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Sixty-three artists and collectives participate in the eightieth Whitney Biennial. Photo: The Whitney Museum of American Art.

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## WHITNEY BIENNIAL REVEALS ARTIST LIST FOR 2022 EDITION

The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, has announced the artists who will be participating in the 2022 Whitney Biennial. Titled “Quiet as It’s Kept,” after a colloquialism inspired by novelist Toni Morrison, jazz drummer Max Roach, and artist David Hammons, all of whom have invoked it in their works, the event will feature the work of a diverse array of sixty-three artists and collectives in various stages of their careers. The Biennial will run from April 6 through September 5, with select programs continuing through October 23; it is being co-organized by Whitney curators David Breslin and Adrienne Edwards.

In a joint statement, the pair addressed the profound changes in the landscape since the last iteration of the Biennial took place in 2019, noting, “We began planning for this exhibition, originally slated to open in 2021, almost a year before the 2020 election, before the pandemic and shutdown with their reeling effects, before the uprisings demanding racial justice and before the questioning of institutions and their structures.” They went on to acknowledge that “while many of these underlying conditions are not new, their overlapping, intensity, and sheer ubiquity created a context in which past, present, and future folded into one another. We’ve organized the exhibition to reflect these precarious and improvised times. The Biennial primarily serves as a forum for artists, and the works that will be presented reflect their enigmas, the things that perplex them, the important questions they are asking.”

The 2022 Biennial will largely take place on the fifth and sixth floors of the Whitney; these spaces will be made to serve as counterpoints to each other, with one floor darkened and laid out like a labyrinth additionally containing what the press release calls a “space of reserve”; the other floor will be bright and open, recalling a clearing. Artists from Mexico, First Nations artists from Canada, and artists born outside of North America will investigate the dynamics of borders and explore what is meant by and contained within the term “American.”

“Rather than proposing a unified theme, we pursue a series of hunches throughout the exhibition: that abstraction demonstrates a tremendous capacity to create, share, and, sometimes withhold, meaning; that research-driven conceptual art can combine the lushness of ideas and materiality; that personal narratives sifted through political, literary, and pop cultures can address larger social frameworks; that artworks can complicate what ‘American’ means by addressing the country’s physical and psychological boundaries; and that our ‘now’ can be reimagined by engaging with under-recognized artistic models and artists we’ve lost,” explained the curators.

A complete list of artists is below.

**Lisa Alvarado**

Born 1982 in San Antonio

Lives in Chicago

**Harold Ancart**

Born 1980 in Brussels

Lives in New York

**Mónica Arreola**

Born 1976 in Tijuana, Mexico

Lives in Tijuana, Mexico

**Emily Barker**

Born 1992 in San Diego

Lives in Los Angeles

**Yto Barrada**

Born 1971 in Paris

Lives in Brooklyn, NY, and Tangier, Morocco

**Rebecca Belmore**

Born 1960 in Upsala, Canada

Lives in Vancouver, Canada Anishinaabe

**Jonathan Berger**

Born 1980 in New York

Lives in New York and Glover, VT

**Nayland Blake**

Born 1960 in New York

Lives in Brooklyn and Queens, NY

**Cassandra Press**

Founded 2016 by Kandis Williams

**Theresa Hak Kyung Cha**

Born 1951 in Busan, South Korea

Died 1982 in New York

**Raven Chacon**

Born 1977 in Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation Lives in Albuquerque, NM Diné

**Leidy Churchman**

Born 1979 in Villanova, PA

Lives in New York and West Tremont, ME

**Tony Cokes**

Born 1956 in Richmond, VA

Lives in Providence, RI

**Jacky Connolly**

Born 1990 in New York

Lives in Brooklyn, NY

**Matt Connors**

Born 1973 in Chicago

Lives in New York and Los Angeles

**Alex Da Corte**

Born 1980 in Camden, NJ

Lives in Philadelphia

**Aria Dean**

Born 1993 in Los Angeles

Lives in New York

**Danielle Dean**

Born 1982 in Huntsville, AL  
Lives in Los Angeles and San Diego

**Jane Dickson**

Born 1952 in Chicago  
Lives in New York

**Buck Ellison**

Born 1987 in San Francisco  
Lives in Los Angeles

**Alia Farid**

Born 1985 in Kuwait City  
Lives in San Juan, PR, and Kuwait City

**Coco Fusco**

Born 1960 in New York  
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

**Ellen Gallagher**

Born 1965 in Providence, RI  
Lives in Rotterdam and Brooklyn, NY

**A Gathering of the Tribes /Steve Cannon** Founded  
1991

Steve Cannon: Born 1935 in New Orleans Died  
2019 in New York

**Cy Gavin**

Born 1985 in Pittsburgh  
Lives in New York State

**Adam Gordon**

Born 1986 in Minneapolis  
Lives in Jersey City, NJ

**Renée Green**

Born 1959 in Cleveland  
Lives in Somerville, MA, and New York

**Pao Houa Her**

Born 1982 in Laos  
Lives in Blaine, MN

**EJ Hill**

Born 1985 in Los Angeles  
Lives in Los Angeles

**Alfredo Jaar**

Born 1956 in Santiago, Chile  
Lives in New York

**Rindon Johnson**

Born 1990 in San Francisco  
Lives in Berlin

**Ivy Kwan Arce and Julie Tolentino**

Ivy Kwan Arce: Born 1965 in Salinas, CA  
Lives in New York

Julie Tolentino: Born 1964 in San Francisco  
Lives in Joshua Tree, CA

**Ralph Lemon**

Born 1952 in Cincinnati  
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

**Duane Linklater**

Born 1976 in Treaty 9 Territory (Northern Ontario,  
Canada)

Lives in North Bay, Canada (Robinson Huron  
Treaty Territory)Omaskêko Ininiwak

**James Little**

Born 1952 in Memphis

Lives in New York

**Rick Lowe**

Born 1961 in rural Alabama

Lives in Houston

**Daniel Joseph Martinez**

Born 1957 in Los Angeles

Lives in Los Angeles and Paris

**Dave McKenzie**

Born 1977 in Kingston, Jamaica

Lives in Brooklyn, NY

**Rodney McMillian**

Born 1969 in Columbia, SC

Lives in Los Angeles

**Na Mira**

Born 1982 in Lawrence, KS, on Kickapoo, Osage, Kansa, and Sioux lands Lives in Los Angeles on Tongva, Gabrielino, Kizh, and Chumash lands

**Alejandro “Luperca” Morales**

Born 1990 in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico

Lives in Monterrey, Mexico

**Moved by the Motion**

Founded 2016 by Wu Tsang and Tosh Basco

**Terence Nance**

Born 1982 in Dallas

Lives in America

**Woody De Othello**

Born 1991 in Miami

Lives in Oakland, CA

**Adam Pendleton**

Born 1984 in Richmond, VA

Lives in New York

**N.H. Pritchard**

Born 1939 in New York

Died 1996 in eastern Pennsylvania

**Lucy Raven**

Born 1977 in Tucson, AZ

Lives in New York

**Charles Ray**

Born 1953 in Chicago

Lives in Los Angeles

**Jason Rhoades**

Born 1965 in Newcastle, CA

Died 2006 in Los Angeles

**Andrew Roberts**

Born 1995 in Tijuana, Mexico

Lives in Mexico City and Tijuana, Mexico

**Guadalupe Rosales**

Born 1980 in Redwood City, CA

Lives in Los Angeles

**Veronica Ryan**

Born 1956 in Plymouth, Montserrat Lives in London and New York

**Rose Salane**

Born 1992 in New York

Lives in Queens, NY

**Michael E. Smith**

Born 1977 in Detroit

Lives in Providence, RI

**Sable Elyse Smith**

Born 1986 in Los Angeles

Lives in New York

**Awilda Sterling-Duprey**

Born 1947 in San Juan, PR

Lives in San Juan, PR

**Rayyane Tabet**

Born 1983 in Beirut

Lives in Beirut and San Francisco

**Denyse Thomasos**

Born 1964 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Died 2012 in New York

**Trinh T. Minh-ha**

Born in Hanoi, Vietnam,

Lives in Berkeley, CA

**Wang Shui**

Born 1986 in USA

Lives in New York

**Eric Wesley**

Born 1973 in Los Angeles

Lives in Los Angeles

**Dyani White Hawk**

Born 1976 in Madison, WI

Lives in Minneapolis

**Kandis Williams**

Born 1985 in Baltimore

Lives in Los Angeles and Brooklyn, NY

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