

## Che Lovelace

b. 1969, Port of Spain, TT  
Lives and works in Port of Spain, TT

### EDUCATION

- 1994 L'Ecole Régionale des Beaux-Arts de la Martinique, Fort-de-France, MQ  
1990 Creative Arts Centre, University of the West Indies, Saint Augustine, TT  
1985 Queen's Royal College, Port of Spain, TT

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Where The I Settles*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY  
2023 *Cugoano250*, St. James's Piccadilly Church, London, UK  
*Nightscares with Palms and Egrets*, Vairous Small Fires, Dallas, TX  
*Day Always Comes*, Corvi-Mora, London, UK  
*Che Lovelace: Bathers*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY  
2022 *Presented as Natural*, Various Small Fires, Seoul, KR  
2021 *From the Edge of the Rock*, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 *a PLACE, a PERSON*, LOFTT Gallery, Port of Spain, TT  
2018 *Recent Paintings*, LOFTT Gallery, Port of Spain, TT  
2017 *Che Lovelace*, Gallerie Eric Hussenot, Paris, FR  
*Che Lovelace – Paintings*, Half Gallery, New York, NY  
2016 *8 Paintings*, Softbox Studios, Port of Spain, TT  
2013 *Lovers*, Y Gallery, Port of Spain, TT  
2011 *Studio Swap*, Medulla Gallery, Port of Spain, TT

- 2009 *Che Lovelace*, Half Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 *Che Lovelace - Paintings 2004-2008*, Trinidad and Tobago Art Society, Port of Spain, TT
- 2006 *The Amateurs Poster Series*, High Square Art Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2004 *Tuesday*, The National Museum & Art Gallery of Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain TT
- 2000 *Swim*, Caribbean Contemporary Arts (CCA 7), Port of Spain, TT
- 1998 *New Works*, Caribbean Contemporary Arts, Port of Spain, TT
- 1993 *Che Lovelace*, Paintings, Aquarela Galleries, Port of Spain, TT
- 1992 *Dog Paintings*, Aquarela Galleries, Port of Spain, TT

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940*, The Modern, Forth Worth, TX  
*Soulscapes*, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *A Whole History Still*, Rotunda Gallery, Red House, Port of Spain, TT  
*Uncanny Interiors*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Natural World: Part II*, Alexander Berggruen, New York, NY
- 2021 *Resting Point of Accommodation*, organized with Bill Powers, Almine Rech, Brussels, BE
- 2019 *After*, Y Gallery, Port of Spain, TT  
*Still Life: An Ongoing Story*, Galerie Sébastien Bertrand, Geneva, CH  
*Get Up, Stand Up Now*, Somerset House, London, UK
- 2018 *Represent*, Thinkartworktt Studio, Port of Spain, TT
- 2017 *Playing Mas*, Vigo Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Turps Banana*, Vigo Gallery, London, UK  
*Trinidad and Tobago 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Galería CAF, Caracas, VE  
*Season of Renewal*, University of the West Indies, Kingston, JM
- 2011 *I*, Pertwee Anderson & Gold Gallery, London, UK

- 2010 *Lovelace-Bowen*, Y Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2007 *3rd Valencia Biennial 2007*, Museo de Bellas Artes de Valencia, Valencia, SP
- 2001 *La 4ta Bienal del Caribe: La Renovación*, Museo de Arte Moderno,  
Santo Domingo, DO  
*The Politics of Difference: Latin American & Caribbean Art in the 90s*, Museo de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, AR; El Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR; Museo Otero, Caracas, VE; Museo de Arte Carillo Gil, Ciudad de México, MX; The Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; Consorcio de Museos, Valencia, SP  
*13 Horas'*, Sala Mendoza, Caracas, VE
- 1999 *Urban Life in the Caribbean*, Caliform, Santo Domingo, DO  
Big River Workshop Exhibition, National Museum of Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain, TT  
*Identities Latin America and the Caribbean - A New Generation of Artists*, Passage de Retz Galerie, Paris, FR
- 1998 *VI Biennial International de Pintura*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Cuenca, EC  
*Caribe. Exclusión, Fragmentación y Paraíso*, Museo Extremeño e Iberoamericano de Arte Contemporáneo (MEIAC), Badajoz, SP  
*Ngoma International Artists Workshop Exhibition*, Makerere Art Gallery, Kampala, UG  
*New Paintings*, Gasworks, London, UK
- 1997 *Visions of Paradise*, National Museum of Curaçao, Willemstad, CW
- 1995 *Resisting Categories*, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 1994 *II Biennial of the Caribbean and Latin American Art*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Santo Domingo, DO
- 1992 *Rencontre des Artistes*, Sermac, Fort-de-France, MQ  
*Alternative Expressions*, Caribbean Festival of Arts, Port of Spain, TT

## PROJECTS

- 2010 *Art for Haiti*, auction in aid of Haitian earthquake relief (online)
- 2009 *No Soul For Sale*, in participation with Studiofilmclub, X Initiatives, New York, NY
- 2003 - 2011 *StudioFilmClub*, co-founded and hosted with Peter Doig, Laventille, Port of Spain, TT

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#### AWARDS

- 2025 French National Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier)
- 1998 UNESCO-ASCHBERG Artists Bursary

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2000 CCA 7 International Artists Residency Programme, Port of Spain, TT
- 1998 International Institute of Visual Arts (INIVA) / Gasworks, Artist in Residence, London, UK
- 1997 Ngoma International Artists Workshop, Triangle Arts Trust, Namasagali College, Kamuli District, UG

#### COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON, CA  
Aïshti Foundation, Antelias, LB  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
X Museum, Beijing, CH