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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Western Beef*, Limbo Museum, Accra, Ghana
Party, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique, Paris, FR
92-01 'In Livin Color', Emalin, London, UK
On the Road (TMS), Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
- 2025 *Uncle A/Eat the Cake*, Alvaro Barrington with Teresea Farrell, San Bastiaun Chapel, Zuoz, Switzerland. Organised by Engadin Art Talks and Emalin
Back Home / I am... I said, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK
Soul to Seoul, Thaddaeus Ropac, Seoul, KR
My Mama Told Me You Was a Problem, Bitch, Massimo de Carlo, Milan, IT
- 2024 *Grace*, Tate Britain, London, UK
Alvaro Barrington and Chico da Silva, Mendes Wood DM, Casa Iramaia, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2023 *Island Life*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY
They Got Time: YOU BELONG TO THE CITY, Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris Pantin, FR
Grandma's Land, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK
The House of St Barnabas, London, UK
Things That Are Real: Alvaro Barrington x Dean Cross, Cement Fondu, Sydney, Australia
Human Nature, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, BR
Oh, Sandy? Sandy, Sandy, Karma, New York, NY,
Oh Sandy, why did you leave me all alone, Anton Kern Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Garvey 2: THE REUP*, Corvi-Mora, London, UK
Sea Both Sides, Massimo de Carlo, Milan, IT
THE GREAT TRADE – A Teaser, Saint George Projects, Culver City, CA
91-98 jfk-lax border, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
La Vie en Rose, Thaddeus Ropac, Salzburg, AT
- 2021 *SPIDER THE PIG/PIG THE SPIDER*, South London Gallery, London, UK
GARVEY 1: BIRTH – The Quiet Storm, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York NY
Wave Your Flags: Labor Day, Saint George Projects, Much More Studio, Brooklyn, NY
Wave Your Flags II, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK

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Wave Your Flags, The Tabernacle, London, UK

Tt x AB: The Lot Show, Blum & Poe and Mendes Wood DM, Far Rockaway, NY

Drug Culture: Vol II. Trust Your Local Drug Dealer, Emalin, London, UK

My Words Will Live Forever—Fuck My Name, Emalin, London, UK

You don't do it for the man, men never notice. You just do it for yourself, you're the fucking coldest, Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, FR

2020 *Garvey 2—They eyes were watching God*, Corvi-Mora, London, UK
The Shop at Sadie Coles, London, UK

2019 *GARVEY: SEX LOVE NURTURING FAMALAY*, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK

2018 *A Taste of Chocolate*, Thaddaeus Ropac, London, UK

2017 *Alvaro Barrington*, MoMA PS1, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *British Art Show 10: A Chorus of Strangers*, curated by Ekow Eshun with Hayward Gallery Touring, The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Mead Gallery, Coventry University, Coventry; Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Elysium, Mission Gallery, GS Artists, Swansea; Arnolfini, Spike Island, Bristol Museum and Royal West of England Academy, Bristol; Millennium Gallery, Graves Gallery, Site Gallery, Arts Catalyst, Yorkshire Artspace, Sheffield; Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Newcastle Contemporary Art, Shipley Museum, Newcastle, UK

Sonsbeek Biennale, Arnhem, The Netherlands

Backyard Biennial: East, organized by Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

61st International Art Exhibition: In Minor Keys, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

APMA, Chapter Five, Amorepacific Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea

The Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK

Analog, 30th Anniversary Exhibition, Anton Kern, New York, USA

Echoes of Us, The Box Plymouth, UK

Get in the Game: Sports, Art, Culture, Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), Miami, FL

The Sun and the Moon: Art Inspired by the Celestial, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

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- 2025 *15th Shanghai Biennale: Does the flower hear the bee?*, Power Station of Art, Shanghai, CN
Roots in the Sky, HOME, Manchester, UK
Football City, *Art United*, North Warehouse, Aviva Studios, Manchester, UK
Trees Never End and Houses Never End, Skyhigh Farm, Germantown, NY
Beautiful Collisions, SxSW, London, UK
10 Years: Works from the Hildebrand Collection, G2 Kunsthalle, Leipzig, DE
Trees Never End and Houses Never End, organised and curated by Dan Colen, Skyhigh Farm, Germantown, NY, US
What are you looking for?, Societe, Berlin, Germany
360°: Why We Paint, By Art Matters, China
For Real for Real, daadgalerie, Berlin, Germany
Towards the Sun, Siegfried Contemporary, London, UK
Once Upon a Time in London, Saatchi Yates, London, UK
Symptoms of Painting, Gathering, London, UK
GMT, presented by Emalin, Sadie Coles HQ, a. SQUIRE, Brunette Coleman, and Hot Wheels Athens London, TOSITSA3, Athens, Greece
As earth trembles, Pippy Houldsworth, London, UK
Zurich Biennale, 24-hour project curated by Daniel Baumann and Mitchell Anderson, Bechtler Stiftung, Uster, Switzerland
10 Years of Marfa', Marfa', Beirut, Labanon
A Room Hung With Thoughts: British Painting Now, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX
Bright Star: Painters from London, Galleria Mattia De Luca, Rome, IT
Uncle Al/ Eat the Cake, San Bastiaun Chapel, Zuoz, CH
- 2024 *Alvaro Barrington and Chico da Silva*, Mendes Wood DM, Casa Iramaia, São Paulo, BR
Keeping Time, Curated by Ekow Eshun and Karon Hepburn, Gallery 1967, Accra, GH
Air de repos (Breathwork), Capc musée d'art contemporain, Bordeaux, FR
I see his blood upon the rose, The MAC Belfast, UK
Swimming, Curated by Russell Tovey, GRIMM, Amsterdam, NL
The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century, The Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada
118 ½, Emalin, London, UK
Bethan Laura Wood: *MOTHER TONGUE: A Travelling Bluestocking Salon*, Nicoletta Fiorucci Foundation, London, UK
Daffodils Baptized in Butter, Arts Club, London, UK

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Martino Gamper: *Before, After, and Beyond*, 11 Mansfield Street, London, UK
One for sorrow, two for joy, Emalin, London, UK
Loweve Lamps, Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy
Giants, Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, Belgium
A Study in Form (Chapter Two) (group show) curated by Arden Wohl, James Fuentes, New York, USA

- 2023 *Studio of the South*, Fondation Vincent van Gogh Arles, Arles, FR
The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis, Mi
Linhas Tortas, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, BR
Bienal das Amazônias, Belém, BR
1983 | 2023, Thaddaeus Ropac, London, UK
Paper Trails, Mendes Wood DM, Retranchement, NL
Thread Routes, Massimo de Carlo, Hong Kong, CN
Birds Follow Spring, Michael Werner, New York, NY
THINGS THAT ARE REAL: ALVARO BARRINGTON X DEAN CROSS, Cement Fondu, Sydney, AU
The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Recent Acquisitions and Eternal Loves - Part I, Nicoletta Fiorucci Collection, Monaco, MC
- 2022 *Night Owl*, Vspace, Massimo De Carlo (online)
Ghosts of Empires II, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, UK
At The Rose House: Green River Project LLC and Object & Thing, The James Rose Center, Ridgewood, NJ
In The House Of Babylon, Metroland Culture's Brent Biennial, Harlesden High Street, London, UK
The Drawing Centre Show, Le Consortium, Dijon, FR
Studies and Exercises, CASSIUS&Co., London, UK
'and this skin of mine, to live again a second time', Guts Gallery, London, UK
Fire Figure Fantasy: Selections from ICA Miami's Collection, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL
REPEATER, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK
Testament, Goldsmiths Center for Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2021 *Hand to Your Ear, Part 1 (Presence/Surplus)*, Emalin, London, UK
In the Eye of the Storm, Z33 House for Contemporary Art, Design and Architecture, Hasselt, BE
Pigeon Park, 33 Manor Place, London, UK
Summer Exhibition 2021, Royal Academy of Art, London, UK
Mixing It Up: Painting Today, Hayward Gallery, London, UK
The Earth, That Is Sufficient, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY

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London Zeitgeist, Piccadilly Lights, London, UK
Works on paper, Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, BE
Drawing Biennial 2021, Drawing Room, London, UK
The Dead Don't Die, Abbatoir Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Tempest, Tanya Leighton, Berlin, Germany and Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK
11, Anton Kern Gallery, New York, NY

2020 *30 Years in Paris*, Thaddeus Ropac, Paris Pantin, FR
100 Drawings from Now, The Drawing Center, New York, NY
after image, Mammoth Contemporary, London, UK
Drawing 2020, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY
A Focus on Painting, Thaddaeus Ropac, London, UK
Landscapes of the South, Mendes Wood DM, New York, NY
No horizon, no edge to liquid, Zabłudowicz Collection, London, UK

2019 *Go To Heaven*, 130 E Flagler St, Miami, FL
Adieu to Old England, The Kids are Alright, JARILAGER Gallery, Cologne, DE
Breathless/London Art Now, Ca' Pesaro Galleria Internazionale d'Arte Moderna, Venice, IT
Tt x AB: Tall Boys & A Double Shot Espresso, Emalin, London, UK
Material Tells, Oakville Galleries, Oakville, ON
A Seed's A Star, LOYAL, Stockholm, SE
Artists I Steal From, curated by Alvaro Barrington and Julia Peyton-Jones, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, London, UK

2018 *Natura Naturans*, Mendes Wood DM, New York, NY
The Way Things Run (Der Lauf der Dinge) Part 1: Loose Ends Don't Tie, PS120, Berlin, DE
Hog's Curve, Halsey McKay, East Hampton, NY
Widening the Gaze, Slade School of Fine Art, London, UK
CONDO LONDON, Emalin, London, UK

2017 *The Sleeping Procession*, Cass Sculpture Foundation, West Sussex, UK
Woven, Rental Gallery, East Hampton, NY

SELECTED PROJECTS

2026 The High Line, New York, NY USA
Notting Hill Carnival, London, UK
Backyard Biennale organised by Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK (upcoming)

2025 Notting Hill Carnival, London, UK
Beautiful Collisions, SxSW, Christ Church Spitalfields, London, UK
Glastonbury Festival, Somerset, UK

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- 2024 Notting Hill Carnival, Glastonbury, UK
Glastonbury Festival, London, UK
COME HOME, ArtBasel Parours, Tropical Zone, Basel, Switzerland, curated by Stefanie Hessler
- 2023 *Sea to C, Starry Nights, St Barnabas, 2023*, The House of St Barnabas, London, UK
Notting Hill Carnival, *Alvaro Barrington, and Acasa Present Emelda's Junction*, Powis Square Stage, London, UK
Printed Matter Fundraising Edition: Sky's the limit going back back to LALA, New York, NY
Glastonbury Festival, Glastonbury, UK
- 2022 *Marz Lovejoy x Alvaro Barrington present: The Rally—Miami*, Miami, FL
Community Basketball Court, with London Lions Basketball Club and Serpentine, in partnership with CONSUL and Tower Hamlets Council, Weavers Adventure Playground, London, UK
The Rally: Jordss, Manuka Honey, Martelo, Say Less, System Olympia, and Special Guests, Corsica Studios, London, UK
Site-specific installation, presented by Karma, NY Art Book Fair, New York, NY
Alvaro Barrington Presents Melé for Notting Hill Carnival, Powis Square Stage, London, UK
Notting Hill Carnival, in collaboration with Sumayya Vally, and Disya Jeneration, supported by Emalin, London, UK
Opening celebration of 91–98 jfk–lax border, in collaboration with Shmackwich, featuring Ghostface Killah and Styles P, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Sound System Sundays*, The Tabernacle, London, UK
Tt x AB: The Lot Show, Open Studios, Far Rockaway, NY
School Prints: Grandma's Hands, Hepworth Wakefield, Wakefield, UK
London Zeitgeist, Piccadilly Lights, London, UK
- 2020 *Red to Blue, East to West*, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK
LIVE: Alvaro Barrington Chapter 3: Zachary Fabri, Frieze London, The Institute of Melodic Healing, presented by Emalin, London, UK (online)
LIVE: Alvaro Barrington - Chapter 2: Gastor Almonte, Jared Waters, Andre D Thompson, Ishmael Gaynor and Alex Cumberbatch, Frieze London, The Institute of Melodic Healing, presented by Emalin, London, UK (online)
LIVE: Alvaro Barrington - Chapter 1: Shama Anwar, Frieze London, The Institute of Melodic Healing, presented by Emalin, London, UK (online)
Alvaro Barrington: Virtual Collaboration, Tree Drawings (online)
LOEWE EN CASA: Studio tour with Alvaro Barrington, London, UK (online)
- 2019 *The Rally Party: AMRIT, foreigner, Jadalareign, Blasé Vanguard and Celeste*,

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Hoxton Basement, London, UK

The Rally Party: Alexander Nut, Klose One, Kelman Duran, Jordss, Teddy Bones, MMIJ The DJ and Celeste, Colours Hoxton, London, UK

Socaholic, Performance Float for Notting Hill Carnival, London, UK

ONE FAMALAY – THE CARNIVAL CONCERT: Machel Montano, Bunji Garlin, Skinny Fabulous, Mr Killa, and Fay-Ann Lyons, The Troxy, London, UK

Tt X AB: Four Tall boys and a double shot espresso with live performances by Ice Balloons, Wild Yaks, and Cristine Brache, Emalin, London, UK

Summer Programme, co-organized with Alvaro Barrington: Shamel Pitts, 10ille & GLDN EYE, Blind Benny, JVDE, Georgia Lucas-Going, Emalin, London, UK

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