

Theta

David Johnson

b. 1993, New York, NY

Lives and works in New York, NY

Education

2022 Whitney Independent Study Program, New York, NY

2020 University of Pennsylvania, MFA, Philadelphia, PA

2015 The Cooper Union, BFA, New York, NY

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2023 *Semantic Drift*, David L. Johnson and fields harrington, curated by David Hartt, Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, DE

CAT, Galerie Noah Klink, Berlin, DE

Community Garden, Art Lot, Brooklyn, NY

2021 *Revocable Consents*, Theta, New York, NY

2015 *A Road Show*, The Cooper Union, New York, NY

2014 *From the Street I Can See the Moon*, Hosting Projects, New York, NY

Group Exhibitions

2024 *I like a view but I like to sit with my back turned to it*, Fanta, Milan, IT

The Apple Stretching, Helena Anrather, New York, NY

2023 *This is a Rehearsal*, Presentation with Storefront for Art & Architecture, curated by the Floating Museum, Chicago Architecture Biennial, Chicago, IL

La Morsure des Termites, curated by Hugo Vitrani, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR

Circadian Gardens, Eyes Never Sleep, New York, NY

David L. Johnson and Rebecca R. Peel, 522W37, New York, NY

2022 *Life Between Buildings*, curated by Jody Graf, MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY

David L. Johnson and Kelsey Isaacs, Paris Internationale with Theta, Paris, FR

Everything is Common: Whitney Independent Study Program, Artists Space, New York, NY

A Place to Live, curated by Fred Schmidt-Arenales, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Philadelphia, PA

2021 *Wants & Needs*, Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY

2020 *Double Feature*, Icebox Projects Space, Philadelphia, PA

2020 *Rear Window*, Pilot Projects, Philadelphia, PA

2019 *Nectar*, Meyerson Hall Galleries, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Arch/Road, Philomathean Gallery (with Evan Charles Hall), Philadelphia, PA

2017 *Scared Crows*, WOMP Projects, Brooklyn, NY

2016 *City And City*, The Arnold and Sheila Aronson Galleries, New School, New York, NY

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- 2015 *Check Point to the Stars*, Hotel Paisano, Marfa, TX
2013 *TAP DAT CAPITAL!*, La Mama Galleria, New York, NY
Some Void Thoughts on Basements (with Josiah Ellis), The Cooper Union, New York, NY

Public Collections

The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York

Grants, Awards, and Residencies

- 2020 Charles Addams Memorial Prize, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Artist in Resident, Center for Public Art and Space, Philadelphia, PA
2019 Extended Studio Teaching Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2018 Full Tuition Dean's Diversity Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2015 Elliot Lash Memorial Prize for Excellence in Sculpture, The Cooper Union, New York, NY
Summer School Marfa, TAAK, Marfa, TX
2011 Full Tuition Scholarship, The Cooper Union, New York, NY

Teaching

- 2024 Part-time Lecturer, Sculpture Department, University of Pennsylvania
2022- Part-time Lecturer, Eugene Lang, New School
2021 Instructor and Program Manager, Fresh Air Everywhere: Design Studio,
PennPraxis/Fresh Air Fund
2020 Part-time Lecturer, Sculpture Department, University of Pennsylvania

Curatorial Projects, Screenings and Lectures

- 2023 *Artists on Artists: sonia louise davis, David L. Johnson, and Shamel Pitts on Smokehouse Associates*, Harlem Art Park, hosted by the Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
Screening of films by David L. Johnson and Robert Frank's 'C'est Vrai' curated by the artist, Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York, NY
Found Refined Refound (film screening), Weiss Falk + Galerie Eva Presenhuber, New York, NY
2022 *CU@Lunch* (Artist Talk), The Cooper Union, New York, NY
2016 226 W 25th St, New York, NY (artist-run space, ran 2014-2016)

Press and Publications

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- 2023 Monroe, Lisette May. *David L. Johnson at Galerie Noah Klink*, Artforum, October 1
Bury, Louis. *David L Johnson's Critique of NYC Community Gardens*, Hyperallergic, September 3
Korman, Sam, *The Skateboard Pavilion and Other Art Skaters Might Like*, Free Skate Magazine, September 1
Steinhauer, Jillian. *What to see in NYC Galleries this August: David L. Johnson at Art Lot*, The New York Times, August 24
Watlington, Emily. *How David L. Johnson Intervenes in the Ongoing Privatization of Public Space*, Art in America, May 1
Bury, Louis. *Studio Visit: David L. Johnson*, BOMB Magazine, January 11
- 2022 Smith-Holmes, Maxwell. *'Life Between Buildings' Celebrates the Art in New York's Open Spaces*, Frieze, July 8
Niland, Josh, *MoMA PS1's Life Between Buildings provides a glimpse of engagement in New York City's unheralded interstitial spaces*, Archinect, August 30
Graf, Jody, *Life Between Buildings; Or, What Might Grow Where You Least Expect It*, MoMA PS1, June 2
Kastner, Jeffrey, *David L. Johnson at Theta*, Artforum, January 1
- 2021 Ayres, Hallie. *Looking back and leaping forth*, e-flux Criticism, December 22
Holmes, Helen. *From Lubov to Theta, Gallery Shows You Must See This Fall*, Observer, November 2
Heinrich, Will. *TriBeCa Gallery Guide: New York's Most Vibrant Art Scene*, The New York Times, October 28
Exhibition Catalogue Interview: *Wants and Needs Exhibition Catalogue: Interview with curator Jodi Throckmorton*
- 2020 Artist Contribution: *What's at Stake / What's Missing?*, Camera Austria, Camera Austria International 150/151
- 2015 Online Publication: <http://oral.pub:/Tonight.html>, ORAL