

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
Yankee Gone, Corvi-Mora, London, UK
- 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

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- 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

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Trinidad and Tobago 50th 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 Internacional 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

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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

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