KAWS

Born 1974

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS

2027
New York Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn, New York *(forthcoming, 2027)*

2026
KAWS: Art & Comic, The Albertina, Vienna
KAWS: FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, Space K, Seoul, South Korea

2025
SFMoMA, San Francisco, California
Palazzo Strozzi, Florence, Italy
KAWS: THERAPY, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Bangkok, Thailand
KAWS x Medicom: Icons in Play, Carroll Art, Manchester, United Kingdom

2024
KAWS: DAY BY DAY, Skarstedt, New York
TIME OFF, Parrish Art Museum, Watermill, New York
KAWS + Warhol, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2023
KAWS: FAMILY, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada; this traveled to Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, Arkansas; and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Prambanan Temples, Indonesia
KAWS: TIME OFF, Skarstedt, New York

2022
KAWS: NEW FICTION, Serpentine Gallery, London
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Changbai Mountain, China

2021
KAWS: PRINTS, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Marina Bay, Singapore
KAWS: SPOKE TOO SOON, Skarstedt, New York
KAWS: SHARE, Rockefeller Center, New York
KAWS: TOKYO FIRST, Mori Arts Center Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Bristol, United Kingdom
KAWS: WHAT PARTY, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Skarstedt, Palm Beach, Florida
KAWS: WHAT PARTY, Seagram Building, New York
Opening of Reflex, theResidence with KAWS 'Along the Way,' Alex Daniels – Reflex Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2020
KAWS: HOLIDAY SPACE
KAWS: EXPANDED HOLIDAY (Augmented Reality), New York; Los Angeles, California; London; Paris; São Paolo, Brazil; Seoul, South Korea; Taipei, Taiwan; Tokyo, Japan; Doha, Qatar; Katavi National Park, Tanzania; Melbourne, Australia

2019
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Dhow Harbour, Doha, Qatar
KAWS: HE EATS ALONE, Fire Station, Qatar Museums, Doha, Qatar
KAWS: BLACKOUT, Skarstedt, London
KAWS: COMPANIONSHIP IN THE AGE OF LONLINESS, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
KAWS: ALONE AGAIN, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Michigan
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Virginia Beach, Virginia
KAWS: ALONG THE WAY, HOCA Foundation, Hong Kong
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan

2018
KAWS: CLEAN SLATE, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas
GONE, Skarstedt, New York
KAWS: HOLIDAY, Seokchon Lake, Seoul, South Korea
KAWS, Galerie Perrotin, Tokyo, Japan
KAWS, Galerie Perrotin, Hong Kong

2017
KAWS, The Greenberg Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri
FAR FAR DOWN, Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
WHERE THE END STARTS, Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China

2016
WHERE THE END STARTS, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas
KAWS: BFF, Central Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand
KAWS: GISWIL, More Gallery, Giswil, Switzerland
KAWS, Galerie Perrotin, Seoul, South Korea
KAWS, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom

2015
Permanent Vacation II, Eden Rock Gallery, St. Barths
ALONG THE WAY, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn
CLEAN SLATE, LA NAVE, Las Salinas, Ibiza, Spain
CLEAN SLATE, Shanghai Times Square, Shanghai, China

2014
MAN'S BEST FRIEND, Honor Fraser, Los Angeles, California

Permanent Vacation, Eden Rock Gallery, St. Barths
CLEAN SLATE, Harbour City, Hong Kong, China
FINAL DAYS, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Málaga, Spain
PLAY YOUR PART, Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid, Spain

2013
KAWS AT 30TH Streeth Station: COMPANION (PASSING THROUGH), presented by Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
KAWS GISWIL, More Gallery, Giswil, Switzerland
KAWS @ PAFA, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sculpture Plinth Exhibition Program: KAWS, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
UPS AND DOWNS, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas
Ohhh..., Kaikai Kiki Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
PASS THE BLAME, Galerie Perrotin, New York
KAWS, Mary Boone Gallery, New York

2012
COMPANION (PASSING THROUGH), Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas
IMAGINARY FRIENDS, Galerie Perrotin, Paris
THE NATURE OF NEED, Galerie Perrotin, Hong Kong, China
KAWS: DOWN TIME, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia

2011
KAWS: COMPANION, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
Focus: KAWS, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas
Hold The Line, Honor Fraser, Los Angeles, California
COMPANION (PASSING THROUGH), The Standard, New York
COMPANION (PASSING THROUGH), Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut

2010
COMPANION (PASSING THROUGH), Harbour City, Hong Kong
Pay the Debt to Nature, Galerie Perrotin, Paris
KAWS, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut
KAWS, Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid, Spain

2009
The Long Way Home, Honor Fraser, Los Angeles, California

2008
KAWS, Gering & López Gallery, New York
SATURATED, Galerie Emmanuel Perrotin, Miami, Florida

2003
OriginalFake, BAPE Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2002
C9, MU Art Foundation, Eindhoven, Netherlands

2001
Tokyo First, Parco Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1999
KAWS: EXPOSEd, Colette, Paris

1998
Me vs. Them, bOb Bar, New York
KAWS: Studies in Subvertising, Art & Revolution Organization, Seattle, Washington

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026
Summer Vibes, Opera Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
On Paper, Galerie Max Hetlzer, Berlin, Germany
HARD EDGE(D), Kunstmuseum Schloss Derneburg, Holle, Germany

2025
Painter/Model, Skarstedt, New York
Potential Colour, Galerie Max Hetzler, London
KAWS: ART & COMIC, The Albertina, Vienna, Austria
On Paper, Galerie Max Hetzler, London

2024
Cute. The Dark Side, MACA Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Pop Forever, Tom Wesselman & …, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris
The Way I See It: Selections from the KAWS Collection, The Drawing Centre, New York
Network, Skarstedt, Paris

2023
WORLDBUILDING: Gaming and Art in the digital age, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Metz, France
Artists Choose Parrish Part III, Parrish Museum, Watermill, New York
Wild Style, Jeffrey Deitch, New York
My Kid Could Do That, ProjectArt, New York
Tondo, Anton Kern Gallery, New York
Faces & Figures, Skarstedt, New York, London, Paris
City As Studio, K11 Musea, Hong Kong
Pop Masters – Art from the Mugrabi Collection, Home of the Arts, Surfer's Paradise QLD, Australia
MUCA: Icons of Urban Art—From Banksy to KAWS, Oita Art Museum, Oita City, Japan

2022

Sculpture, Skarstedt, Paris
Un Panorama de este Mundo, Fundación Proa, Buenoa Aires, Argentina
Visions, 10th Annual Singapore Arts Week, National Gallery, Singapore
1970s/GRAFFITI/TODAY, Phillips Park Avenue, New York
Artists Inspired by Music: Interscope Reimagined, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
Light to Night Festival, National Gallery, Singapore

2021
ArtZuid Sculpture Biennale, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Black/White, Skarstedt, East Hampton, New York
Painter/Sculptor, Skarstedt, London
The Looking Glass, Frieze, New York

2020
Collectouples, New York Academy of Art, New York
Nuit Blanche Arts Festival, Paris
The Flag Project, Rockefeller Center, New York

2019
Happy!, NSU Art Museum, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Buy/By Me, Susan Inglett Gallery, New York
Paintings & Sculptures, Skarstedt, New York
Inaugural Exhibition, Skarstedt (64th Street), New York

2018
Approaching The Figure, Skarstedt, New York

2016
Character, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Holdings: Selections from MCASD's Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, California
Greek Gotham, Dio Horia Gallery, Mykonos, Greece
A Material Legacy, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

2015
A Shared Space: KAWS, Karl Wirsum, Tomoo Gokita, Newcomb Art Museum of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Respect, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Málaga, Spain
ArtZuid 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2014
If You're Accidentally Not Included, Don't Worry About It, curated by Peter Saul, Zürcher Studio, New York
Joyride, Marlborough Chelsea, New York
Ok, I'll rename it, Bill Brady KC, Kansas City, Missouri

Knock! Knock!, Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid, Spain
Full House, Garth Greenan Gallery, New York
PAINT NEW YORK, GL Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark

2012
East West Shift to the Middle Part #1, Bill Brady KC, Kansas City, Missouri
Group Show - Wangechi Mutu - KAWS - Jeff Sonhouse - Wim Delvoye, Gallery Zidoun, Luxembourg
It Ain't Fair 2012, OHWOW, Miami, Florida

2011
PRETTY ON THE INSIDE, organized by Erik Parker & KAWS, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York
Art in the Streets, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California

2010
Mutant Pop, curated by Joe Grillo, Laura Grant, and Brandon Joyce, Loyal Gallery, Malmö, Sweden
It Ain't Fair, OHWOW, Miami, Florida
The Reflected Gaze - Self Portraiture Today, The Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, California

2009
Just what is it that make today's painting so different, so appealing, Gering & López Gallery, New York
Stages, organized by Lance Armstrong and Nike, Galerie Emannuel Perrotin, Paris
Alpha Exotica, curated by Dimitrios Antonitsis, Hydra School Projects, Athens, Greece
The New Yorkers, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Plastic Culture, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Preston, United Kingdom

2008
Everything Else, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York

2007
POPcentric, Gering & López Gallery, New York

2006
Info Babble, Richard & Dolly Maass Gallery, Purchase, New York
Ugly Winners, Galerie Du Juor Agnes B., Paris

2004
Beautiful Losers, curated by Aaron Rose and Christian Strike, Le Tri Postal, Lille, France; Palazzo Dell'Arte, Milan, Italy; USF Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, Florida; Contemporary Museum, Baltimore, Maryland; Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, California; Yerba Buena Arts Center, San Francisco, California; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

2003
SK8 on the Wall, Parco Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2002
Session The Bowl, Deitch Projects, New York
ALIFE Shop, Deitch Projects, New York
Coded Language, City Gallery Chastain, Atlanta, Georgia
KAWS & CRASH, Made Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

2001
Shortcuts, Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, Athens, Greece; traveled to Pierides Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece
New Acquisitions from the Dakis Joannou Collection, Deste Foundation, Athens, Greece

AWARDS & GRANTS

2022 American Folk Art Museum 60th Anniversary Gala Honoree
2022 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Ball Honoree
2021 Brooklyn Museum Artists Ball Honoree
2021 ArtReview Power 100
2019 New York Academy of Art Tribeca Ball Honoree
2019 Honorary Doctorate Degree, New York Academy of Art
2019 The Bloomberg 50
2018 Hirshhorn Museum New York Gala 2018 Honoree
2018 amfAR Hong Kong Gala Honoree
1998 Pernod Liquid Art Award

PUBLICATIONS

2021 *KAWS: WHAT PARTY:* Phaidon and Brooklyn Museum
2021 *KAWS: WHAT PARTY: Exhibition Installation Views at the Brooklyn Museum,* New York: Brooklyn Museum
2021 *KAWS: TOKYO FIRST*, Tokyo: Blue Sheep and Mori Arts Center Gallery
2021 *The KAWS Handbook (Japanese Edition)*, New York: No More Rulers
2020 *KAWS: ALONG THE WAY*, Hong Kong: HOCA Foundation
2020 *KAWS: HE EATS ALONE*, Qatar: Silvana Editoriale and Qatar Museums
2019 *KAWS: COMPANIONSHIP IN THE AGE OF LONELINESS*, Australia: The National Gallery of Victoria
2018 *KAWS: GONE*, New York: Skarstedt
2017 *KAWS: WHERE THE END STARTS,* Texas: Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
2016 *KAWS,* United Kingdom: Yorkshire Sculpture Park
2016 *MAN'S BEST FRIEND,* California: Honor Fraser, Inc.
2014 *FINAL DAYS*, Spain: Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Málaga
2012 *DOWNTIME*, Georgia: High Museum of Art Atlanta
2010 *KAWS*, New York: Rizzoli

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Brooklyn Museum, New York
CAC Malaga, Malaga, Spain
City Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
Deji Art Museum, Nanjing, China
Hall Art Foundation, Reading, Vermont
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, D.C.
K11 Musea, Hong Kong
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, California
The Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger Collection, Dallas, Texas
The National Gallery of Victoria, Australia
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, Nevada
Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, Ohio
Rosenblum Collection, Paris
Zabludowicz Collection, London