

2022 (Twenty-Two)*Accomplishments*

- ★ Master's of Fine Arts University of Buffalo MFA class of 2022 – Schomburg Fellow

Solo Exhibit

- The Bridge – MFA Thesis Show 2022, Burchfield Penney Arts Center

Curatorial

- “In These Truths” - CoCurator Albright Knox Art Gallery 2022

Projects

- Buffalo Bills Foundation – Humble Hero Design, Better Together Initiative 2022
- Buffalo Sabres – Val James Black History Month Logo 2021n& 2022

Performances

- Anne Frank Project - Buffalo State College 2022

Installations

- YMCA (M&T) (Mural) - 2022 (*Coming Soon*)
- Grassroots Gardens HQ (Mural) - 2022 (*Coming Soon*)
- Park School of Buffalo 2022 (Mural) - Artist in Residence
- Say Yes (Mural) Jefferson Offices - 2022
- Ujima Theater (Mural) — 2022
- “High Wire” (Errol Garner) See to believe to See - UB Innovation Center (CBLs) 2022
- Mediocrity is Unacceptable (Mural) – Buffalo Prep | University of Buffalo, 2022

2021 (Twenty-One)*Art Acquisitions*

- UB Innovation Center (CBLs) 2021
- M&T Bank 2021

Installations

- Be Optimistic (Mural) – Buffalo Prep | University of Buffalo, 2021
- “Do I Do” – Loaned Work UB Innovation Center, Buffalo, NY 2021
- John Lewis “Good Trouble” – 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, NY 2021

Group Shows

- BSA 2021 Spring Exhibition (Artists Group Gallery) – 2021
- BSA 125th Catalogue Exhibition (Castellani Art Museum) – 2021

Performances

- Anne Frank Project - Buffalo State College 2021

2020 (Twenty-Twenty)

Accomplishments

- ★ UB MFA class of 2022 – Schomburg Fellow
- ★ Nominated Artist of the Year award for ASI of WNY Spark Awards

Solo Exhibit

- Wish You Were Here – *Buffalo Arts Studio* 2020

Curatorial

- #Hampered – a Quarantined Virtual Installation – March-April 2020

Installations

- Grover Washington, Jr – M&T Bank | 3037 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 2020
- Love Black... – AK Public Art Initiative | 712 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 2020
- Check out my Melody Installation – “*Do I Do*”, 1120 Projects 2020
- Check out my Melody Installation – “*Time Travelin*”, 1120 Projects 2020
- Peace Please Project | Projection Installation – in collaboration with Projex, Peace Bridge 2020
- Black Lives Mattrer | Projection Installation – in collaboration with Projex, W.Utica@Elmwood 2020
- Canisius College Sesquicentennial Mural – Old Main Building – January 2020

Group Shows

- Starlight Studios Co-Artifact 2020 – August 2020
- Mid-Summer Drawing Rally (Virtual) – Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center July 2020
- Mid-Winter Drawing Rally – Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center February 2020

Performances

- “Black Women are My Superheroes” – Project, Collaboration, Installation August 2020
- Burchfield Penney Live Painting M&T 2nd Friday – July 10, 2020
- “Not for Sale” – Performance, Poetry, Videography by Edreys | Viral Post, June 2020
- WEEKLY Quarantine LIVE Painting Happy Hour – March, April, May, June 2020

Speaking Engagements

- Behind the KNVS w/ Aitina Fareed-Cooke – June 2020
- Wakanda Alliance – Guest Speaker June 2020
- DIY with Dana Saylor- Interview April 2020
- Kickin’ It with AI – Interview March 2020
- Park School of Buffalo – Guest Artist and Speaker – February 2020
- Westminster Charter School – Speaker – February 2020
- Tapestry Charter High School “Live Drawing” “Love Light in Flight”- February 2020
- Buffalo State College – Guest Artist and Speaker – February 2020
- St. Joseph Collegiate High School – Speaker – February 2020
- West Seneca East High School “Live Drawing” “Check the Rhyme” – February 2020
- Explore Buffalo Winter [Speaker Series](#) – February 2020
- Charter School of Inquiry – Speaker – January 2020
- IMAGINE Greater [Buffalo Lecture](#) – January 2020 ([Audio Only Version](#))

2019 (Twenty-Nineteen)

Accomplishments

- ★ Artie Award nominee for *Best New Original Play: The Sidewalk Stageplay*
- ★ Mayor's Black History Award – City of Buffalo, NY
- ★ Trailblazers Award – Canisius College

Solo Exhibits

- PLAYLIST – *Flight Gallery (Buffalo, NY) 2019*
- Private Showing – Garret Club (Buffalo, NY) 2019
- Check Out My Melody –Argus Gallery (Buffalo, NY) 2019

Art Acquisitions

- Burchfield Penney Arts Center 2019
- Roswell Park Institute “Art Heals” Gallery 2019

Installations

- Niagara Street Tesla Mural – (Pineapple Co.) Hired Artist – National Grid Building 2019
- John ‘Spider’ Martin – Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Mural Project 2019
- Love Wins | Projection Installation – in collaboration with Projex, Silo City 2019
- Silo Summer Readings – Just Literary Buffalo, Live painting; Silo City
- Beacons – Digital Portraits, Niagara Falls Underground Railroad museum
- Beverly Gray – Portrait Installation; Beverly Gray Business Exchange Center

Commissions

- “Home Sweet Home” painting for Acropolis Restaurant, Buffalo, NY December 2019
- MIRABO Press Limited Art Collectors Print Series – *November-December 2019*
- Empress Amina – Afro-Futurism portrait November 2019
- Goodness Gracious, *Cover Art* – Poetry Chapbook by Nicholas Molbert Foundlings Press
- Ode to Joy – Tipico & Buffalo String Works Benefit Poster 2019
- Lil' Melonae, *John Coltrane digital portrait for promotional web, mailing and poster* – The Burchfield Penney Art Center and Pappy Martin Legacy Jazz Concert Series 2019
- Pappy Martin *Portrait Commemorative Art* – for promotion online, mailing, banners, tees, etc. – Pappy Martin Legacy Masten Jazz Festival 2019

Group Shows

- Buffalo Arts Studio Members Show – November 2019
- Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center Members Show – July 2019
- Mid-Summer Drawing Rally – Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center July 2019
- Contemporary Portraiture – Burchfield Penney Arts Center March 2019

Literary Works

- [Buffalo by Bike](#) – Narrator & Co-writer; GoBike | Reddy Bike 2019
- The Sidewalk Stageplay – Creator, Producer, Co-writer & Actor; Paul Robeson Theater 2019

Speaking Engagements

- Nardin High School – Artist visit and presentation – December 2019
- Starpoint Academy – Artist visit, lecture and group workshop – November 2019
- ASI WNY Panel Discussion – October 2019
- TedX Buffalo – Host October 2019
- Alfred University – Guest Artist and Speaker October 2019
- Starpoint High School – Guest Artist and Speaker October 2019
- Young Men of Color: [Art as Inspiration](#) – WNED|WBFO 2019
- [Show Me your Melody](#) – *Rise Collaborative*, Interview 2019
- Nichols Diversity Conference – Speaker/Workshop 2019
- [Buffaloah.org](#) – Various Interviews, Art reviews and Articles

2018 (Twenty-Eighteen)

Accomplishments

- ★ Honored by HOME at 55th Annual Dinner – Housing Opportunities Made Equal – Freedom Wall
Artists: Edreys Wajed, Chuck Tingley, Julia Bottoms and John Baker
- ★ Herculean Father of the Year Award – Buffalo United Front

Installations

- Tri-Mania – The Brew Room (Buffalo, NY) 2018

Group Shows

- Buffalo Arts Studio Members Show – November 2018
- Mid-Winter Drawing Rally 2018 – Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center 2018
- Mid-Summer Drawing Rally 2018 – Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center 2018
- WNY Urban Arts Collective 2018 Annual Exhibit – Main Street Gallery – March 2018
- Merging Mediums (ASI-Art Services Initiative of WNY) – Main Street Gallery – March 2018
- Buffalo State Alumni Artists – Works from Gerald Mead Collection – February 2018

Literary Works

- [Acapella Poetry Book](#) – Poetry *Self-Published* Available on Amazon.com 2018

Speaking Engagements

- TedX Buffalo – Host 2018
- [Breaking Barriers Podcast](#) - 2018
- [TedX Elmwood Franklin School Speaker](#) – 2018
- Igniting Creativity: [Local Artists Inspire WNY Classrooms](#) – November 2018

2017 (Twenty-Seventeen)

Accomplishments

- ★ Honored by Buffalo State and UB Black Student Union Gala – Freedom Wall Artists: Edreys Wajed, Chuck Tingley, Julia Bottoms and John Baker

Solo Exhibits

- White Lines Matter – Western New York Book Arts Center (Buffalo, NY) 2017

Installations

- Freedom Wall – Albright Knox Art Gallery Public Works (Corner of Michigan Ave Avenue and Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York) 2017
- The Protector of Dreams – Collaboration with Team Razor Wire for Bailey fights blight. Two murals were installed at the corners of Bailey Avenue and East Amherst Street. Buffalo, New York 2017
- Where Opportunity Meets Skill– Upton Hall Buffalo State College. Sponsored by the Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Visiting Visual Artists Series Fund. Buffalo, New York 2017

Group Shows

- Beyond the Wall (Resource:Art) – The Buffalo Center for Arts & Technology – November 2017
- Sugatory Sweetening our Existence – ArtReach of WNY November 2017

Speaking Engagements

- TedX Buffalo – Host 2017
- [Yeah! Buffalo](#) – #48 People, Places & Things 2017

2016 (Twenty-Sixteen)

Speaking Engagements

- [Creative Mornings Buffalo](#) – 2016

Prior to 2015 (Twenty-Fifteen)

Solo Exhibits

- One Who Masters the Pen – Gallery 51 (Buffalo, NY) 2006

Group Shows

- Image and Identity IV Featured artist with wife (Alexa Joan) – Artspace 2014
- Visions of Greater Buffalo – CEPA Gallery 2012
- No Boundaries: New Expressions in Black Art – Baobab Cultural Center February 2011
- Music Is Art Live (MIA Live -Featured artist) UB Center for the Arts – 2007
- Arts Council Annual Members Show (2 pieces) – 2007

Speaking Engagements/Interviews

- Schools K-8 Motivational and Inspiration Speaking
- Various Artist Talks

Other Accomplishments

- 2011: - Featured artist for UB on the Green
- Special Guest Performer for “Musicians Wanted” at Google/YouTube HQ NYC
- Storyboard, Creative Director and Co-Director for 7-Minute film short “Run”
- Homepage Feature Artist on YouTube “Just Doin’ It” video (400K+ views)
- Homepage Feature Artist on YouTube “Run” video (currently at 500K+ views)
- Signed as artist to Neon Entertainment (Exclusive College Tours Booking)
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 - ARTVOICE: Best of Buffalo – Best Hip Hop Act
 - Buffalo Spree: Best of WNY – Best Solo Musical Act
- 2008: - Sneaker sponsorship/ product endorsement from NIKE from YouTube feature
 - Featured poet for Arts Council in Ripley, NY – March
 - First Hip Hop Artist featured on WBFO 88.7 Wednesday Concert Series
 - Featured Artist video on Youtube.com “I Like It” – 300k+ views in 4 days
 - Featured Artist in “Now Hear This” Section – Billboard Magazine Mar. 22 issue
- 2007: - Featured visual artist on Music Is Art Live (MIA Live) UB Center for the Arts
 - Selected as a new member of the Buffalo Society of Artists
 - Coordinated and performed in heavily sought after Hip-Hop event at the Albright- Knox Art Gallery “The Art of Hip Hop 2”
 - Lions Gate Movie: “Farce of the Penguins” Produced track for artist Flame
 - Niagara Arts Community Center (NACC) – 3rd place in Show – Niagara Falls
 - Community Service Award from S.T.E.P. program at UB for Villages Children
- 2006: - Artwork by Edreys: One who masters the pen: Solo show at Gallery 51
 - HBO Unscripted reality show: Produced track for artist Flame (Flagrant)
 - Lifetime Television: Movie “Officer Down” Co-Produced song “Gang Wars”
- 2004: - Coordinated and performed in FIRST ever Hip-Hop event at the world renown Albright-Knox Art Gallery “The Art of Hip Hop”
- 2001: - Buffalo Music Awards winner for “Best Hip Hop Producer”
- 1999: - Buffalo Music Awards winner for “Best Hip Hop Artist”

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