

Bockley Gallery

Leslie Barlow

b. 1989

Education

- 2016 MFA Minneapolis College of Art and Design
- 2011 BFA University of Wisconsin-Stout

Grants, Awards & Residencies

- 2022 Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Minnesota State Fair Commemorative Artist
- 2021 James Weldon Johnson Fellowship in the Arts, Great Barrington MA
“Best Historical Documentary” for *Citizen*, Upper Midwest Regional Emmy Award
Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship, Jerome Foundation, St. Paul MN
- 2020 Cultural Community Partnership Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
- 2019 Visual Artist Fellowship, McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis MN
20/20 Artist Fellowship, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul MN
- 2018 Artist Initiative Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
Marcy Arts Partnership Residency, Marcy Open School, Minneapolis MN
- 2017 Minnesota State Fair Foundation Award
- 2016 Artist Initiative Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
Whitworth University, Spokane WA, Artist-in-Residence
3 x 5 July Emerging Artist Residency, The Soap Factory, Minneapolis MN
- 2015 Studio: HERE Residency, Minnesota State Fair, Fine Arts Building St. Paul, MN

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *Record of Home/Hearts*, Alice R. Rogers Gallery, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, Collegeville MN (Jan 23–Mar 1)
- 2022 *vision of a soft sun*, Bockley Gallery (Sep 30–Nov 5)
- 2021 *Within, Between, and Beyond*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, MN (Jul 16–Oct 31)
- 2019 *A Familiar Portrait of Labor and Love*, Bing Davis Memorial Gallery, Upper Iowa University, Fayette IA (Oct 3–Nov 1)
Quiet Enigmas and Familiar Love, Lillian Davis Hogan Gallery, St. Mary’s University, Winona MN (Mar 7–Apr 6)
- 2017 *Space Between Us*, The Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine’s University, St. Paul MN (Nov 4–Dec 17)
Loving, Public Functionary, Minneapolis MN (Feb 24–Mar 25)
- 2016 Cowles Student Gallery at Whitworth University, Spokane WA
A Third Space: New Works by Leslie Barlow, Flow Art Space, St. Paul MN (Jul 21–Aug 13)

Selected Group & Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2023-24 *Reimagining Native/American Art*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN (Nov 11, 2023–May 27, 2024)

- 2023 *Regis Center for Art 20th Anniversary Exhibition: Works by Faculty & Staff*, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (Sep 12–Dec 9)
Untitled 17, Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis MN (Feb 18–Mar 25)
- 2021-22 *Rituals of Resilience*, Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mar 18, 2021–Jul 31, 2022)
- 2021 *In Search of Lost Time*, Dreamsong, Minneapolis MN (Oct 15–Dec 4)
- 2020-21 *Creative Confinement*, Rochester Center for the Arts, Rochester MN (Jul 1–Jan 17)
- 2020 *Pandemic Art Lessons*, St. Catherine’s University, St. Paul MN
Disquietude, White Bear Center for the Arts, White Bear Lake MN
The Beginning of Everything: An exhibition of drawings, Regis Center for the Arts, Minneapolis MN
Portray, Anderson Center for the Arts, Redwing MN
- 2019 *Two/Too: Leslie Barlow and Ta-Coumba Aiken*, Artistry, Bloomington MN
Anxiety about the precise significance of the present... FilmNorth, Minneapolis MN
In the Mix, Visual Arts Center at Boise State University, Boise ID
The Portrait Show, Kolman & Pryor Gallery, Minneapolis MN
Wintertide—Bi-Annual Juried Exhibition, Public Functionary, Minneapolis MN
- 2018 *Art and Healing: In the Moment*, Minneapolis Institute of Art
- 2017 *We the People*, Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul MN
Perpetual Revolution, International Center for Photography, NYC
Ocotillo, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia PA
- 2016 *Reframe Minnesota*, All My Relations Gallery, Minneapolis MN
Hypervisible (Invisible), Hopkins Center for the Arts (Jan 14–Feb 14)

Publications (selected)

- Brandi Powell, “Artist Leslie Barlow’s Next Subject: Other Artists”, *Minnesota Monthly*, June 30, 2023
- Nadine Matthews, “Women’s History Month Salute: Leslie Barlow”, *Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder*, March 24, 2023
- Rosie Kelly, “10 Artists to Watch in 2023”, *Artful Living*, January 25, 2023
- Leslie Barlow. *Kith & Kin*. Wise Ink Creative Publishing: 2022
- Alex V. Cipolle. “Artist Leslie Barlow mixes nostalgia, joy in creating the 2022 Minnesota State Fair commemorative artwork. She’s the first Black woman commissioned for the task.” *Sahan Journal*, June 9, 2022
- Madison Bloomquist. “Leslie Barlow Is Painting This Moment in Time.” *MSP Magazine*. March 3, 2021
- Shelia Regan. “Fall Arts 2020.” *Minnesota Monthly*. September 21, 2020
- Jenna Ross. “Minnesota artists rise to meet a daunting challenge.” *StarTribune*. September 18, 2020
- Alicia Eler. “George Floyd murals, graffiti on boarded-up Twin Cities businesses spread a message of pain—and hope.” *StarTribune*. June 8, 2020
- ed. Keno Evol. *A Garden of Black Joy: Global Poetry from the Edges of Liberation and Living*. Minneapolis MN: Black Table Arts, 2020
- Alicia Eler. “Young talent gets a boost from Minneapolis artist Leslie Barlow.” *StarTribune*. May 23, 2019
- Ryan Stopera. “Leslie Barlow’s family tapestry.” *Southwest Journal*. April 1, 2019
- Harry Colbert. “Leslie Barlow examines ethnicity in the family dynamic in new collection.” *Insight News*. March 19, 2019
- Reimagining the Mixed Race Experience*. London, UK: Shades of Noir, 2017: 51-53
- Marianne Combs. “Exhibition asks, who’s the ‘we’ in ‘We the people?’” *MPR News*, September 6, 2017
- Selam Berhea. “Beauty out of tragedy.” *Pioneer Press*. July 3, 2017
- Priscilla Frank. “Artist Paints Interracial Couples Just Being, Together.” *The Huffington Post*.

March 20, 2017

Shelia Regan. "The Artist Painting Intimate Portraits of Interracial Love." *Vice*. March 10, 2017

Jenna Ross. "Interracial families are focus of buzzworthy painter's new Minneapolis show."

StarTribune. February 24, 2017

ed. Laura Benys and Virigina Sasser. *Into Quarterly: Minneapolis*. Vol. 3, Studio Into: December 2016

Kate Murphy. "Trailblazers 2016: Leslie Barlow." *The Growler*. November 30, 2016

Jenna Ross. "What's new at Northrup King Building?" *StarTribune*. November 3, 2016

Shelia Dickinson. "Imagining Alternatives to the Racist Paintings in Minnesota's State Capitol."

Hyperallergic. August 2, 2016

Public Collections (selected)

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids Campus, MN

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus, MN

College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University, MN

Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis MN

Minneapolis Institute of Art

The Minneapolis Foundation, MN

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul

Minnesota Vikings Art Collection, Minneapolis MN

Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul

NorthPoint Health and Wellness, Minneapolis MN

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis MN

Whitworth University, Spokane WA