

## JENA THOMAS

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### **EDUCATION**

- 2015 MFA University of Miami-Miami, FL  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fellowship in Painting
- 2009 BFA Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
Double Major: Painting/ Art History; Graduated with Honors and Distinction
- 2005 Maryland Institute College of Art and Design  
Summer Painting Intensive

### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### Solo Exhibitions/ Two Man Shows

- 2019 *Jena Thomas: Solo Exhibition*, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT  
(upcoming)
- 2017 *Liminal Landscapes*, Solo Exhibition, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT
- 2016 *New Narratives*, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC  
*Jena Thomas: Solo Exhibition*, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT
- 2015 *Thesis Exhibition*, Wynwood Gallery, Miami, FL  
*Artificial Oasis @The Projects: Contemporary Art Space*, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2014 *Manmade Summer*, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT
- 2013 *Jena Thomas: Solo Exhibition*, Green Monkey, Miami, FL

#### Group Exhibitions and Fairs

- 2018 South Carolina ETV Exhibition, Palmetto Curatorial Project, Columbia, SC
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, South Carolina State Museum, Columbia, SC
- 701 CCA Prize Finalist Exhibition, Center for Contemporary Art, Columbia, SC
- Dallas Art Fair, Dallas, TX
- Art Hamptons, Long Island, NY

*(Be)come a Collector*, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT

*Art Fields*, Mosaic Gallery, Lake City, SC

2017 *Faculty Exhibition*, Milliken Art Gallery, Spartanburg, SC

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT

*4th Annual Collegiate Invitational Art Exhibition*, Spartanburg, SC.

2016 *701 CCA Prize Finalist Exhibition*, Center for Contemporary Art, Columbia, SC

*Art Hamptons*, Long Island, NY

*Art Context*, New York, NY

*Art Miami*, Miami, FL

*Art Palm Beach*, Palm Beach, FL

2015 *Building Culture Equity*, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT

*Bastions*, Wynwood Gallery, Miami, FL

2014 *5*, Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT

*PULL*, Wynwood Art Space, Miami, FL

*Seafair*, Miami International Art Fair, Miami, FL

*63rd Annual All Florida Juried Exhibition*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL

52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, South Florida Cultural Center

*Water is Life*, Coral Gables Museum, Coral Gables, FL

Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami Masters Candidates Exhibition

*Finalist Exhibition*, Young Painters Competition, 2014, Miami University, Oxford, OH

Miami International Art Fair (MIA), Miami, FL

*Art Palm Beach*, West Palm Beach, FL

*You Are Here*, Armory Art Center, December 21st- February 1st, 2014, West Palm Beach, FL

2013 *Home*, Grin Event Space and Gallery, Providence, RI

New Works, University of Miami CAS Gallery, Coral Gables, FL

62nd Annual All Florida Juried Exhibition, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL

6th All Media Juried Biennial, Hollywood Arts and Culture Center, Hollywood, FL

Annual Juried Exhibition, Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables, FL

Art Palm Beach, International Art Fair, West Palm Beach, FL

Miami International Art Fair (MIA) Sea Fair: The Mega Yacht Venue, Miami, FL

Salon d'Refuses, CAS Gallery, Miami, FL

2012 5th Annual Canes Fair, Wynwood Project Space, Miami, FL

Incoming MFA Show, CAS Gallery, Miami, FL

2009 Beg Borrow Steal, La Montagne Gallery, South Boston, MA

Senior Show, Godine Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design Boston, MA

All School Show, Juried by Joseph Ketner, professor of Contemporary Art at Emerson

Midnight Blooming Fund, GASP Gallery, Boston, MA

2008 Six Degrees of SOA, Curated by Carolyn Sickles, Lake Worth, FL

All School Show, Juried by Paul Stopforth, professor at School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

2007 Midnight Blooming Fund (In Collaboration with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts) GASP Gallery, Boston, MA

All School Show, Juried by Emily Eisenberg, La Montagne Gallery, Boston, MA

### **GRANTS, RESIDENCIES, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

2018 701 CCA Prize Winner, Center for Contemporary Art, Columbia, SC

2016 701 CCA Prize Finalist, Center for Contemporary Art, Columbia, SC

2015 Teaching Assistant Award, Finalist, University of Miami, Miami, FL

Leadership Award, Finalist, University of Miami, Miami, FL

2014 Vytlacil Artist Residency, Art Students League, Recipient of the Ruth Katzman Scholarship, Sparkhill, NY

- University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL  
*Young Painters Competition, Finalist*, Miami University, Oxford, OH
- 2013 *Graduate Fellowship, Teaching Assistantship*, University of Miami, Miami, FL  
*Painting Art Department Award, Annual Juried Exhibition*, Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables, FL
- 2009 *Presidential Scholarship*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
*Patrick Gavin Painting Award*, Boston, MA  
*Art History Auction Award*, Boston, MA  
*Student Leadership Award*, Boston, MA  
*International Arts Travel Grant (Egypt)*, Boston, MA
- 2008 *Artist Supply Award*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
*All College Show Painting Department Award*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
- 2006 *Honorable Mention*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, All School Show, Boston, MA  
*Student of the Year Scholarship Award*, Studio Foundations, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA

#### **PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- 2019 Creative Quarterly
- 2018 Creative Quarterly 53: Winners, Winter 2019  
Creative Quarterly 51: Winners, Spring 2018
- 2017 Studio Visit Magazine, *Summer 2017 Issue*
- Sleek Magazine, "Introducing Jena Thomas, the Artist Painting with All the Colours of Miami" 2017, <http://www.sleek-mag.com/2017/04/13/jena-thomas-art/>
- Wall Street International Magazine, "Liminal Landscapes" August 10, 2017, <https://wsimag.com/art/28615-liminal-landscapes>
- 2016 New York Times, "Things to do in Connecticut", June 9, 2016 [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/nyregion/12listingsct.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/nyregion/12listingsct.html?_r=0)
- Jena Thomas: The Studio Project*, LINEA The Artist's Voice, March 25, 2016 <http://www.asllinea.org/studio-project-jena-thomas/>
- Sleek Magazine, "We're Going to Miami: Interview with Jena Thomas" October, 2016 <http://www.sleek-art.net/stories/interview-with-jena-thomas/>
- New American Painting, Juried Exhibition in Print, *MFA Edition, Issue. 123*, 2016

2014 All Florida Artists at the Boca Museum, Art South Florida, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Two Coats of Paint, Sharon Butler, August 14, 2014

<http://www.twocoatsofpaint.com/2015/08/connecticut-news.html>

New American Painting, Juried Exhibition in Print, *MFA Edition, Issue. 111*, 2014

### **GALLERY & WEB AFFILIATION**

Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Stamford, CT

InSitu Works, Online Marketplace, Backed by the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, NY

Sleek Magazine, Online Representation, Sleek Art-New York, NY/ Berlin, Germany

Assisted with online public relations, installing community and public art displays.

2007-2008 Gallery Artist Studio Projects (GASP Gallery) Intern, Brookline, MA  
Gallery Intern for gallery owner and artist Maria Magdalena Campos Pons. Assisted customers and artists, installing and de-installing shows, clerical duties, and preparing for openings.

### **LECTURES/ ARTIST TALKS**

2017 Tri State Sculpture Conference, Presented on "Finding and Applying to Graduate Programs and Artist Residencies, SC

TALK 20, Hub Bub Artist Residency, Spartanburg, SC

2016 Converse College, Spartanburg, SC

2015 Artificial Oasis, Box Contemporary Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

2014 Art Students League of New York, White Plains, NY