

NICOLA VASSELL

Wangari Mathenge

b. 1973, Nairobi, Kenya

Lives and works in Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

2021 MFA, Painting and Drawing, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Re-membering*, Lévy Gorvy Dayan, New York, NY, September 17 – October 24, 2026

2024 *Bedimmed Boundaries: Between Wakefulness and Sleep*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY

2023 *Tidal Wave of Colour*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA
A Day of Rest, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK

2022 *Perspectives*, Monica de Cardenas, Milan, IT

2021 *You are Here*, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK
The Expats Studies: Impressions on Paper, The Sacristy Gallery, Chicago, IL

2019 *Aura of Quiet*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Through Their Eyes*, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, UC Davis, CA
The Human Situation: Marcia Marcus, Alice Neel, Sylvia Sleigh, Lévy Gorvy Dayan, New York, NY

2024 *When You See Me: Visibility in Contemporary Art/History*, Dallas Museum of Art, TX

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- 2022 *The Power of Portraiture: Recent Acquisitions*, Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, NC
- 2021 *Amendments*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA
 Rested, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY
 Black American Portraits, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
 Stretching the Body, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, IT
 Gaabo Motho, Sakhile & Me, Frankfurt, DE
- 2020 *Witness: Afro Perspectives from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, El Espacio 23, Miami, FL
 Synchronicity, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA

COLLECTIONS

Christen Sveaas Art Foundation, Oslo
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
Dallas Museum of Art, TX
Elie Khouri Art Foundation, Dubai
Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
Jorge M. Pérez Collection, Miami, FL
Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, NC
Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL
Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN

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