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EDUCATION

2006 MFA, Studio Art, Department of Art and Art Professions, New York University, New York, NY
2002 BFA, Scenic Design, School of Theater, California Institute of the Arts, Santa Clarita, CA
1998-2000 Department of Sculpture, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025, Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Studio Residency, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
2024, CNP Artist-in-Residence, CalArts Center for New Performance, Valencia, CA
2017, Fellowship, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
2016, Finalist, High Line Plinth sculpture competition, New York, NY
2013, Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, New York, NY
2012, Haven Foundation Grant, Brewer, ME
2011, Residency, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
2007, Residency, Blue Mountain Center, Blue Mountain Lake, NY
2006, Fellowship, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
2006, Residency, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
2003, Fellowship, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
2003, Residency, Millay Colony for the Arts, Austerlitz, NY
2003, Residency, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021

Jonathan Berger, Margaret Morton, Maria A. Prado, Adams and Ollman, Portland, OR

2020-2021

Jonathan Berger: The Store, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO

2019-2020

*An Introduction to Nameless Love, Carpenter Center for Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA;
Participant, Inc., New York, NY**

2018

*901 Washington Blvd., VEDA Gallery, Florence, Italy**

* A catalogue was published with this exhibition.

2016

A Future Life, Adams and Ollman, Portland, OR

2014

An Overture to Andy Kaufman, Frieze Projects, Regents Park, London, England*

2013

On Creating Reality, by *Andy Kaufman*, Maccarone, New York, NY

2011

The House of Thought, KARMA Gallery, New York, NY

2007

Prologues, Epilogues, Thresholds, Andreas Grimm Gallery, New York, NY*

2005

GONER, Vox Populi Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2004

Souvenir, Dance Theater Workshop, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

2025

Believers: Artists and the Shakers, Institute of Contemporary Art Boston, Boston, MA

2024

Vaginal Davis: Naked On My Ozgoad or: Fausthaus--Anal Deep Throat, The Old Library, Nationalmuseum Stockholm, Sweden. In collaboration with Jonathan Berger
CHEAP & XIU XIU TV LIVE, Silent Green, Berlin, Germany. Jonathan Berger, designer

2022

A Worn-Out Concert: Sleep Disorder, Akademie der Künste der Welt, Cologne, Germany. Jonathan Berger, designer; in collaboration with Susanne Sachsse, Xiu Xiu, and the CHEAP Collective
Quiet As It's Kept, Whitney Biennial 2022, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY*

2021

Susanne Sachsse: I Was a Formalist Pensioner: An Antiopera, Participant Inc., New York, NY. Jonathan Berger, contributing designer

2017

Original Sin: A Concert, Silent Green, Berlin, Germany. Jonathan Berger, designer; in collaboration with Susanne Sachsse and Xiu Xiu

2015-2016

The Magic Flute, Part One: An Opera In Six Steps, Part Two: A Film in Pieces, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY. Jonathan Berger, designer and producer; in collaboration with Michel Auder, Jesse Bransford, Vaginal Davis, Susanne Sachsse, Michael Stickrod, and Xiu Xiu

2014

New Sights, New Noise, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY. In collaboration with Michael Stipe and undergraduate students from NYU's Studio Art Program

2013

DEVOTION: Excavating Bob Mizer, in collaboration with Billy Miller, Dennis Bell, and the Bob Mizer Archive, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY

2012

Beauty Town. Short film produced in collaboration with Dasha Shishkin and Jean Kim; commissioned by Xiu Xiu

Camp/Anti-Camp, Hebel Theater, Berlin, Germany. Jonathan Berger, designer and producer; in collaboration with the CHEAP Collective

2011

Vaginal Davis: Framing the Freakazoid, Trashing Performance Festival, London, England. Jonathan Berger, co-director, designer and producer; in collaboration with Live Art Development Agency and TATE Modern

Vaginal Davis: Dejecta Protecta, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA. Jonathan Berger, co-director, designer and producer

2010

Vaginal Davis is Speaking from the Diaphragm, Performance Space 122, New York, NY.
Jonathan Berger, co-director, designer and producer

2008

Expenditure - as it is always and already excessive, Busan Biennale, Busan Museum of Modern Art, Busan, South Korea

CURATORIAL PROJECTS**2022**

Ludwig Schönherr, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany. Organized by Jonathan Berger, Susanne Sachsse, and Marc Siegel, in collaboration with Zoom - Ludwig Schönherr Labor, Berlin

2016

Ellen Cantor: Are You Ready For Love?, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY; concurrent presentations at Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, NY; Foxy Production, New York, NY; Maccarone, New York, NY, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; Participant Inc., New York, NY; Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, New York, NY*

2015

David Nelson, co-organized with Nancy Brody, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY*
James "Son Ford" Thomas: The Devil and His Blues, co-organized with Mary Beth Brown and Jessica Iannuzzi Garcia, assistant curators, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY*

2014

Diane Simpson: Window Dressing, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY

Learn to Read Art: A Surviving History of Printed Matter, co-organized with Max Schumann, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY

Recycling Atlantis (for Jack Smith) by Uzi Parnes, Carmelita Tropicana, and Ela Troyano, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY

2013

Andy Kaufman's 99cent Tour, Participant Inc., New York, NY

Peter Schumann: The Shatterer, Jonathan Berger, curator, organized at the Queens Museum by Larissa Harris, The Queens Museum of Art, Queens, NY*

2011

Resonate/Obliterate: Ron Athey and Julie Tolentino, co-curated with Lia Gangitano, in collaboration with Invisible Exports and Participant Inc., Allen Street Studios, New York, NY
The usefulness of useless things, Fleisher Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2009

Beginningless Thought, Endless Seeing: The Work of Stuart Sherman, in collaboration with John Hagen, Yolanda Hawkins, and John Maturri, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, NY*
Stuart Sherman: Nothing Up My Sleeve, Participant Inc./ 2009 PERFORMA Biennial, New York, NY*

2008

Independent Production Now, KIOSK, New York, NY

2006

Where Art and Life Collide: Ron Athey and Vaginal Davis, Artists' Space and the Siberia Club, New York, NY

2005

Founders Day: Jack Smith and the Work of Reinvention, Grimm-Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY: MONOGRAPHS AND ARTIST'S BOOKS**2018**

Jonathan Berger: 901 Washington Blvd., exh cat. Florence: VEDA, 2018.

2014

Jonathan Berger: An Overture to Andy Kaufman, exh. pamphlet. London: Frieze Projects, 2014.

2007

Prologues, Epilogues, Thresholds: An Exhibition in Three Parts, exh. cat. New York: Andreas Grimm Gallery, 2007.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOOKS AND EXHIBITION CATALOGUES**2024**

Vaginal Davis: Magnificent Product, exh. cat. Stockholm: Moderna Museet, 2024.
Vaginal Davis: Middle Sex. Kaunas: Hands On Press, 2024. (designer with Hands On Press)

2022

Whitney Biennial 2022: Quiet as It's Kept, exh. cat., 36-37. New York: Whitney Museum of American Art, 2022.

2018

Berger, Jonathan. "The Magician." In *Ellen Cantor: A History of the World as It Has Become Known to Me*, 281-290. Berlin: Sternberg Press, 2018.

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2017

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1993: *Archives/ Artworks/ Interviews*, 160-176. New York: Capricious Publishing, 2017.

2016

Provan, Alexander, ed. *In Praise of Julie Ault*. New York: Triple Canopy, 2016. (contributing writer)

2015

Berger, Jonathan. "Prologue." In *The Artist as Provocateur: Pioneering Performance at Pratt Institute*, 3-5. New York: Pratt Institute, 2015.

Berger, Jonathan, and Jessica Iannuzzi Garcia, eds. *James "Son Ford" Thomas: The Devil and His Blues*, exh. cat. New York: 80WSE; Karma; Souls Grown Deep, 2015.

David Nelson, exh. cat. New York: 80WSE; Fales Library & Special Collections; Visual AIDS, 2015.

2014

Lees, Nicola. "Jonathan Berger." In *Frieze Art Fair London 2014*. London: Frieze, 2014.

2013

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2010

Berger, Jonathan, ed. *Stuart Sherman: Nothing Up My Sleeve*, exh. cat. New York: Regency Arts Press, 2010.

2009

Beginningless Thought, Endless Seeing: The Work of Stuart Sherman, exh. cat. New York: 8WSE, 2009.

2008

Busan Biennale 2008: Expenditure -- as it is always and already excessive, exh. cat., 94-95. Busan: Busan Biennale Organizing Committee, 2008.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY: PERIODICALS

2022

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Gaskins, Ty. "The Whitney Biennial Is Back with a Show Reflecting the 'Improvised' Times We Live In." *Grazia*, 30 March 2022, graziamagazine.com/us/articles/2022-whitney-biennial-meet-the-artist.

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Weaver, Shaye. "10 of the Coolest Things to See at This Year's Whitney Biennial." *Time Out New York*, 30 March 2022, [timeout.com/newyork/news/10-of-the-coolest-things-to-see-at-this-years-whitney-biennial-033022](https://www.timeout.com/newyork/news/10-of-the-coolest-things-to-see-at-this-years-whitney-biennial-033022).

2020

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2019

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2005

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2004

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