

Kenny Rivero

Born in New York, NY, 1981

Lives and works in New York, NY

Education

2017

Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture | Skowhegan, ME

2013

MFA Painting and Printmaking, Yale University School of Art | New Haven, CT

2006

BFA, Honors, Fine Art Concentration, School of Visual Arts | New York, NY

Solo & Two-Person Exhibitions

2025

Ash on Everything, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

2024

Posthumously Speaking: Dear Dear Summer Some Are, Morán Morán | Los Angeles, CA

2023

This, That, and The Third Eye, Charles Moffett at No.9 Cork Street | London, United Kingdom

2022

Steward: The Ballad of a Super Super, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

I'm Missing, Morán Morán | Mexico City, Mexico

2021

Bad Picture of Me, Good Picture of Us, Matthew Brown | Los Angeles, CA

The Floor is Crooked, The Momentary | Bentonville, AR

Walk Wit Me, Hallwalls | Buffalo, NY

Palm Oil, Rum, Honey, Yellow Flowers, Brattleboro Museum & Art Center | Brattleboro, VT

2020

I Still Hoop, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

Laylah Ali and Kenny Rivero: Two Truths, Esther Massry Gallery at the College of Saint Rose | Albany, NY

2019

The Disappearing Man, Primary | Miami, FL

2018

Don't Look for Me, The Delaware Contemporary | Wilmington, DE

i see you with my eyes closed, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

2017

Kenny Rivero, Memorial Hall Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI

Hear, My Dear, Blackburn Gallery at the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts | New York, NY

As My Sins Flow Down the Hudson, Spring Break Art Fair | New York, NY

2016

And I Will be the Same, Roswell Museum and Art Center | Roswell, NM

2015

Sounds Familiar, Mariboe Gallery at the Peddie School | Hightstown, NJ

Supermane and the Hidden G, AC Institute | New York, NY

2014

I Can Love You Better, Shin Gallery | New York, NY

2012

5 and 7 or 12, The Study at Yale | New Haven, CT

2010

We'll Take Manhattan, P.S.122 Classroom Gallery | New York, NY

2006

We Fight but First We Dance, Go Fish Gallery | New York, NY

2004

I Can Be A King, Home of the Artist | New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026

Give Me Two, curated by Marcus Jahmal and Giorgia Alliata, Anton Kern | New York, NY

2025

Everything Now All At Once, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University | Durham, NC

The Kids Are Alright, Timothy Taylor | New York, NY

General Conditions, Jack Shainman | Kinderhook, NY

Longest Way Round, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

Tomorrow Is Already Behind Us, Lyles and King | New York, NY

Beachum Family Collection, Yale Divinity School | New Haven, CT

2024

Personal Geographies, curated by Dulcina Abreu, Andrew Freeman Home | Bronx, NY

Personal Geographies, curated by Dulcina Abreu, Kilometro | San Juan, Puerto Rico

Not Too Late, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

Stop & Stare, UTA Artist Space Atlanta | Atlanta, GA

Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth | Fort Worth, TX

2023

SOMOS/WE ARE: Latinx Artists of Long Island, The Long Island Museum of American Art | Stony Brook, NY

PRESENT '23: Building the Scantland Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Museum of Art | Columbus, OH

2021

Un Estado De Gracia / A State of Grace, The Rudin Family Gallery at BAM | Brooklyn, NY

2020

Secret Storm, Winter Street Gallery | Edgartown, MA

This Sacred Vessel, Arsenal Contemporary | New York, NY

In The Time of, UTA Artist Space | Los Angeles, CA

2019

Nostos, Matthew Brown Gallery | Los Angeles, CA

Painting is Its Own Country, The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts and Culture | Charlotte, NC

Downtown Painting, Curated by Alex Katz, Peter Freeman, Inc. | New York, NY

2018

The Unlikely Whole, Artyard | Frenchtown, NJ

Cosmic Traffic Jam, Curated by Alexandria Jackson and Umar Rashid, Zevitas Marcus Gallery | Los Angeles, CA

Block Party, Jenkins Johnson Gallery | Brooklyn, NY

You Are Who I Think You Think You Are, American Medium | New York, NY
The Lure of the Dark: Contemporary Painters Conjure the Night, MASS MoCA | North Adams, MA
Black Pulp!, African American Museum at USF | Tampa, FL

2017

Multiple Sides of the Bed, Curated by Elliott Jerome Brown Minka | Brooklyn, NY

Staff Show, The Metropolitan Museum of Art | New York, NY

Uptown Triennial: Nasty Women, Bad Hombres, El Museo del Barrio | New York, NY

Spots, Dots, Pips, and Tiles: An Exhibition around the Game of Dominoes, Pérez Art Museum | Miami, FL

Black Pulp!, Zikha Gallery at Wesleyan University | Middletown, CT

Black Pulp!, Contemporary Art Museum at USF | Tampa, FL

The Sunday Painter, Laundromat Art Space | Miami, FL

Selections, Curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah, Elizabeth Dee Gallery | New York, NY

2016

Spots, Dots, Pips, and Tiles: An Exhibition around the Game of Dominoes, Curated by Arden Sherman and Maria Elena Ortiz, Hunter East Harlem Gallery | New York, NY

OMGWTF, Primary Projects | Miami, FL

Self Portraits, Bravin Lee Programs | New York, NY

Black Pulp!, Curated by William Villalongo and Mark Thomas Gibson, IPCNY | New York, NY

2015

Underdonk @ ESXLA, Eastside International | Los Angeles, CA

The Landscape Changes 30 Times, Anahita Gallery | Tehran, Iran

La Lucha 2, Andrew Freedman Home | Bronx, NY

TXT: Art, Language, Media, Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling | New York, NY

The Fire Next Time, Galería Leyendecker, Tenerife | Islas Canarias, Spain

Consequential Translations, Centro Cultural de España en Santo Domingo | Santo Domingo, DR

Long Story Short, curated by Karin Bravin, Trestle Gallery | Brooklyn, NY

Pagina, curated by Peter Hristoff, Antica Libreria Cascianelli | Rome, Italy

Slow Jams, 109 Ingraham Street | Brooklyn, NY

2014

Narratives of Self Exile/ Narativas del Auto Exilio, Curated by Miguel Luciano, Bronx Art Space | Bronx, NY

In Sheep's Clothing, curated by Dexter Wimberly, Gallery 220 | Brooklyn, NY

Start "Art Within Reach", C.A.M. Gallery | Istanbul, Turkey

Discernable Regularities, Collar Works | Troy, NY

Soul, Novella Gallery | New York, NY

Paintingwall (Janus at 8:16), Touch Gallery | Cambridge, MA

Do the Yale Thing, curated by Dexter Wimberly, N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art | Detroit, MI

Things Still Left Unsaid, Stephen Stoyanov Gallery | New York, NY

2013

For Ed: Splendor in the Grass with Olympic Lad & Lass, Yale University Greene Gallery | New Haven, CT

Some New Work in an Abandoned Apartment, 353 Cornelia Street | Brooklyn, NY

La Bienal: Here is Where We Jump, curated by Rocio Aranda-Alvarado and Raul Zamudio, El Museo del Barrio | New York, NY

Show #5, The Parlour | Brooklyn, NY

2012

Priene Hali Benefit Auction, curated by Peter Hristoff, School of Visual Arts | New York, NY

The Everything That Stored the Boy, Bump Storage | New York, NY

Eyes Off the Flag, Koki Arts and Motus Fort Gallery | Tokyo, Japan

Inaugural Exhibition, ConnCat Center for Arts and Technology | New Haven, CT

Yale MFA Thesis Exhibition, Yale University Greene Gallery | New Haven, CT

2011

Buy What You Love, Rema Hort Mann Foundation | New York, NY

301, La Casa Cultural at Yale University | New Haven, CT

Bosch Young Talent Show, co-curated by William Villalongo, Stedelijk Museum | 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

College Arts Association Exhibition, Hunter College Times Square Gallery | New York, NY

2009

Octet, curated by Peter Hristoff and Susan Anker, Pera Museum | Istanbul, Turkey

2008

Roger Carmona and Kenny Rivero, Gallery Fofó | Rahway, NJ

2007

Fresh Ingredients, The Zed Gallery | Miami, FL

2006

Constructivismo 2006, curated by Libertad Guerra, Clemente Soto Velez Cultural Center | New York, NY

12.16.06, I-20 Gallery | New York, NY

2005

I Am Who I Am, curated by Gunars Prande, Galerie Atelier Herenplaats | Rotterdam, Netherlands

Museum and Public Collections

Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art | Roswell, NM

Mellon Foundation | New York, NY

Modern Art Museum | Fort Worth, TX

Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University | Durham, NC

Institute of Contemporary Art | Miami, FL

Baltimore Museum of Art | Baltimore, MD

Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College | Saratoga Springs, NY

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art | Bentonville, AR

The Studio Museum in Harlem | New York, NY

El Museo del Barrio | New York, NY

The Whitney Museum of American Art | New York, NY

Collection of Thomas J. Watson Library, The Metropolitan Museum of Art | New York, NY

Pérez Art Museum Miami | Miami, FL

Schingoethe Center Museum | Aurora, IL

Norton Museum | Palm Beach, FL

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2026

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Hill, Patrick. ["GIVE ME TWO."](#) The Brooklyn Rail, February, 2026

Hollander, Emily. ["'GIVE ME TWO': Visual Arts Alums Convene at Anton Kern Gallery."](#) Columbia University School of the Arts, January 29, 2026

2025

Lakin, Max. ["Art Gallery Shows to See in December."](#) New York Times, December 18, 2025

["Kenny Rivero."](#) Columbia University School of the Arts, December 18, 2025

["Ash on Everything"](#) Artsy, December, 2025

2023

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Silver, Hannah. ["Frieze London 2023: what to see and do."](#) Wallpaper*, October 13, 2022.

2022

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2022

Stewart, Alison. ["Artist Kenny Rivero's Newest Solo Exhibition."](#) WNYC "All of It," September 15, 2022.

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2021

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Niami, Saam. ["Kenny Rivero is Painting the Monsters We Choose to Ignore."](#) Interview, March 17, 2021.

2020

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Cascone, Sarah. ["Editors Picks."](#) Artnet, November 23, 2020.

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2019

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Tschida, Anne. "Get Happy, be blue and find yourself." The Miami Herald, November 1, 2019.

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2018

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Rodés, Andrea. ["Al Dia, Being Afro-Latino is Being Between Two Places."](#) Aldida News, February 22, 2018.

2016

Cotter, Holland. ["What to See In New York Art Galleries This Week."](#) The New York Times, November 10, 2016.

2015

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2014

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2013

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2011

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Charles Moffett

Latinx Art: Artists, Markets, and Politics. Included in Arlene Davila's Noncomprehensive List of Artists Everyone Should Know, Duke University press, Durham and London, 2020

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Yale School of Art, MFA Painting & Printmaking, Designed by Jen Lee and Andrew Lister, Essay by Anne Pfeiffer, Lulu Press, 2012

Bosch Young Talent Show, s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, Designed by Studio Kluif, essay written by William Villalongo, 2011

Octet: Selected Works from The School of Visual Arts, Designed and Published by the School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, 2009

Grants & Awards

2018

Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant | New York, NY

2015

Rema Hort Mann Foundation Emerging Artist Grant | New York, NY

2011

Robert Schoelkopf Memorial Travel Grant, Yale University | New Haven, CT

Doonesbury Award, Yale University | New Haven, CT

Residencies & Apprenticeships

2023

Lunder Institute Summer Think Tank | Waterville, MN

2021

Steep Rock Arts Residency | Washington, CT

2019

The Macedonia Institute | Chatham, NY

2018

Elizabeth Murray Artists Residency | Washington County, NY

2017

Artist Residency at Buxton School | Williamstown, MA

2016

Mana Contemporary BSMT Residency | Newark, NJ

The Fountainhead Residency | Miami, FL

2015

Roswell Artists in Residence Program | Roswell, NM

2014

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Workspace Program | New York, NY

Visiting Scholar at the Steinhardt School of Education, Culture, and Human Resources, New York University | New York, NY