-residence, Michelle Ortiz mural project, Washington, D.C.
2018 WPA (Washington Project for the Arts) Bell Multicultural High School, artist-in-residence,
Washington, D.C.
2017 WPA (Washington Project for the Arts) Roosevelt High School, artist-in-residence, Washington,
D.C.

Selected Awards

2022 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial Grant
2017 DCCA FY17 Grant Award – Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program
2016 DCCA FY16 Grant Award – Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program
Joan Mitchell Foundation, Nominee, Painters and Sculptors Grant
2014 Joan Mitchell Foundation, Nominee, Painters and Sculptors Grant
1995 Scholastic Art & Writing Award, Silver Key

Selected Public Commissions

2018 Ron Brown High School, library & gymnasium mural project, Washington, D.C.
Boone Elementary School, mural project, Washington, D.C.
2017 Marvin Gaye Recreational Center, mural project, Washington, D.C.
2009 Howard University School of Law, Permanent Collection, Washington, D.C.
2006 Children’s National Hospital, mural project, Washington, D.C.

Solo Exhibitions

2025 “Shaunté Gates: This Is Not a Test,” Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, 23 January –
30 March
2023 “Shaunté Gates: In Light of the Hunt,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 7 September – 28 October
2022 “The Land Of Myth: Poppies & Parachutes II: Shaunté Gates,” Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery,
Luxembourg, 9 November – 24 December
2021 “Shaunté Gates: The Land Of Myth: Poppies & Parachutes,” Sperone Westwater, New York, 4
November – 18 December

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- 2014 “Le Spectacle,” Curtiss Jacobs Gallery, Harlem, NY
2008 “Black Canvas Series: One,” Senate Square, Children’s Museum, Washington, D.C.
2007 “The Self and The Box,” NBC (National Broadcasting Center), Washington, D.C.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023-24 “Between Worlds: Stories of Artists and Migration,” Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, 24 September 2023 – 7 January 2024; Munson, Utica, NY, 17 February – 5 May 2024 (brochure)
- 2023 “No Place Like Home,” Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute Museum of Art, Utica, NY, 30 January – 19 March
- 2022 “Narration Within the Materials,” curated by Amani Lewis, organized by Art Intelligence Global and T&Y Projects, T&Y Projects, Toyko, 29 October – 17 December
- 2021-22 “What is Past is Prologue,” 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, KY, December 2021 – December 2021
- 2021 “When Two or More are Gathered,” curated by Amani Lewis, presented by LiveArt Market, Sperone Westwater, New York, 29 June – 27 August
“Shoulder the Deed,” STABLE, Washington, D.C., 25 June – 30 September
“What is Past is Prologue: An Elevate Exhibition,” 21c Museum Hotel, Cincinnati, May – 11 October
- 2020 “Voices,” curated by Anwarii Musa, Studio 525, New York, 20 August – 22 September
- 2019-23 “Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth.,” National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, 17 August – 1 December 2019; Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, 21 December 2019 – 15 March 2020; California African American Museum, Los Angeles, 1 July – 15 November 2020; Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, D.C., 19 December 2020 – 14 March 2021; African American Museum, Dallas, 26 June – 19 September 2021; The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, 10 October 2021 – 2 January 2022; Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, Baltimore, 11 February – 11 September 2022; Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture and Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, 8 October 2022 – 12 March 2023; International African American Museum, Charleston, 27 June – 6 August 2023; Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham, 2 September – 26 November 2023
- 2018 “Art On The Vine,” organized by Art On The Vine Foundation and Agora Culture, Dr. Daniel Fisher House & Gardens Martha’s Vineyard, MA, 12 – 15 August
“Faculty,” curated by Oshun Layne, Rush Arts Gallery, New York, 22 February – 5 April
- 2016 “It Takes A Nation: Art for Social Justice,” curated by Sandy Bellamy, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, Washington, D.C., 6 September – 23 October
“Lest We Forget,” curated by Jarvis DuBois and Deirdre Darden, Galerie Myrtis, Baltimore, 12 September – 15 October
- 2015 “How We Lost DC,” Honfleur Gallery, Washington, D.C., 11 September – 31 October
- 2014 “Divergence: Shaunté Gates, Njena Surae Jarvis,” curated by Martha Jackson Jarvis, Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery, Washington, D.C., 6 September – 25 October
“Mind+Body+Metaphor: Shaunté Gates, Njena Surae Jarvis,” curated by Martha Jackson Jarvis, 39th Street Gallery, Washington, D.C., 10 May – 28 June
- 2011 “Art in Action,” curated by Amber Robles-Gordon, organized by Coalition for Nonprofit Housing & Economic Development (CNHED), Long View Gallery, Washington, D.C., 1 December
“Delusions of Grandeur: Ascension – Jamea Richmond-Edwards, Amber Robles-Gordon, Shaunté Gates,” Parish Gallery, Washington, D.C., 19 August – 16 September
- 2007 Black Artist of DC (BADC), Washington, D.C.
- 2006 “Souls,” Pope John Paul Multicultural Center, Washington, D.C.
“Solutions,” The Graham Collection, Washington, D.C., 4 – 28 February

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- 2004 “Window Pains,” Howard University, Washington, D.C.
2003 “Urban Lights,” Ellington Gallery, Washington, D.C.
“Artist in Retrospect,” The Graham Collection, Washington, D.C.
2002 “Pulling Together,” Ellington Gallery, Washington, D.C.
2001 “Family Ties,” Annual Benefit, National Center for Children and Families, Bethesda, MD
2000 “The Culture Grew,” Calvary Bilingual Multicultural Center, Washington, D.C.
1999 “All,” Prince Georges Art Council, Prince Georges, MD
1997 “Senior’s Annual Art Show,” Ellington Gallery, Washington, D.C.
“Art of Living,” DC Superior Country, Washington, D.C.
1996 Sidwell Friends High School, Washington, D.C.
1995 Corcoran College of Art, Washington, D.C.

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- 2024 Harris-Huffman, Rachel. “Migration Stories From World War II to Now.” *hyperallergic.com (Hyperallergic)*, 25 April 2024.
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- Corwin, William. “Shaunté Gates: In Light of the Hunt.” *brooklynrail.org (The Brooklyn Rail)*, 12 October 2023.
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- Jacobson, Andrew S. “Armory Week 2023: Exploring Cultural Space-Making and Challenging Eurocentric Systems of Erasure.” *www.washingtoninformer.com (The Washington Informer)*, 11 September 2023.
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- 2022 Haan, Adrienne. “ArtBox mam Adrienne Haan.” Video. *play.rtl.lu (RTL PLAY Luxembourg)*, 19 November 2022.
- 2021 Jenkins, Mark. “Invoking history and the here and now.” *The Washington Post*, 19 September 2021, E14.
- Robinson, Shantay. “In Shoulder the Deed, Artists Reflect on the Present and the Past.” *washingtoncitypaper.com (Washington City Paper)*, 15 July 2021.
- 2018 Cooper Cafritz, Peggy. *Fired Up! Ready to Go!: Finding Beauty, Demanding Equity: An African American Life in Art. The Collections of Peggy Cooper Cafritz*. New York: Rizzoli Electa, 2018.
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- Carroll, Angela N. “Lest We Forget.” *bmoreart.com (BmoreArt)*, 13 October 2016.
- 2015 Shook, Beth. “‘How We Lost DC’ at The Honfleur Gallery.” *washingtoncitypaper.com (Washington City Paper)*, 2 October 2015.
- Jenkins, Mark. “Suburban thrall in Rockville, and Chocolate City’s bitter aftertaste.” *The Washington Post*, 20 September 2015, E3.
- Larkin, Daniel. “Finding Your Way Through the Flux Art Fair.” *hyperallergic.com (Hyperallergic)*, 15 May 2015.

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- 2014 O'Sullivan, Michael. "There's more to see than madness." *The Washington Post*, 19 September 2014, WW16.
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"Visions of Family." *Port of Harlem Magazine*, November 2004 – January 2005, cover, 11.
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Collections

Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C.
Munson, Utica, NY
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York